

ANIMAL

Stories

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I am a non-venomous, slow animal that likes to live in the soil. My body has many segments and each one contains two pairs of legs. This makes me look like I have thousands of legs. I am a very powerful digger, but I curl into a tight coil when there is danger around me. Who am I?

millipede



I start my life as a caterpillar eating leaves, and flowers. When the time is right, I build a case around me called a cocoon. Inside the cocoon, I will change, and come out looking very beautiful. What am I?

butterfly



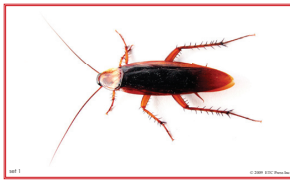
I am a bug who feeds on the juices of plants. It is very easy for me to destroy a whole field by sucking on the plants. I can even chew on grass. I am very small and can multiply very quickly. Who am I?

chinch bug



I live in the ocean along the bottom floor. I have a hard outer shell that protects me. If I am female I will produce my eggs on what you would call legs. Many people around the world like to eat me. What am I?

shrimp



I am an animal that prefers to live in warm moist places. I have been around for millions of years. I am brown with wings, although I am not a good flyer. I will eat just about anything. People consider me a pest and always trying to get rid of me. Do you know me?

cockroach



I live all over the world, usually in cracks or corners. This allows me to spin my web to catch my food. Some of my family can grow to be very large, and some are even venomous. Do you know my name?

spider



I am a flying insect that goes from flower to flower. I collect nectar to bring back to my hive. We make a special liquid to feed to our queen that many people also like to eat. I only live for a few months because my work is hard on my body. Can you guess my name?

bee



I am a land animal that is covered with scales. There are many different types of me, but generally I live in tropical climates. I like to sun myself on rocks and walls because I cannot control my own body temperature. What is my name?

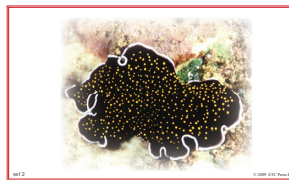
lizard

SET 1



I am an ocean dwelling animal that is carried by the currents. I often have a clear umbrella shaped body with eight tentacles. I use stingers on my tentacles to stun my prey, but watch out, they can sting you as well! Do know what I am called?

jellyfish



I have a flat, soft body that is often ribbon shaped. Some of my kind can reproduce by splitting in half and growing another replacement to the missing half. Do you know what my name is?

flatworm



I have a shape similar to that of an eel, with dark designs standing out on my gray coloring. I am about three feet long. I eat meat and usually live in the swamps of Africa. I breathe by means of a swim bladder that functions like your lungs. Do you know my name?

lungfish



I am a large mammal who lives in the water along the east coast. I eat only algae. Do you know the legend of the mermaids whose singing caused sailors to shipwreck? Perhaps the ancients were referring to me because the upper part of my body looks almost like you, and the lower parts look like a fish. Name me.

manatee



I am a migratory bird. In the winter, I go south in search of warmth. I feed on insects, which I find in the water. For this reason, I have slender legs. I live in a nest, which I build near the water very high up in treetops or chimneys. What is my name?

stork



I am a large reptile that lives in swampy habitats. I have a large jaw that when I close it on my prey will kill it in one bite. My hide is considered valuable by man, and is used to make boots, belts, luggage, and wallets. What am I called?

crocodile



I have a long tail. My skin can be many colors, and sometimes I can even change its color. I do not like heat, and I must keep my skin moist. Often I live under rocks and logs. What am I called?

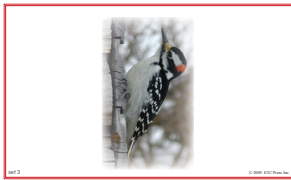
salamander



I am related to your pet dog. However, because I am still hunted there are not as many of me as there used to be. I often seem bigger than I am because my fur is made of two layers. One layer is to keep me warm, while the top layer keeps out water and dirt. What is my name?

wolf

SET 2



I am a bird that uses my strong beak to look for insects in the wood of hard trees. I move by "hitching", which means that I hop up a tree using my sharp claws. I stop along the way to look for food. I also use drumming on tree trunks to communicate. Do you know me?

woodpecker



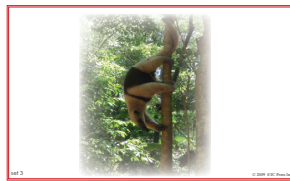
I am an animal that lives in the oceans. I have five arms that come from a central disc. I move along by means of suckers that are on the bottom of my arms. If I lose an arm I can grow it back. What am I?

starfish



I am one of the biggest mammals to live in the ocean. I do not have any natural enemies because of my size. However, in the early part of the last century I was hunted for my blubber and oil. What is my name?

whale



I am a mammal with long sharp claws to get into the nest or colony of the insect that I want to eat. I also have a long snout and an even longer tongue. This tongue is sticky and whatever insect that I am eating is easily taken into my mouth. What am I?

anteater



I am a worm and members of my family can be found living in fresh and salt water. My name comes from the many feathers that are around my head. These bristles help me breath. Who am I?

bristle worm



I am a bird that was first domesticated in Asia. I am useful as a farm animal because I crow first thing in the morning. I am also helpful because I keep the hens laying eggs. I have sharp spurs on the back of my legs that are used for fighting. Tell me my name.

rooster



I am one of the most long lived vertebrates, living up to 100 years. I spend my life in the cool waters of the Northern Hemisphere. In the wild I am carnivorous, however, I am often kept in hatcheries so that people can harvest my roe. What am I?

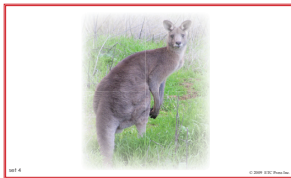
sturgeon



For thousands of years, I have been used by man to do work. I am very strong and can pull carts, plows, or even be ridden. I am a grazer, eating grass and hay along the way. I am rarely found in the wild, but when I am, my herd will have one male and all the others will be female. Name me.

horse

SET 3



I am a special animal that comes from Australia. My young, called a joey, stay protected in my pouch. I have large, strong back legs which I use to jump. I live in groups called mobs, which is made of only females. What am I?

kangaroo



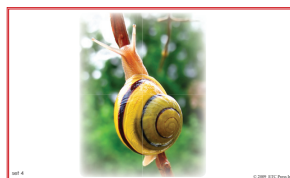
I have two thick hard shells that I keep closed except to eat. To protect myself I like to bury in the sand. In early American history Algonquian Indians ground up my shells and used them for wampum, a type of money. Do you know what I am?

clam



I am a parasite that is usually hosted by mammals. I like to live in the kidney because it is close to the stomach. I can grow up to 100 cm long. I am very harmful to my host. Can you name me?

nematode



My body is very soft, and it looks like I don't even have a head. My home is a lovely curved shell, which I take everywhere. I have only one foot to move about, but with it I can go straight up the side of a plant, or building, or even a piece of glass. My name is.....?

snail



I am a fish with very sharp teeth in my jaws. I hunt other fish and am not usually attacked by others. Most of the members of my family give live births and do not lay eggs. My body is made of a soft bone called cartilage. What is my name?

shark



I like to live in cold water either near the poles or in the deep part of the ocean. I have been on earth for millions of years. I have two shells to hide my soft body. These shells are held together by a tight muscle. Can you tell me my name?

lamp shell



I am a mammal that flies at night. During the day I like to sleep upside down with my wings curled around me. Sometimes people are afraid of me, but they shouldn't be! I eat insects and help keep these pests away from you. Tell me my name!

bat



I am a very large primate with black fur and no tail. I usually live in the forests of Africa. I like to live in communities called troops and am usually peaceful and shy. My greatest defense is to try and scare my attacker. Can you name me?

gorilla

SET 4



I am a medium sized gray bird that lives in all parts of the world. You may see me feeding on seeds in parks, city sidewalks, or gardens. The male of my family will build the nest for our eggs, but both the male and female will sit on them until they hatch. Who am I?

pigeon



I am a simple animal that lives its life attached to rocks at the bottom of the ocean. My body is filled with pores that allow water to flow through them. I usually feed on what is filtered through my pores. What is my name?

sponge



I am a large bird that is often used as a symbol of strength. I have sharp talons as well as a sharp hooked beak. These help me tear into the meat of the animals that I hunt. What am I?

eagle



I have a long segmented body that I use to dig in the soil. For this reason I am very helpful to gardeners. People will dig me up and use me as bait for fishing. Do you know who I am?

earthworm



I am unusual, because I resemble both mammals and birds. I am like mammals because I have fur like a beaver, and I give milk to my young. Yet I have a wide bill and webbed feet like a water duck. I live near the water in Australia. What am I?

platypus



I choose to live by night, because I do not like the light. I am not blind, but my eyes are very tiny. I live underground in burrows with long tunnels, which I dig with my strong curved front feet. I feed on insects that I find living in the ground. Who am I?

mole



I live at the bottom of the ocean where I like to stay. I have many tentacles which I use to sting my prey. However, my friend is a clown fish, and my tentacles do not sting him. Who am I?

anemone



I have eight legs and one very poisonous tail. Two of my legs have claws on them which I use to catch my food. I enjoy living in hot climates, and many of my kind today have three sets of eyes. Can you name me?

scorpion

SET 5

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