

MAMMALS



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- have a backbone
- are warm-blooded
- have hair
- breathe with lungs
- produce milk for their young
- give birth to live young

MAGNIFICENT MAMMALS

What do polar bears, bats, and dolphins all have in common? They are all mammals. Most mammals live on land. Many large land animals, such as elephants, cows, horses, and lions, are mammals. People are mammals too. All animals can move but do so in different ways. People have legs to run and walk whereas dolphins have flippers to swim through the water. Bats are the only flying mammals on Earth. Although mammals may act and look different, they have many things in common.

All mammals:

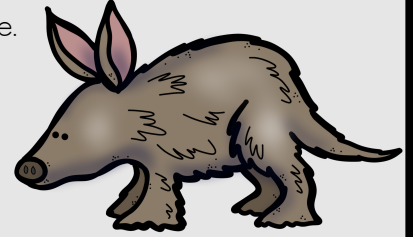
- have a backbone
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- have hair or fur
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Mammals are warm-blooded. Warm-blooded animals usually stay the same temperature no matter if it's hot or cold outside. They can warm up and cool down to keep their body temperature around the same level. If they need to warm up, they may shiver. To cool off, they may pant or sweat. They also have hair on their bodies to help them stay warm.

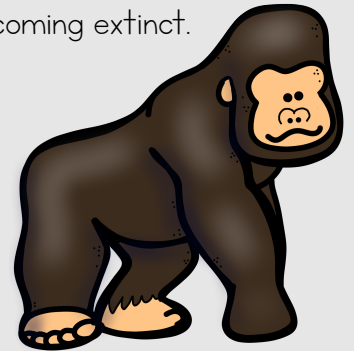
Mammal babies are born alive and look a lot like their parents. Mothers or sometimes both parents take care of the babies until they are able to take care of themselves. Female mammals produce milk to feed their babies. Milk helps babies grow and develop. As an adult, they will continue the cycle of life and have babies of their own.

EXAMPLES:

An armadillo can suck up as many as 50,000 insects in one night with its long, sticky tongue.



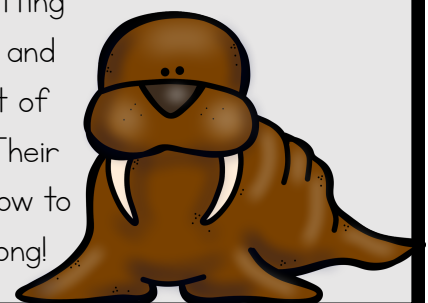
Gorillas are intelligent animals that live in small groups called troops. They are in danger of becoming extinct.



Bats are the only flying mammals. They have a special skill called echolocation that helps them see in the dark.



A walrus uses its tusks for cutting through ice and climbing out of the water. Their tusks can grow to be 3 feet long!



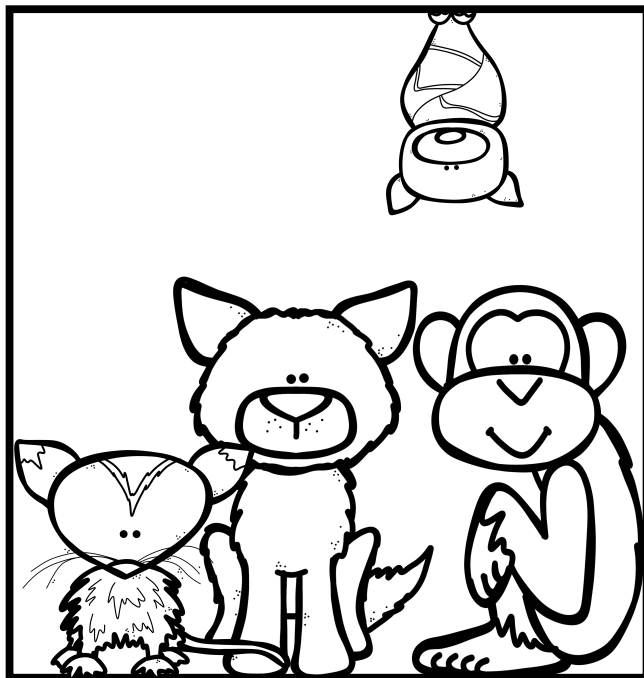
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How do mammals stay warm?

Name five characteristics of all mammals below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Give three examples of how animals move in different ways?

Name two mammals that can be found on land:

1. _____
2. _____

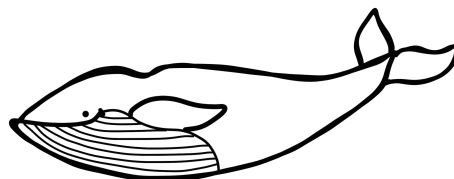
Name two mammals that can be found in water:

1. _____
2. _____

Circle the correct answer below:



mammal or bird



fish or mammal

TRI-FOLD BOOKLETS



Copy booklet pages back to back.
Gather supplies: scissors, crayons, and glue.



Answer the questions on both sides of the tri-fold booklet.



Cut along the thick black lines. Color in using crayons, colored pencils, or markers.



Fold both of the flaps on the dotted lines so that it looks like a brochure.



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Circle all the mammals:

frog

cat

whale

human

grasshopper

eagle

horse

shark

goat

spider

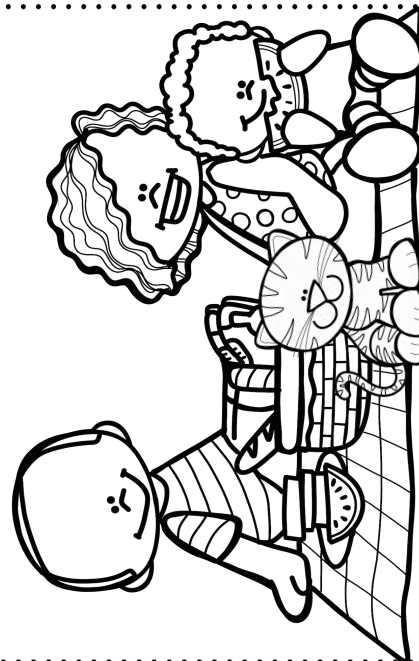
lion

dog

Tell one interesting fact
you learned about them:

Where do most mammals live?

Name of your favorite mammal:



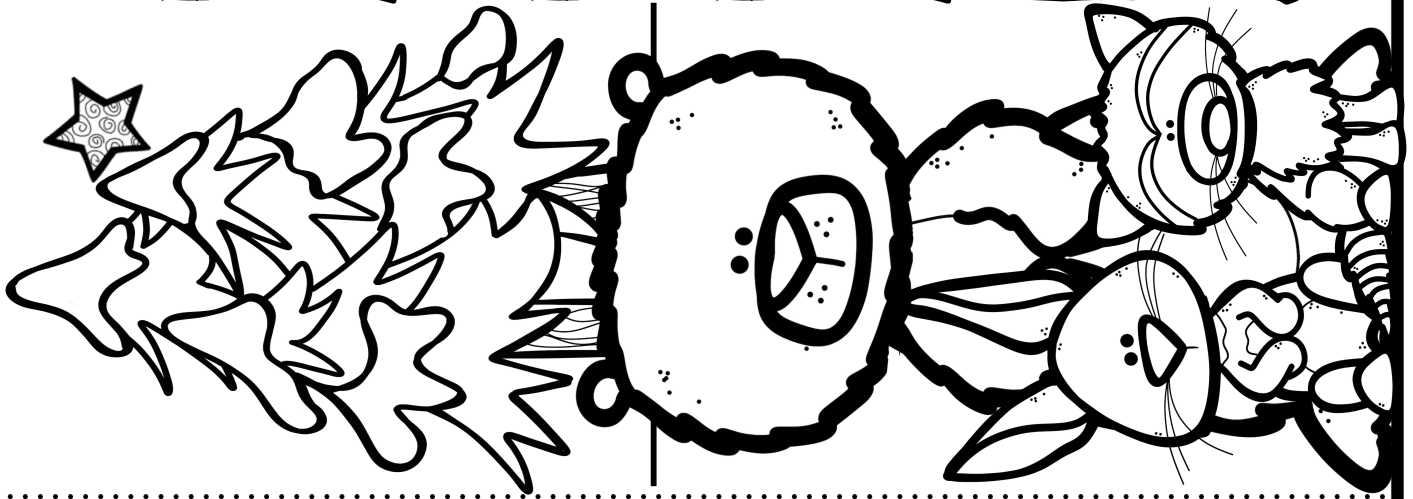
Name five
characteristics of
all mammals:



1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

How do mammals keep their
body temperature level?

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Decide if each statement below is true or false:

1. Mammals are cold-blooded.

2. Most mammals live on land.

3. Female mammals produce milk to feed their babies.

4. Mammals use gills to breathe.

5. Mammal babies are born alive.

6. Mammals have hair or fur.

Compare and contrast humans to whales. How are they alike and different?

