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MAMMALS

Mammals are animals that have hair, are warm blooded and nourish their young with milk. Read about the following mammals and name them.

1. These mammals are like rodents that spend much of their time in rivers and lakes. They feed mainly on the bark of trees and also use wood in the form of twigs and branches to build their river bank burrows, called lodges. Beavers
2. This mammal is the largest member of the deer family, standing 2.2 m at the shoulder, with huge dished antlers and a large beard under the chin. Moose
3. Aardvark is a mammal which grows to a length of 2 m and has a long, narrow head with a pig like snout and long ears.
4. Gorilla is the largest of the primates. Despite its ferocious appearance, it is a shy retiring creature, becoming aggressive only when threatened or irritated.
5. Sloth is a strange South American mammal. It is a tree living creature, spending the whole of its life hanging upside down from the branches of trees.
6. Echidna are extremely strange mammals. They are primitive egg-laying mammals.
7. Kangaroos are marsupial mammals, living in the forest and plains of Australia. They have long tails and slightly mule shaped heads.
8. Koala looks rather like a small grey bear. It has a large head and nose and big hairy ears. Its name means 'no drink' and the animal obtains all the moisture it requires from the leaves and barks.



Know More



Mammals appeared more than 200,000 years ago, they evolved from reptile-like animals called therapsids.



Moose 2	Echidna 6	Koala 8
Sloth 5	Gorilla 4	Kangaroos 7
Beavers 1	Aardvark 3	

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ANIMALS QUIZ

Choose the correct option:

- The rearing of honeybees is called
(a) Pisciculture (b) Apiculture (c) Silviculture
- The larva of houseflies are called
(a) maggots (b) caterpillars (c) metacercaria
- The word 'hippo' means
(a) sheep (b) lion (c) horse
- The respiratory organs of scorpions are called
(a) spiracles (b) gills (c) book-lungs
- The functional male in a beehive is called a
(a) king (b) soldier (c) drone
- Which one gives birth to babies?
(a) Scorpion (b) Mosquito (c) Silkworm
- Which insect carries the germs of plague?
(a) Flea (b) Beetle (c) Spider
- Which creature gives us pearls?
(a) Snail (b) Squid (c) Oyster
- Which is the only mammal that can fly?
(a) Monkey (b) Sloth (c) Bat
- Lemurs and loris are
(a) reptiles (b) amphibians (c) mammals

FACT FILE

The tropical cockroach is the fastest known runner in the insect world. It can run at a speed of 5 km per hour!



Cockroach

Deadly Creature

The poison of a black widow spider is 15 times deadlier than a rattlesnakes poison. It can kill a man in a few seconds.



Black widow spider

Know More



- ☐ An elephant can pick up something as small as a button with its trunk!
- ☐ The blue whale eats about 4 tonnes of krills each day.
- ☐ The eider duck can fly at a speed of about 100 km per hour.
- ☐ Fleas jump with a force of 140gs-20 times more than that to launch a space rocket!