

**OBSERVATION**

# Critter Corner

What do you think this giant panda is doing?



- A. Playing the flute   B. Eating bamboo  
C. Brushing its teeth

Answer: B

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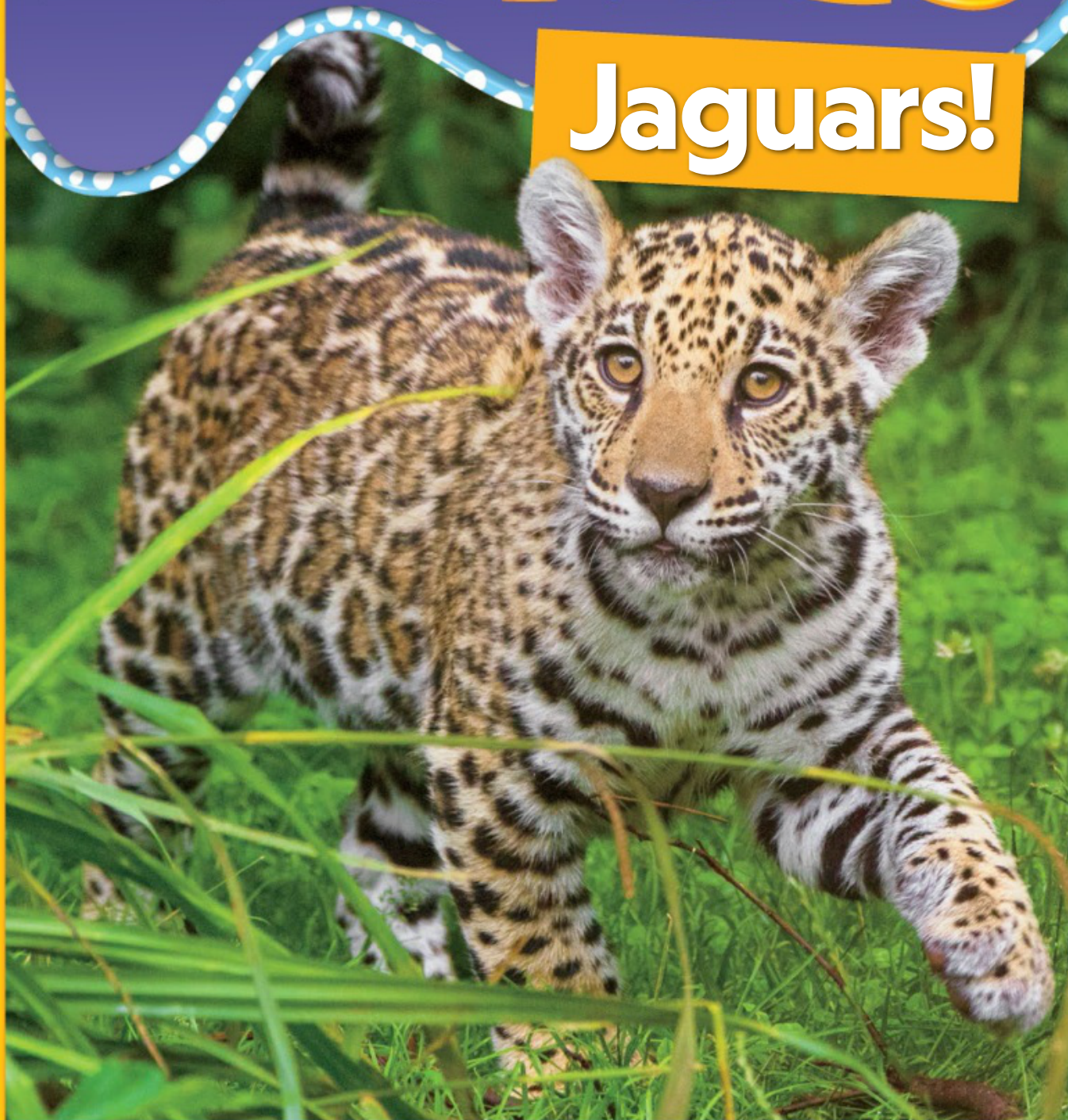


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**ANIMAL CARDS!**

# Little **Kids**

**Jaguars!**





# Why?

Why do you think skunks are smelly?



RAISED TAIL



A skunk has a smelly liquid inside its body. The skunk may raise its tail to squirt the liquid at an enemy. The stinky spray makes the enemy run away.

## 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 great crested newt.

This newt lives in the forest. It spends time in ponds and on the forest floor.

CREST



It hunts worms, slugs, and insects at night.

Great crested newts are almost as long as this page.

THIS NEWT IS SWIMMING UNDERWATER.



# NAMING

## What in the World Are These?



\_IRD



\_EAVES



\_OOSE



\_EETLE



\_WL



\_UTTERFLY



\_ACCOON



\_USHROOM



\_INE CONE

NAME OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT  
SEE IN A FOREST.

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ANIMALS

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# JAGUARS LEARN TO HUNT

Baby jaguars watch their mother to learn to hunt. Then they practice their skills.

The cub tries to leap on its food, just like Mom. It pounces at a frog. Uh-oh! It misses!



Spots help jaguars hide in grass and shadows.

A baby jaguar is called a cub.





The cub tries to be sneaky like Mom. It tries creeping up on another cub for fun.

*Rattle. Crack.*  
The cub makes too much noise shaking leaves and snapping twigs. It is not sneaky yet.

Jaguars eat fast animals like deer, wild pigs, birds, and monkeys.

Jaguars love to swim and hunt in the water.







A jaguar  
mom has two  
to four cubs.



A cub starts to  
hunt alone when  
it is about a year  
and a half old.

Soon the cubs will be  
fast and quiet like their  
mother. For now it is  
time for little jaguars to  
jump and play!



# FARM ANIMAL

Count the number of baby farm animals in each green circle. Match the number of babies to the number in the red circle.

1



CALVES



LAMBS



Which picture has the fewest animals?

4

# COUNTDOWN

2

Which picture has the most animals?

PIGLETS

3

COLT

CHICKS

5



# SNACKS WITH BATS

Flying foxes are bats. They sleep in trees during the day and search for food at night.

At sunset, thousands of flying foxes leave their trees and soar through the sky.



**The flying fox  
is one of the  
largest bats in  
the world.**



**Bats use  
their feet to  
hang from  
branches.**

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Flying foxes eat fruit.  
They use their eyes  
and nose to find  
trees full of food.

Just before the sun  
rises in the morning,  
the bats fly home  
and go to sleep.

They use  
their wings and  
feet to climb  
around in trees  
and grab fruit.

These  
bats are  
sometimes  
called fruit  
bats.





# MORE

# BATS

CALIFORNIA  
LEAF-NOSED BAT



TOWNSEND'S  
BIG-EARED BAT

There are more than 1,200 kinds of bats. Here are just a few.

LESSER  
SHORT-NOSED  
FRUIT BAT



SPOTTED  
BAT



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# WHAT COMES

The vehicles make a different pattern in each row. Can you say which vehicle comes next in the pattern in each row?

EASY



POLICE CAR

HARDER



AMBULANCE



FIRE TRUCK



DUMP TRUCK



AMBULANCE

HARDEST



CAR



TRUCK



TRUCK



CAR



# NEXT?



SCHOOL BUS



POLICE CAR



SCHOOL BUS



FIRE TRUCK



DUMP TRUCK



AMBULANCE



TRUCK



TRUCK



CAR



NERTHUZ / GETTY IMAGES (POLICE CAR, ALL); PANTHER MEDIA GMBH / ALAMY (SCHOOL BUS, ALL); DK ARTS / SHUTTERSTOCK (AMBULANCE, ALL); LE DO / SHUTTERSTOCK (FIRETRUCK, ALL); DRAGUNOV / SHUTTERSTOCK (DUMP TRUCK, ALL); ANTONIO JORGE NUNES / SHUTTERSTOCK (YELLOW CAR, ALL); RISTESKI GOC / SHUTTERSTOCK (PICKUP TRUCK, ALL)





# A PELICAN



1

A brown pelican looks for fish in the water. It sees one and dives in to catch it.



2

The pelican opens its bill and scoops up the fish.



# CATCHES A FISH

3

Now the pelican drains the water out of its throat pouch. Then it swallows the fish. *Gulp!*



THROAT POUCH



# LIZARD HUNTER

## FACTS

### FOOD

meat

### SIZE



FIVE-YEAR-OLD

Some dinosaurs hunted other animals. These meat-eaters are called predators. The animals they hunt are called prey.

*Compsognathus* was a predator. It ran quickly on its two hind legs to catch its prey—lizards, insects, and other small animals.

**SAY MY NAME: KOMP-sog-NAH-thus**



*Compsognathus*  
was about the  
size of a turkey.

COMPSOGNATHUS



DRAGONFLY



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# ANIMAL SOUNDS

Point to each word below. Say it aloud. Match the word to the animal that makes that sound.

**MEOW**

**CROW**



**SQUEAK**

**HOOT**

**CAW**

**HOWL**



**OWL**



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**BOBCAT**



# bobcat

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Bobcat babies are called kittens.  
Kittens learn to hunt and live  
on their own by the time they  
are about nine months old.**

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PACIFIC SEA NETTLES

# Pacific sea nettles

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Sea nettles are a kind of jellyfish. Their long tentacles can stretch about as long as five four-year-old kids lying head to toe.**

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# WILD CARDS



**LOBSTER MOTH CATERPILLAR**

# lobster moth caterpillar

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## **FUN FACTS**

**This caterpillar eats a lot of leaves to grow bigger. Then it spins a covering called a cocoon. Inside the cocoon it turns into a moth.**

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# WILD CARDS



**BLACK RHINOCEROS**

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# black rhinoceros

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## **FUN FACTS**

**A black rhinoceros has two horns on its nose. A mother rhino uses her horns to protect her baby from lions and crocodiles.**

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# WILD CARDS



**KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN**

# keel-billed toucan

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## **FUN FACTS**

**The keel-billed toucan eats a lot of fruit. The bird uses its long bill to pick the fruit from trees. Then it swallows the food whole.**

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# WILD CARDS



**PIKA**

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# pika

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## **FUN FACTS**

**In the fall, pikas collect grasses and other food to save. They make grass “haystacks” so they have food during the winter.**

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