

CAMP COMPREHENSION

1. Read the passages about the animals.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Find out more about some of your favorites by visiting a zoo online.
4. As you learn about each animal, draw or create the animal. Visit Pinterest for ideas.
5. Put your animals together and make your own zoo.

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Close Reading

Questions

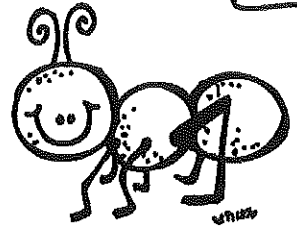
Retelling

Comprehension

Vocabulary

Name: _____

Ants



Ants live in groups called colonies. In the colonies, there are three kinds of ants: the queen, the males who mate with the queen, and female worker ants. The queen's job is to lay all of the eggs for the colony. The male mates with the queen. The worker ants may build anthills, find food or take care of the queen. Worker ants build tunnels to connect rooms for their colony. The rooms are used to store food, rest, and take care of young ants. Ants are very busy!

1. Circle the word in the passage that tells where ants live.
2. Name three kinds of ants.

3. Circle true or false.

The queen finds her own food.

true false

The mates are male.

true false

4. Draw a line to match the ant to the correct job.

worker

mates with queen

queen

builds tunnels

male

lays eggs

Name: _____

Bees



Bees are very important insects. They fly from flower to flower sipping nectar and collecting pollen. Many plants depend on bees to spread pollen and fertilize their new plants. There are many kinds of bees, but the most common are bumblebees and honeybees. Bees live in colonies with up to 60,000 other bees. The bees must work together in their colony. Each bee has a job to do. Queen bees lay the eggs and worker bees build the honeycomb, care for the eggs and collect food.

1. Circle the word in the passage that tells where bees live.

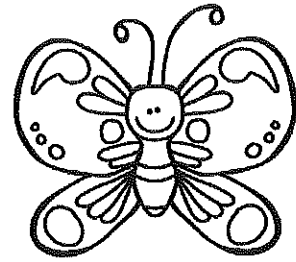
2. Name two kinds of bees.

3. Would it be a problem if bees didn't exist? Why?

4. Why are bees helpful?

Name: _____

Butterflies



Butterflies live all over the world. These insects can be teeny tiny or as big as birds. Butterflies hatch from small eggs. At first, they are caterpillars. The caterpillar eats a lot and grows a lot. The caterpillar attaches itself to a branch or a leaf using silk. It forms a hard shell called a pupa. A pupa is sometimes called a chrysalis. They stay in the pupa until they turn into a butterfly.

1. Circle the words that tell where caterpillars build their pupa.
2. Read each word. Draw a line to match up the synonyms.

small

chrysalis

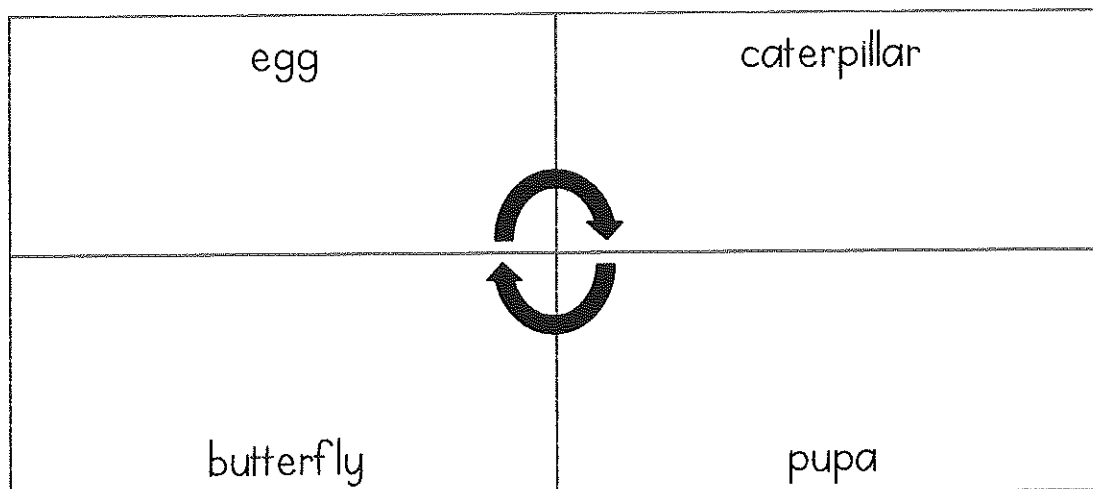
pupa

hatch

open

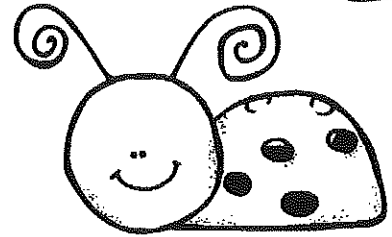
tiny

4. Draw the life cycle of a butterfly.



Name: _____

Ladybugs



Did you know there are over 5,000 kinds of ladybugs? Most ladybugs are red with black spots, but some ladybugs may be yellow, or orange. Their bright color warns predators that they taste terrible! Ladybugs are helpful insects. They eat smaller insects called aphids. Aphids can ruin plants by eating all of their leaves. Farmers and gardeners like to have ladybugs around to take care of those pesky aphids! Ladybugs eat up to 5,000 aphids in their life!

1. Circle the word in the passage that means annoying.
2. What do you think would happen if ladybugs didn't eat aphids?

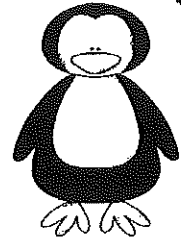
3. Circle true or false.

Ladybugs are always black & red true false

Aphids help farmers. true false

4. Why do ladybugs have such bright colors?

Name: _____



Emperor Penguins

Emperor Penguins live in Antarctica. They live in groups called rookeries. Emperor Penguins are the largest penguins. They can grow to be over 3 feet tall. The female lays one egg and leaves to find food. The male balances the egg on his feet which are covered with warm skin. He stands with the egg for about 65 days in chilly winds and icy temperatures. The female penguin returns with food. Then, the male penguin leaves to fish on his own. The baby chick hatches and stays with the mother until it is ready to hunt on its own.

1. Write the name of the group penguins live in.

2. How long do male penguins watch the egg? _____

3. Circle true or false.

Penguins lay two eggs at once.

true false

Females hunt for food.

true false

4. Underline the continent Emperor Penguins live in.

Name: _____

Flamingos



Colorful flamingos live in shallow lakes and lagoons in warm areas around the world. These birds live in large groups called flocks. Flamingo flocks can have as many as 10,000 birds! Their favorite foods are shrimp, snails and algae. Their pink coloring comes from the foods they eat. To grab food, a flamingo dunks its head into the water, twists upside down and scoops the food using its beak like a shovel.

1. **Circle** the animal group flamingos are part of.

2. Complete each sentence with a word below.

warm

shrimp

lagoons

Flamingos eat _____.

Some flamingos live in _____.

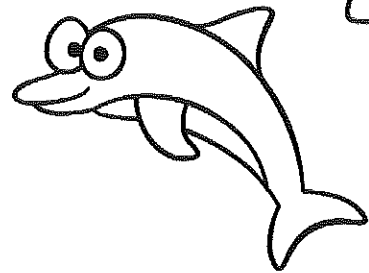
Flamingos live in _____ areas of the world.

Why are flamingos pink?

Flamingos are pink because _____.

4. **Underline** the name for a group of flamingos.

Name: _____



Dolphins

Dolphins may look like fish, but they are part of the mammal animal group. Dolphins swim to the surface of the water and use blowholes on top of their heads to breathe. Dolphins use echolocation. They make clicking and whistling sounds to communicate with each other. Dolphins live in groups of 12 called pods in oceans and rivers around the world. Dolphins are playful and friendly animals. They can leap up to 20 feet out of water! Dolphins eat fish, shrimp and squid.

1. Circle the word that tells how dolphins breathe.

2. How do dolphins communicate?

3. Read the sentences below. Mark the box next to the fact you learned from the passage.

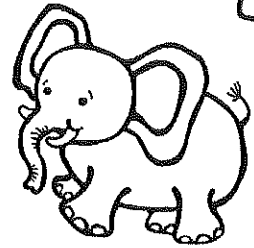
- Dolphins live in pods.
- A baby dolphin is called a calf.
- Dolphins like to live in warmer waters.

4. Is this passage fiction or non-fiction? Circle the answer.

fiction

non-fiction

Name: _____



Elephants

Elephants are the largest land mammals on Earth. Their long ears help keep them cool. Elephants have long front teeth called tusks. They use their tusks to dig for and collect food. They also have a long nose called a trunk. Elephants use their trunks to make sounds, touch and grab food. They eat for up to 22 hours a day! Elephants eat grass, roots and fruits. To stay clean, elephants use their trunks to spray water on themselves. Elephants are found in Africa and Asia and they can live to be 70 years old.

1. Underline what elephants eat.

2. Write the two continents elephants live on.

3. Read the sentences below. Mark the box next to the fact you learned from the passage.

Elephants do not eat meat.

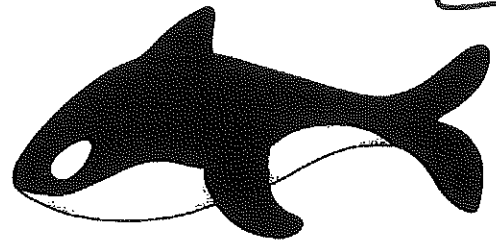
Elephants have 26 teeth.

Elephants are afraid of mice.

4. What are two uses for the elephant's tusk?

Name: _____

Orcas



Orcas are one of the largest mammals. Orcas live in oceans all over the world. They are mostly found in the Arctic and Antarctica. Their bodies are covered in blubber to help keep them warm in the cold oceans. Orcas live in groups called pods. With their pods, they hunt for food. They eat penguins, seals and fish. Orcas eat up to 500 pounds of food per day. Even though orcas are sometimes called killer whales, they are actually dolphins!

1. Where do orcas mostly live?

2. What keeps orcas warm in the cold oceans? _____

3. Circle true or false.

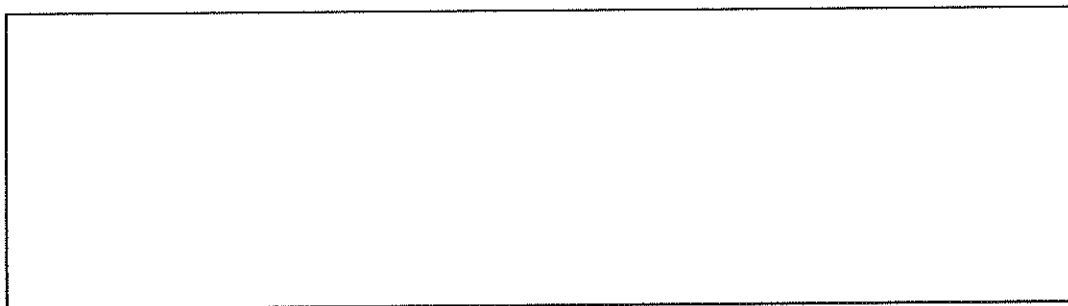
Orcas are whales.

true false

Orcas live in pods.

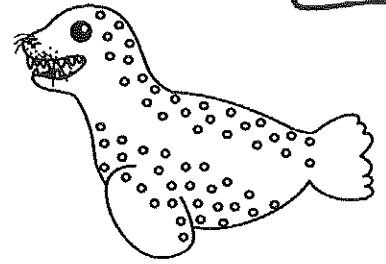
true false

4. Draw what orcas eat. Label your picture.



5. Highlight the other name for an orca.

Name: _____



Leopard Seals

Leopard seals are mammals found in the cold waters of the Antarctic. They are named for the spotted pattern on their fur. They use their large front flippers to move and steer through the water. Leopard seals live alone. They eat krill, plankton, fish, squid and other seals. Male leopard seals are known as bulls. They are smaller than female leopard seals. Leopard seals can live for 25 years.

1. Circle what leopard seals eat.

2. Where do leopard seals live?

Leopard seals live _____.

3. Complete each sentence with a word below.

bulls

bigger

flippers

Leopard seals use _____ to swim.

Male leopard seals are called _____.

Female leopard seals are _____ than males.

4. Underline the animal group leopard seals belong to.

Name: _____

Lions



Lions are mammals found in the grasslands and plains of Africa. They live in groups called prides. A pride is made up of at least 15 lions, which are mostly female with one or two males. In their pride, lions hunt, raise cubs and defend their territory. Male and female lions are very different. Male lions have thick, hairy manes around their face and they can roar loudly. Female lionesses do most of the hunting and caring for the cubs.

1. **Circle** the number of lions in a pride.

2. Complete the sentences with information from above.

Male lions _____

Lionesses _____

3. Circle the lion you think the statement is about?

Has a thick mane. male lioness

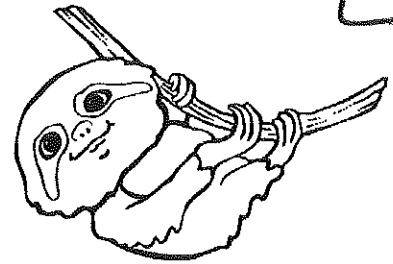
Hunts for food. male lioness

Roars loudly. male lioness

4. Underline where lions live in the world.

Name: _____

Sloths



Sloths may be the laziest mammals on Earth! They spend most of their time hanging in trees with their sharp claws. Sloths sleep up to 20 hours a day and only travel down the tree once a week to go to the bathroom. They move so slowly that algae grows on their fur! They mostly eat leaves and fruit. There are two kinds of sloths: two-toed and three-toed. Sloths only live in tropical forests in Central and South America.

1. Circle the words that tell what sloths eat.

2. Name two kinds of sloths.

3. Circle true or false.

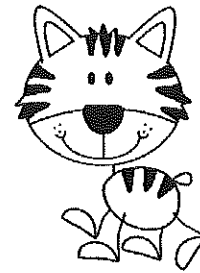
Sloths use their claws to hang in trees. true false

Sloths are found throughout the world. true false

4. Draw a line to complete the sentences.

Sloths	on sloths.
They only	sleep for 20 hours.
Algae grows	use the bathroom once a week.

Name: _____



Tigers

Tigers are the largest wild cat in the world. They are very strong and powerful. A tiger's roar is very loud and can be heard up to two miles away! Tigers live and hunt alone. They eat big and small animals, including deer, antelope, turtles and frogs. Tigers can see well in the dark, so they hunt at night. Most tigers are orange with black stripes, but some tigers may have white and brown stripes, too. Rare tigers are white with black stripes. No two tigers have exactly the same pattern or stripes. Tigers like to swim to cool off and relax.

1. Circle four describing words in the passage.

2. Name three animals tigers eat.

3. What makes a tiger unique?

4. Draw a line to complete the sentences.

Tigers

White stripped tigers

Their roars can

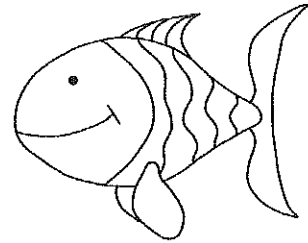
be heard 2 miles away.

live in Asia.

are rare.

Name: _____

Fish



Fish are animals that live underwater. Some fish live in freshwater and some fish live in saltwater. Fish breathe underwater using gills. The gills allow fish to get oxygen as they swim. Most fish are covered with scales to protect their body. Fins help fish swim through the water. Fish come in many shapes, sizes and colors. They often live in groups called schools. Fish eat other fish, worms, insects, sea plants and other small sea animals.

1. Circle the word in the passage that tells where fish live.
2. Write the three important body parts of a fish.

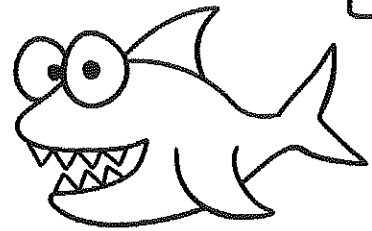
3. Read the sentences below. Mark the box next to the fact you learned from the passage.

- Fish live in schools.
- Fish can live in warm or cold water.
- Fish can be colorful or blend in.

4. Underline the sentence that tells what fish eat.

Name: _____

Sharks



Sharks are a kind of fish. There are over 400 different kinds of sharks. Only three types of sharks are dangerous to humans: great white, tiger and bull sharks. Sharks live in every ocean of the world. Some sharks even live in rivers. Like other fish, sharks breathe underwater using their gills. Rough scales cover their body and fins help them swim through the water. Shark skeletons are made of cartilage, not bone. Most sharks live alone and hunt for fish and other small water animals.

1. **Circle** the word that tells what a shark's skeleton is made of.
2. Write the three sharks that are dangerous to humans.

3. Circle true or false.

Sharks live in groups called pods. true false

Sharks only live in oceans. true false

4. Draw a line to make the sentence correct.

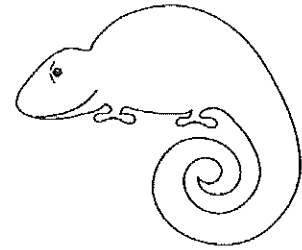
Gills help sharks swim.

Sharks allow sharks to breathe underwater.

Fins are fish.

Name: _____

Chameleons



A chameleon is a kind of lizard that lives in the tropical forests and deserts of Africa and Asia. They have large eyes and curled tails. Chameleons use their long, sticky tongues to catch bugs as they sit on tree branches. Many types of chameleons are able to change their skin color to camouflage with their surroundings. Chameleons change colors because of the outside temperature, to blend in, or show their feelings.

1. Circle what chameleons eat.
2. Write one reason chameleons change colors.

3. Complete each sentence with a word below.

curled

camouflage

sticky

Chameleons _____ to their surroundings.

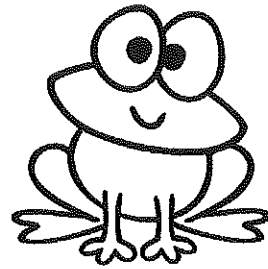
They use their _____ tongues to grab bugs.

Chameleons have _____ tails.

4. Underline where chameleons live.

Name: _____

Frogs

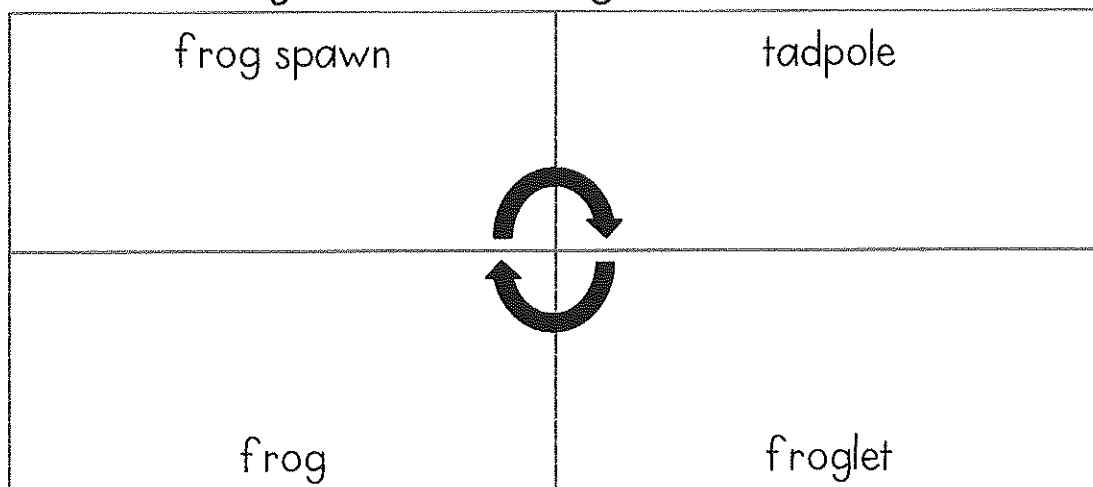


Frogs are amphibians that live near ponds and rivers. They can live both in water and on land. Frogs live in all parts of the world, except Antarctica. Frogs hatch in water from eggs (called spawn) as tadpoles. Tadpoles have long tails, but no arms or legs. As tadpoles get older, they grow arms and legs and lose their tails to become a froglet. After a few weeks, they climb out of the water as a full grown frog.

1. Circle the words that tell where frogs live.
2. Circle true or false.

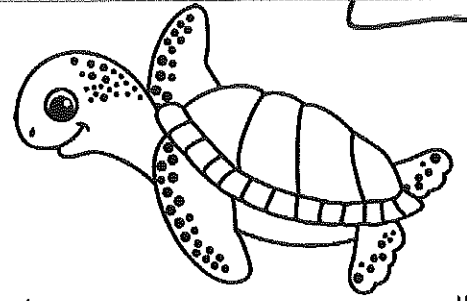
Frogs live on all 7 continents.	true	false
Frogs can live in and out of water.	true	false
Frog spawn are eggs.	true	false

3. Draw the life cycle of a frog.



Name: _____

Sea Turtles



Sea turtles are reptiles that spend most of their time in oceans all over the world. Sea turtles cannot breathe underwater but many can hold their breath for up to 30 minutes. Sea turtles use their flippers to help them swim through the ocean. They eat small fish, sea plants, and jellyfish. Sea turtles lay their eggs on the shore of the beach. They use their flippers to dig holes in the sand to keep the eggs warm. After about 60 days, the eggs hatch and the babies crawl to the ocean. Many sea turtles live to be 50 years old.

1. Circle the word that tells where sea turtles live.

2. Name three foods sea turtles eat.

3. Circle true or false.

Sea turtles are amphibians.

true false

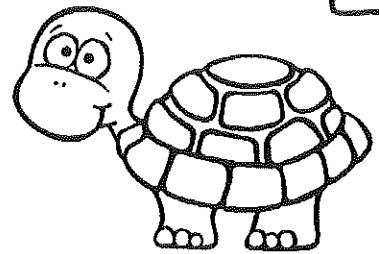
Sea turtles can breathe underwater

true false

4. Write two uses for a sea turtle's flippers.

Name: _____

Tortoises



Tortoises are turtles that live on land. Tortoises do not have teeth, so they mostly only eat grass, leaves and fruit. They can live to be 100 years old (or even older!). Tortoises are cold-blooded animals so they must use the sun to warm them up. If a tortoise is in trouble, it can pull its head inside its shell for protection. Female tortoises dig nesting burrows to lay their eggs. They can lay between one and thirty eggs at a time. It takes between two and four months for the eggs to hatch. Many tortoises hibernate during the winter.

1. Underline how long it takes for tortoise eggs to mature.

2. Write three foods tortoises eat.

3. Why do you think most tortoises do not eat meat?

4. Draw a picture of a tortoise in her nesting burrow.

