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Why?

Why do you think fireflies light up?



This insect makes its own light inside its body. It uses glowing and flashing light to “talk” to other fireflies.

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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!

common
marmoset

This is a baby marmoset. Adults are gray and brown with white fur around their ears.

These marmosets live in trees in the forests of South America. They can leap from tree to tree.

The common marmoset is a kind of monkey.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_ALL



_RAB



_AVE



_LIP-FLOPS



_UNGLASSES



_AND CASTLE



_IRD



_EASHHELLS



_OWEL

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO AT THE BEACH?

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ANIMALS

Dolphin Family

A baby
bottlenose
dolphin
grows up
in a family
group.



Dolphins in a group
help each other.


Other adults help
mothers take care
of baby dolphins,
keeping them
safe.



A baby dolphin is called a calf. It can swim minutes after it is born.



Dolphins are mammals. They live in the ocean. To take a breath of air, they swim to the surface.

A photograph of two dolphins leaping from the ocean. The dolphin in the foreground is lower and closer to the viewer, creating a large splash of white water. The second dolphin is higher and further away, also in mid-leap. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

Dolphins
often leap out
of the water
just for fun!

**Bottlenose
dolphins talk to
each other using
sounds such as
clicks, squeaks,
and whistles.**

FINDING

Find the four ocean animals below hidden in the picture at right.



kelpfish



decorator crab



stonefish



mimic octopus

OCEAN



FUN




How many dolphins do you see in this picture?

FLUFFY SLOTH BEARS

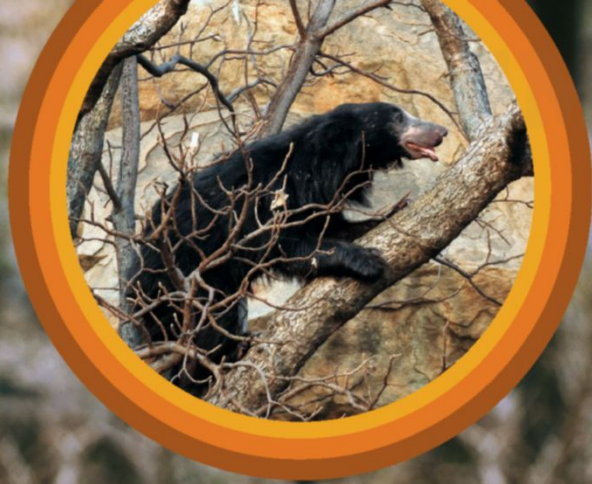
A baby sloth bear often rides on its mother's back. These bears have long fur. They also have long claws for digging.



A black sloth bear is shown from the side, standing on a rocky, uneven ground. The bear has thick, black fur and is looking towards the camera with its mouth slightly open. Its right paw is raised near its face. The background consists of large, greyish-brown rocks.

Sloth bears eat ants, termites, and other insects. They use their strong claws to dig into insect nests.

Sloth bears live in India and other parts of Asia.



Sloth bears like fruit. Sometimes they climb trees to reach this special treat.

The white fur on a sloth bear's chest is shaped much like the letter U.



Other BEARS

There are eight species, or kinds, of bears. Here are pictures of four of them.

AMERICAN
BLACK BEAR



POLAR
BEAR



GIANT
PANDA



BROWN
BEAR



The other kinds of bears are the spectacled, Asiatic black, and sun bears.

Look!

Look at the pictures below. Find the same objects in the photo at right. Circle them with your finger.



For more fun, find all the **snakes**.
Then find all the **frogs**.
Which objects are **blue**?



GAME

A Trip to the ZOO

To play this game, take turns with a friend. You will need a die and playing pieces. When you land on a space, follow the instructions and get ready to giggle!

START

You spot an elephant. Swing your arm like an elephant's trunk.



Help the anteater find ants to eat.

Count the ants in this game.



Stand on one foot like a flamingo.



Draw your favorite animal.



Two sea otters hold each other. Hold hands with the person next to you.

You see a kangaroo hopping. Hop in place three times.

You see a monkey. Say "MISTER MONKEY" three times fast.



Snack break. Pretend you are eating something yummy.

Slither like a snake.



Roar like a lion.



A bird is chirping.
Sing a song.

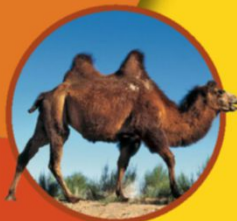
Cheetahs
are the fastest
land animals. Run in
place.



Walk on
your hands
and feet
like a camel.



Pretend
to smell
a pretty
flower.



Tell a
hyena
a joke.

Smile
for a
family
photo
like the
meerkats.



The
giant
panda has
a new baby.
Name the
cub.



FINISH

BUTTERFLIES!

There are about 20,000 kinds of butterflies. Here are a few things you can look for when you see a butterfly.



Butterflies are insects. Like all insects, they have **six legs**.

Butterflies taste with the ends of their **legs**. When it lands on a flower with tasty nectar, a butterfly's legs tell it, "This is food."

Each butterfly has three main body parts: a **head**, a **thorax**, and an **abdomen**.

Butterflies have two pairs of **wings**. Forewings are in front of the hindwings.

A butterfly uses the two **antennae** on its head to smell.

SOUTHERN WHITE ADMIRAL



GLASSWING



Tiny **scales** cover a butterfly's wings. The scales give the butterfly its colors and patterns.

A butterfly has a mouthpart called a **proboscis** that is a tube for feeding.



TWO-TAILED PASHA

MONARCH



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A HEDGEHOG UNROLLS



1

If a hedgehog needs to escape an enemy, it rolls up its body into a ball.



2

The prickly spines on its back poke the enemy and keep the hedgehog safe.



3



3 When the danger is gone, the hedgehog unrolls.



4 Now it is hungry! It uses its nose to dig through leaves and dirt for insects, worms, snails, and frogs to eat.

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WILD CARDS



EURASIAN OTTER

Eurasian otter

FUN FACTS

**This otter uses its whiskers
to touch and feel things.
Whiskers help it find fish and
other food underwater.**



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SHORT-HORNED GRASSHOPPER

short-horned grasshopper

FUN FACTS

This brightly colored grasshopper tastes bad. After one yucky taste, birds will remember to leave that colorful bug alone next time.



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SNOW LEOPARD

snow leopard

FUN FACTS

A mother snow leopard teaches her cubs how to hunt. When they are almost two years old, the cubs are ready to live on their own.



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OCHRE SEA STARS

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FUN FACTS

These sea stars live in the Pacific Ocean. To eat, a sea star moves its stomach outside of its body and onto the food it finds. Then the stomach soaks up the meal.



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BLACK WILDEBEEST

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black wildebeest

FUN FACTS

Wildebeests live in Africa where the middle of the day can be hot. They graze on grass in the cooler early morning and late afternoon.



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RHINOCEROS HORNBILL

rhinoceros hornbill

FUN FACTS

The “horn” on top of this rain forest bird’s bill may make the bird’s calls louder. Females have white eyes, and males have red eyes.



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GAME

Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the spider in this photo?



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