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River Otters



Why?

Why do you think a dog wags its tail?



Dogs wag their tails to show how they are feeling. A dog wagging its tail might be saying, “I am happy.” How do you show that you are happy?

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 hummingbird.



A hummingbird's wings move so fast that they make a humming sound.

It uses its long beak to drink from flowers.

This bird can fly backward, sideways, and upside down.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_RAYON



_EAVES



_OLDFISH



_EA STAR



_ROG



_ARROTS



_LOWER



_ASKETBALL



_UTTERFLY

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): STOCKBYTE / GETTY IMAGES; LI KIM GOH / GETTY IMAGES; DMZ / SHUTTERSTOCK. MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): DEX IMAGE / ALAMY; WILDLIFE GMBH / ALAMY; LEW ROBERTSON / STOCKFOOD. BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): AMI DARIKH / SHUTTERSTOCK; AFRICA STUDIO / SHUTTERSTOCK; AMINART / GETTY IMAGES.

NAME SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE **ORANGE**.

ANIMALS



RIVER OTTERS

Busy otters scamper
by the stream. They are
Asian small-clawed otters.

Thick fur
helps keep the
otter's skin
warm and dry
in water.



Family members take turns babysitting while the rest of the otters hunt.

A baby otter is called a cub, kit, or pup.



PUP

A small-clawed otter family has a mom, dad, babies, and older brothers and sisters. They hunt in rivers, ponds, streams, and swamps.

The otters use their webbed paws to find food hiding in the mud and under rocks. They eat crabs, fish, insects, and snails.

Asian small-clawed otters also use their long whiskers to feel for food.

WEBBED PAW



SHELL

Found one! The otter cracks open the shell with its strong teeth. Yum.

SENSES

QUIET AND

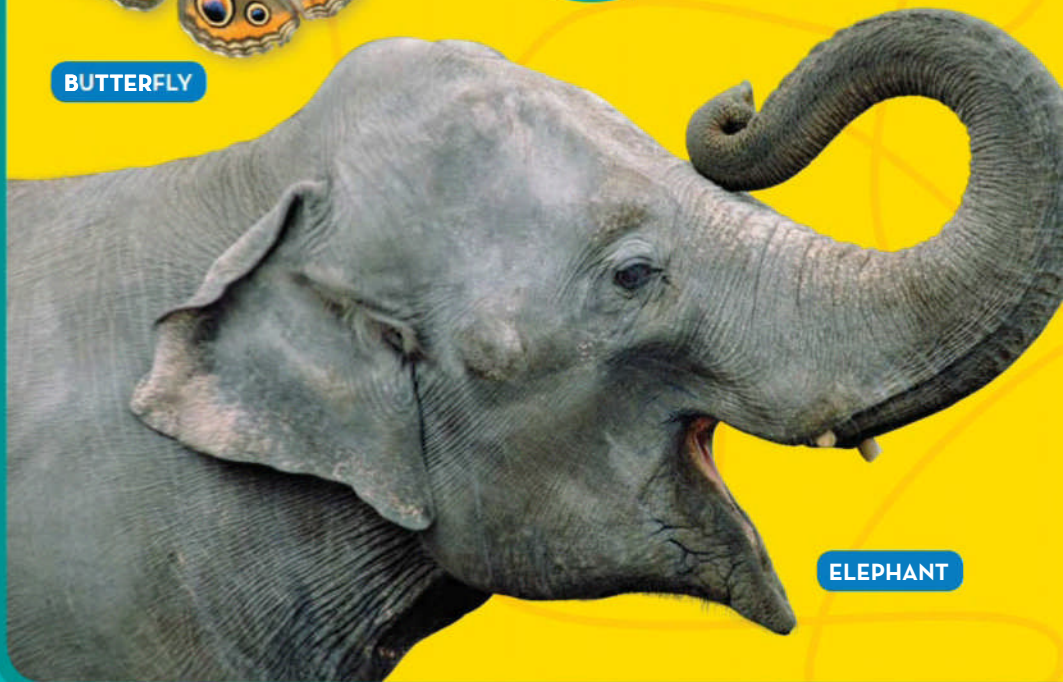
Some animals are quiet. Some are loud. Count all the loud animals. Point to all the quiet animals.



BUTTERFLY

When
are you
quiet?

MOUSE



ELEPHANT

LOUD



CLOWNFISH

What
animals do
you hear
where you
live?



WOLF



LION



TURTLE

When
are you
loud?



ROOSTER

ANIMALS



MOM AND BABY

KANGAROOS

Peekaboo! The baby kangaroo watches the world from its mother's pouch.

A baby kangaroo is called a joey. It lives inside Mom's pouch while she hops, eats, and sleeps.



A joey learns where to find grass to eat and water to drink from Mom.

JOEY

Soon the joey is old enough to leave the pouch. Sometimes it flips over to get out.



The young kangaroo stays close to Mom. Someday it will be a fast hopper like her.

MORE MARSUPIALS

Kangaroos are marsupials. Most marsupials have pouches. Here are four other kinds of marsupials.



KOALA



TASMANIAN DEVIL



WOMBAT



QUOLL

PATTERNS

WHAT COM

A pattern is something that repeats. The insects make a different pattern in each row in this game. Can you say which insect comes next in the pattern in each row?

EASY



JEWEL BUG

HARDER



GOLIATH BEETLE



GRASSHOPPER



BUTTERFLY



GOLIATH BEETLE

HARDEST



LADYBUG



DRAGONFLY



DRAGONFLY



LADYBUG

ES NEXT?



BULLDOG ANT



JEWEL BUG



BULLDOG ANT



GRASSHOPPER



BUTTERFLY



GOLIATH BEETLE



DRAGONFLY



DRAGONFLY



LADYBUG



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A SNAKE SHEDS

As you grow taller, your skin grows with you. But a snake grows too large for its skin.

1

When a new layer of skin is ready, the snake sheds its old skin. First it rubs its nose against something hard, like a rock.



2

The snake wriggles out of its old skin and leaves it behind. The old skin looks like an empty tube.



ITS SKIN



3

Now the snake has new skin. It looks shiny and bright.

BACK SAIL Dinosaur

Ouranosaurus lived in a rainy place where the land often flooded.

FACTS

FOOD

plants

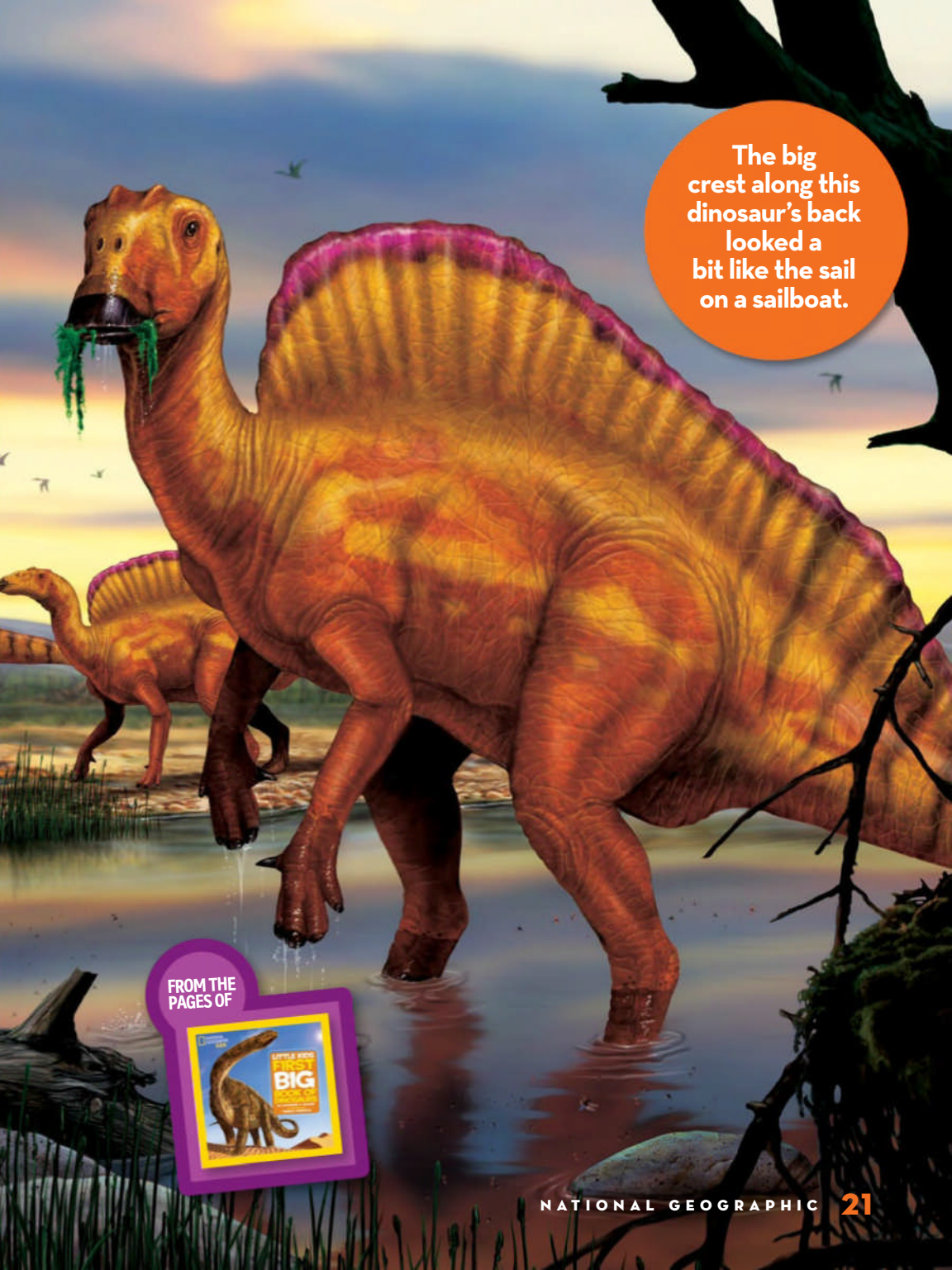
SIZE

This shows how big *Ouranosaurus* was.



The dinosaur had plenty of plants to eat. But when the land flooded, *Ouranosaurus* had to watch out for gigantic crocodiles, which lived in the time of dinosaurs.

SAY MY NAME: oo-RAHN-oh-SORE-us

A detailed illustration of a Spinosaurus in a swampy environment. The dinosaur is shown from the side, standing in shallow water. It has a large, yellowish-brown body with a prominent, fan-like sail on its back that has a purple border. Its head is large and crocodile-like, with a dark snout and a small eye. It is holding a green, leafy plant in its mouth. In the background, another Spinosaurus is visible, and the sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. There are some small birds flying in the sky and some dark, leafless trees in the foreground.

The big
crest along this
dinosaur's back
looked a
bit like the sail
on a sailboat.

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IDENTIFYING

PUMPKIN PATCH

Look at the animal carving in each pumpkin. Then look at each animal. Draw a line with your finger from the pumpkin to the animal photo it matches.



SPIDER

Which
two animals
can fly?

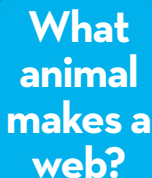


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BAT

Can you howl like a wolf?

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JAPANESE MACAQUE

Japanese macaque

FUN FACTS

Japanese macaques are a kind of monkey. They live in the wild only in the country of Japan.



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PRONGHORN

pronghorn

FUN FACTS

The only animal that can run faster than a pronghorn is a cheetah. A baby pronghorn can run when it's only a few days old.





RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER

red-bellied woodpecker

FUN FACTS

This woodpecker has a long tongue and sticky spit. The bird pokes its tongue into holes in trees to capture insects to eat.



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ARCTIC WOLF

arctic wolf

FUN FACTS

Arctic wolves live in the far north, called the Arctic. It is usually cold there. The wolves' fur is long and thick to keep them warm.



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SPRING PEEPER

spring peeper

FUN FACTS

Spring peepers are frogs. At egg-laying time, hundreds gather around ponds. The calls they make can sound like sleigh bells.



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HARLEQUIN GHOST PIPEFISH

harlequin ghost pipefish

FUN FACTS

**This fish lives in the ocean.
It uses its long nose like
a straw to suck tiny creatures
from the water to eat.**



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Critter Corner

What do you think these
blue-footed boobies are doing?



A. Tap dancing B. Standing on a rock C. Walking to school

Answer: B

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