

Super English



Beginner Speaking Lesson 1 Animals - Mammals

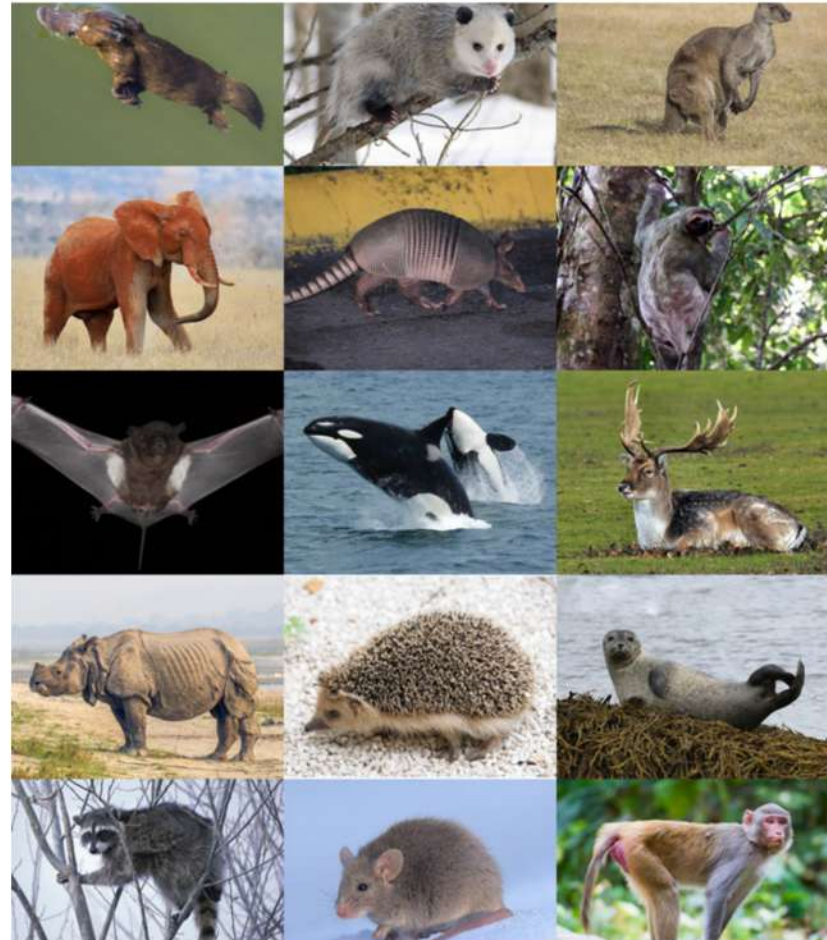


What Makes a Mammal?

Read the text and discuss the words in bold.

Mammals have fur or hair, most give **birth** to live babies, and feed them milk. They also have **lungs** for breathing air and a **spine** for support. Humans, dogs, and even whales are mammals. If an animal has all these **traits**, it's part of the mammal family.

1. Can you name three mammals you see often? What's your favorite? Why?
2. Do you think it's easy to tell if an animal is a mammal? Why or why not?
3. Which baby mammal do you think is the cutest?



Where Do They Live?

Read the text and discuss the words in bold.



Mammals can live almost anywhere—on land, in water, or even **underground**. They are **warm-blooded**, so they can keep the same body **temperature**. That's why a polar bear can live in icy Arctic snow while a camel stays cool in the hot desert.



1. If you were a mammal, where would you want to live—hot desert, cold Arctic, or somewhere else?
2. Can you think of mammals that live in the mountains?
3. How do humans keep warm in the cold?

Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- spine
- trait
- temperature
- scales
- surface
- echo

1. The top or outside part of something.
2. The way something or someone is, like a special feature.
3. A sound you hear again because it bounced off something.
4. The middle part of your back made of bones.
5. The thin, hard plates on a fish or reptile's skin.
6. How hot or cold something is.

What Makes a Mammal

Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

Mia: Did you know whales are mammals?

Lucas: Really? But they live in water.

Mia: Yeah, they still breathe air and feed their babies milk.

Lucas: That's so cool.

Mia: It means they have lungs too.

Lucas: Mammals are more different than I thought!

Question: Which mammal fact surprised you the most?

See you next time!

