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Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the fish in this picture?



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**Snowy
Owls!**

Why?

Why do you think a tiger has stripes?



A tiger's stripes help it hide. The tiger's markings blend in with the shadows and plants so other animals can't see it.

SORTING

What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.
Find the differences between it and the one below.



Find one
difference.

Find two
differences.

Find three
differences.

That's Cool!

Meet the giant anteater.

A giant anteater can eat 35,000 ants a day.

This animal is longer than your bed.



It scoops up food with its long tongue.



NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_URKEY



_RANBERRY SAUCE



_UMPLINGS



_OUP



_AMALES



_WEET POTATOES



_OTATO LATKES



_OOKIES



_REEN BEANS

NAME OTHER FOODS YOU SEE AT THE HOLIDAYS.

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): THE FOOD PASSIONATES / CORBIS; RICHARD GRIFFIN / ALAMY; SLAWOMIR FAJER / SHUTTERSTOCK. MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): STOCK CONNECTION / SUPERSTOCK; CHARLOTTE LAKE / SHUTTERSTOCK; ANNA HOYCHUK / SHUTTERSTOCK. BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): FREESKYLINE / SHUTTERSTOCK; BRIGITTE WEGNER / STOCKFOOD; MUNICH / STOCKFOOD; JAMES HUGHES / ALAMY.

ANIMALS

SNOWY OWLS

Snowy owls live where it is always cold. They hunt, nest, and sleep on the frozen ground.




A snowy owl's wingspan is almost as wide as a car.

Snowy owls
hunt lemmings,
mice, hares, birds,
and squirrels.



CLAWS

A snowy owl hunts during both
day and night. It catches its food
with the long claws on its feet.



Snowy owls eat a lot. If you ate as much as a snowy owl, you would need to eat 47 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches a day!



FEMALE

MALE

Adult male snowy owls are mostly white. Adult females have brown on their feather tips.

A snowy owl mother lays her eggs in a nest on the ground. When they hatch, the babies are covered in soft white feathers called down.

This owl is swooping down to catch food with its claws.

Female snowy owls lay 3 to 11 eggs at a time. The babies are called owlets.



ABOUT ONE WEEK OLD



ABOUT THREE WEEKS OLD



ABOUT SIX WEEKS OLD

As the babies grow, new brown feathers replace the down. Soon the young owls will fly away and hunt for their own food.

MEASURE UP

The pictures show the real size of these animals. Use your hands and fingers to measure the animals and answer the questions below.

BABY GARTER SNAKE

Find all the animals bigger than your thumb.

HOUSE MOUSE

Spread out your fingers. Can you touch the head and tail of the baby snake at the same time?

How many pointing fingers long is the gecko?

LEOPARD GECKO



Is the
butterfly
bigger or
smaller than
your hand?

**MONARCH
BUTTERFLY**



Which
animal is
about the size
of the nail on
your pinkie
finger?



LADYBUG

Is the
yellow tree
frog longer
or shorter
than your
ring finger?



**YELLOW
TREE FROG**

LIGHTSPRING / SHUTTERSTOCK (BUTTERFLY); IRINAK / SHUTTERSTOCK (MOUSE); MICHEL DE WIT / SHUTTERSTOCK (SNAKE); IRIN-K / SHUTTERSTOCK (LADYBUG); JAK WONDERLY / NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC IMAGE COLLECTION (GECKO); SURVIVALPHOTOS / ALAMY (FROG)

WILD DOG

DAYCARE

African wild dogs live in large family groups called packs. The mother guards the pups while the other dogs hunt.



The puppies wag their tails as they chase and tackle each other while the hunters are away. Soon it will be time to eat.

There can be as many as 15 puppies in a litter.

African wild dogs are also called painted dogs or painted wolves.



Hoo! Squeal! The hunters call
when they return with food.
All the wild dogs leap, lick faces,
and whine to greet each other.



Every
wild dog's
color pattern
is different.



After dinner, the
entire pack plays.
Everyone wags
their tail!

MORE CANIDS

African wild dogs are part of the dog family, called canids. Meet some more canids.



MANED WOLF



ARCTIC FOX



RED WOLF



CORSAC FOX

THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST

PENGUINS

There are many kinds of penguins. Scientists tell them apart by their colors and patterns. Use the clues below to figure out which penguin belongs with which group.

ROCKHOPPER



A rockhopper penguin has spiky feathers on its head.

ADÉLIE



An Adélie penguin has a white ring around each eye.

KING



A king penguin has orange feathers on the side of its head.



**What other ways
are these penguins
different?**



**How are
these penguins
the same?**



AN ICEBERG



1

A huge “river” of ice, called a glacier, moves slowly from mountains to the ocean.



2

Big cracks form in the glacier. Huge pieces fall off.

FORMS



ICEBERG



3

A large chunk of ice from the glacier floats away in the ocean. Now it is an iceberg.

BLUE MORPHO BUTTERFLY



As it flies through the rainforest, the morpho flaps its wings up and down.



FACTS

FOOD

Juices of rotten fruit, fungus, tree sap, wet mud

SIZE

FIVE-YEAR-OLD'S HAND



Bright blue color shows as the butterfly's wings flap down. The blue almost disappears when its wings flap up. That is because the undersides of its wings are brownish.

The blue morpho is one of the biggest butterflies in the world.



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A butterfly's proboscis (pruh-BAH-sis) is a mouthpart shaped like a long, hollow tube.



The butterfly uses it like a straw to sip juice from fruit.

PANDA PUZZLE

This puzzle is missing three pieces. Point to each piece that is not in the puzzle yet. Use your finger to draw a line from that piece to where it goes in the picture.



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Can you
count all the
pieces in this
puzzle?

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RED PANDA

red panda

FUN FACTS

Red pandas spend most of their time in trees. That is where they sleep and eat. They munch on bamboo, fruit, bugs, and eggs.



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WILD CARDS



LEAFHOPPER

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leafhopper

FUN FACTS

There are hundreds of species, or kinds, of leafhoppers. A leafhopper can hop more than 100 times the length of its body.



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GRIZZLED TREE KANGAROO

grizzled tree kangaroo

FUN FACTS

The tree kangaroo is a marsupial. The mother carries her babies in a pouch on her belly. Long claws help the animal climb trees.



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SCARLET TANAGER

scarlet tanager

FUN FACTS

The male scarlet tanager is bright red with black wings. The female tanager is not brightly colored. She is a yellowish green.



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WILD CARDS



CANADA LYNX

Canada lynx

FUN FACTS

Snowshoe hares are the Canada lynx's favorite food. A lynx often hides behind a bush and leaps out to catch a hare passing by.



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GIANT TORTOISE

giant tortoise

FUN FACTS

Giant tortoises are the largest of all tortoises. Adults can weigh more than 500 pounds. A tortoise can live more than 100 years.



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