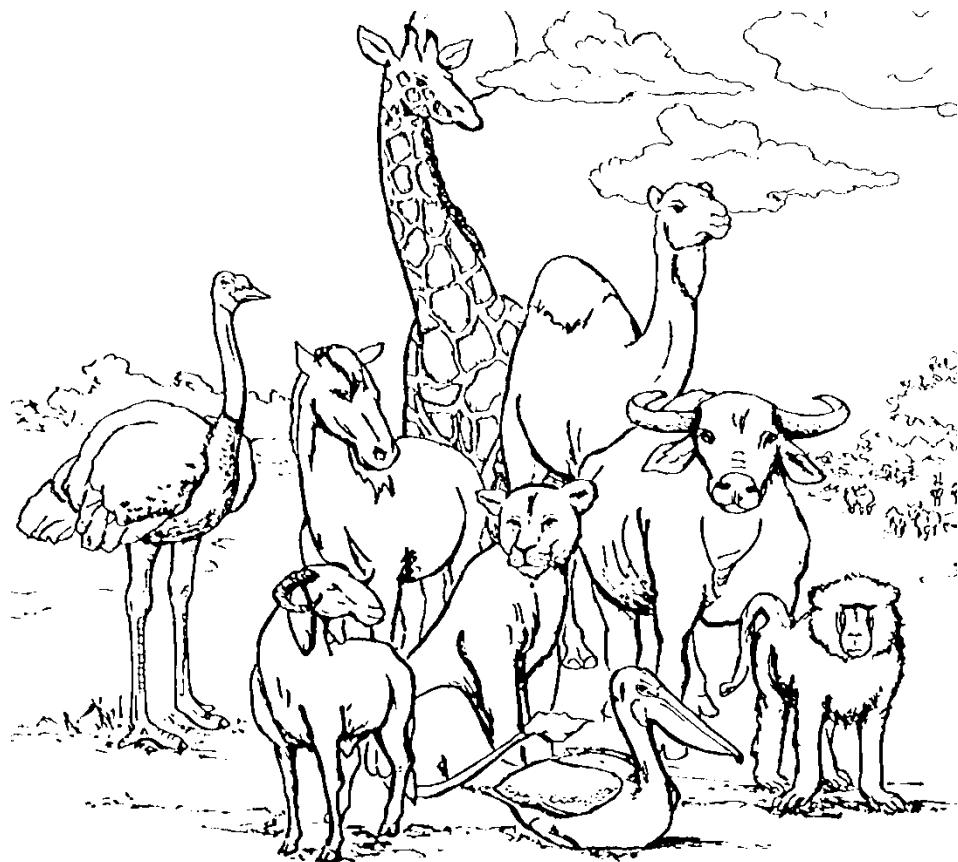
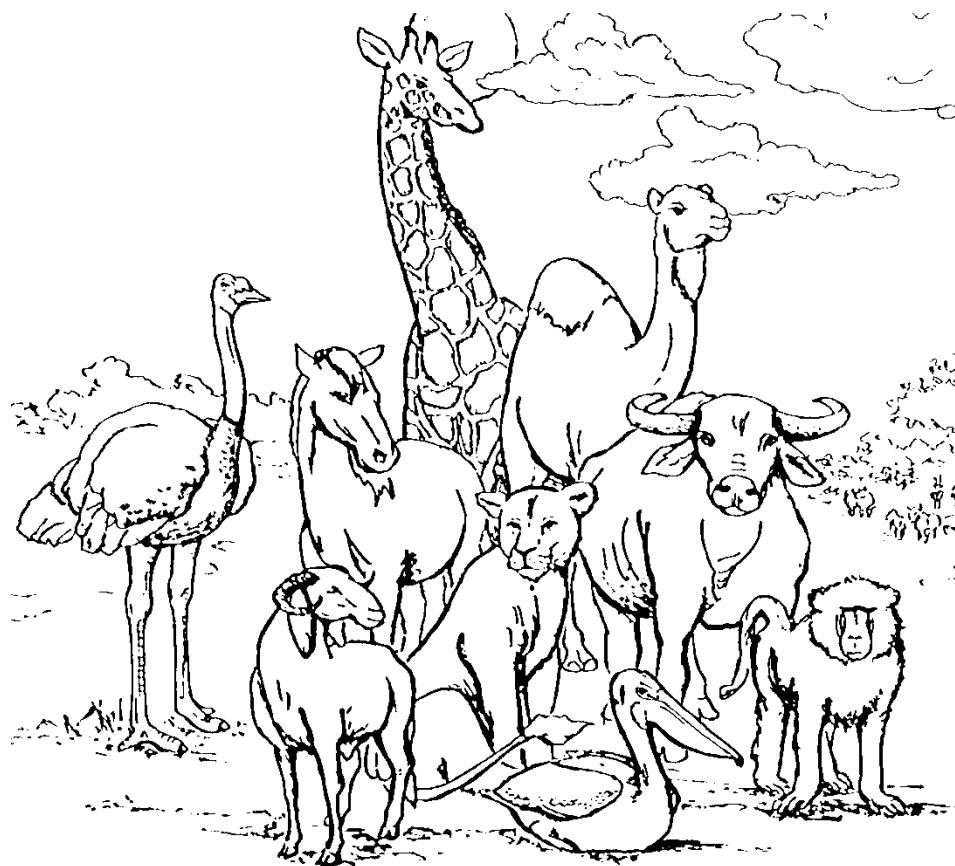


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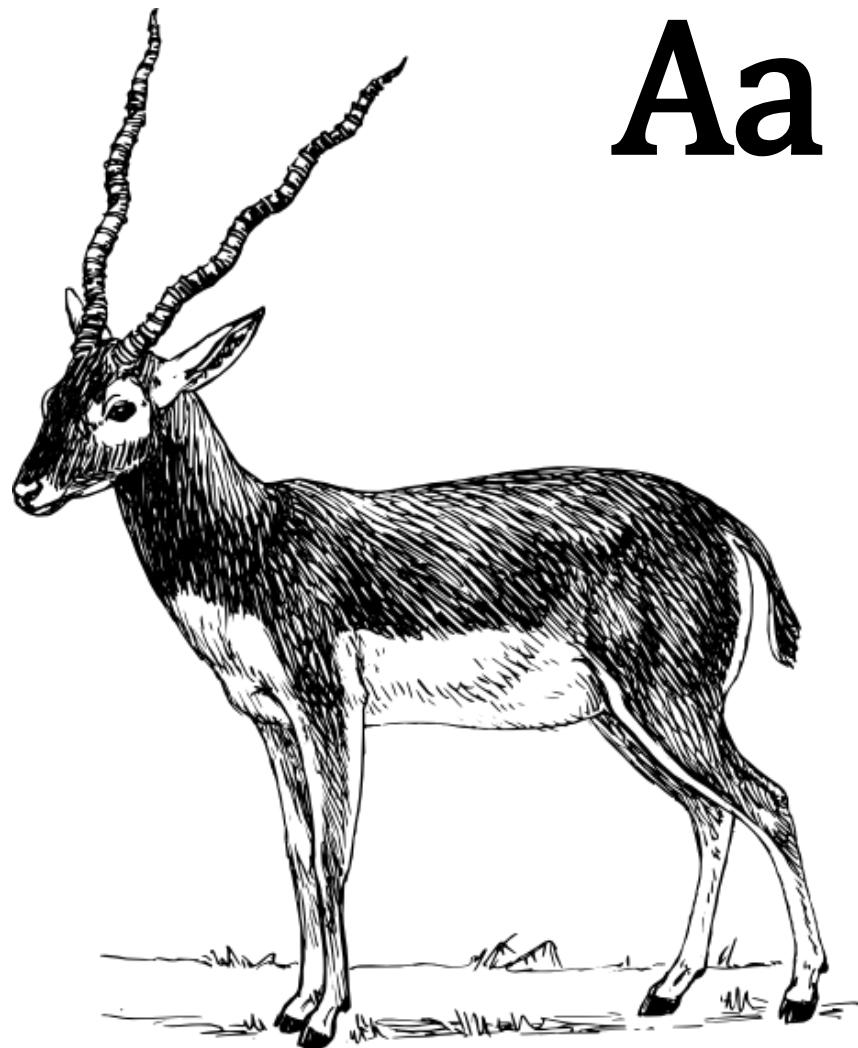
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Dedicated to
Abdulrahman Musa Garba and Mubarak
Aliyu Majidadi

Aa



This is an antelope. It has long horns and long, thin legs. It can see, hear, and smell very well, and it runs away fast from danger. Antelopes eat grass and live on the savannah in Africa.

This is a baboon. It has a long nose and very sharp teeth. It is covered in fur except for its face and behind. Baboons are very social and live in groups called troops. They also live on the savannah in Africa.

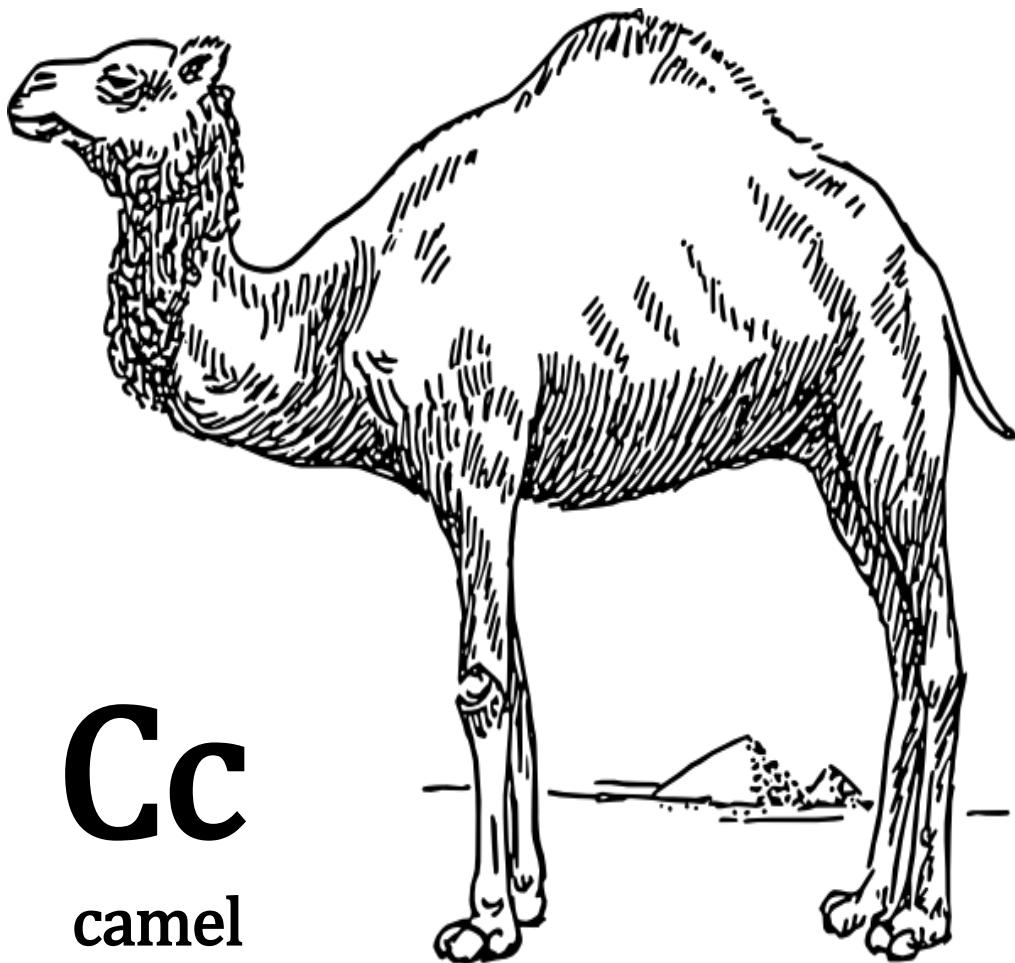
Bb

baboon



Cc

camel

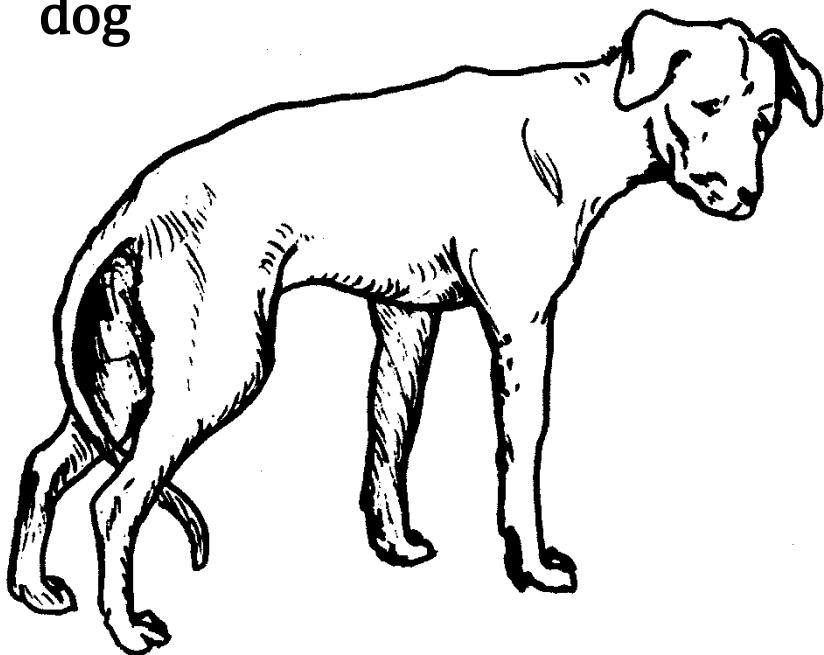


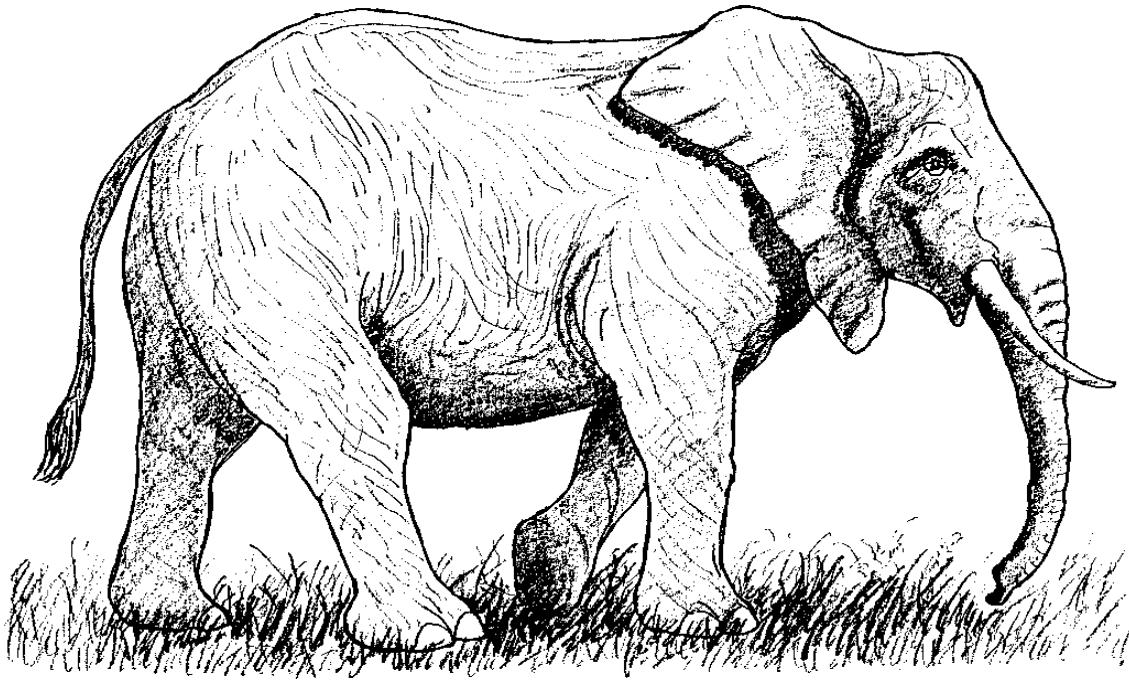
This is a camel. It is famous for the hump on its back. It can go for a long time without food or water and survive in the desert. People use camels for travel across long distances. Camels live mostly in the Middle East and Africa.

This is a dog. The dog was the first domestic animal in the world. Dogs help people with work, hunting, and protection. They are also very affectionate and loyal. Dogs are often called “Man’s Best Friend.”

Dd

dog





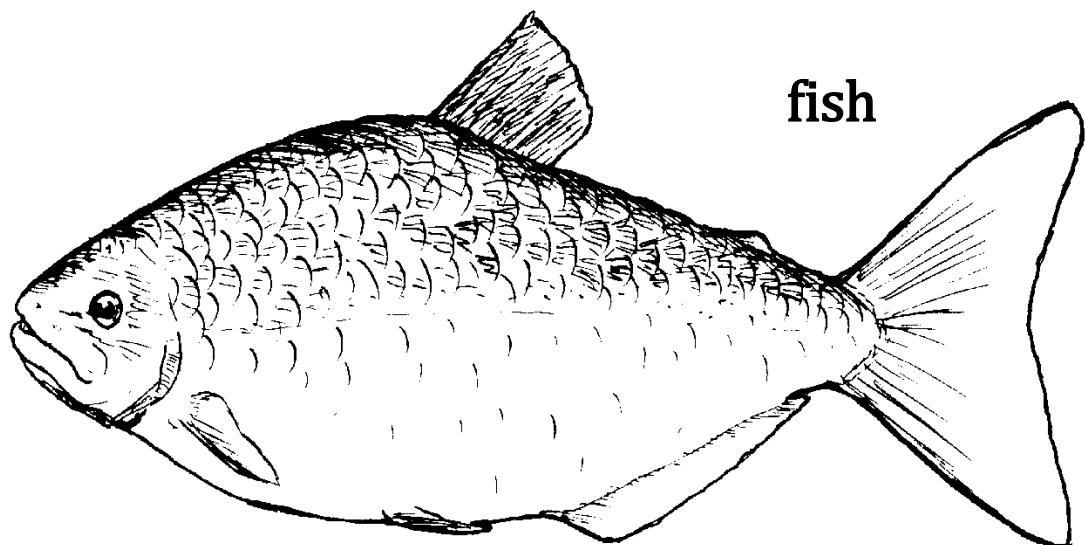
Ee

elephant

This is an elephant. It has a long nose, called a trunk, and two long teeth, called tusks, made of ivory. It can lift things with its trunk. It has large ears and a huge, heavy body. Elephants are very intelligent and take care of one another. They live in Asia and Africa.

This is a fish. It lives in water. It can “breathe” under the water using a special organ behind its head called gills. Its skin is covered in scales. It swims by moving its fins and tail. Many people catch fish with nets for food. Fish are a good source of protein and vitamins and minerals.

Ff





This is a goat. It is a domestic animal with horns, four legs, and a short tail. It normally eats grass and plants. Goats like to explore. They are also very good climbers. People raise goats for their meat and milk. There are many different kinds of goats all over the world.

This is a horse. It is also a domestic animal. It has hair on its neck, called a mane, and a hairy tail. It has a strong body and can run very fast. Horses come in many different colors and markings. People on all over the world use horses for travel, work, and racing.



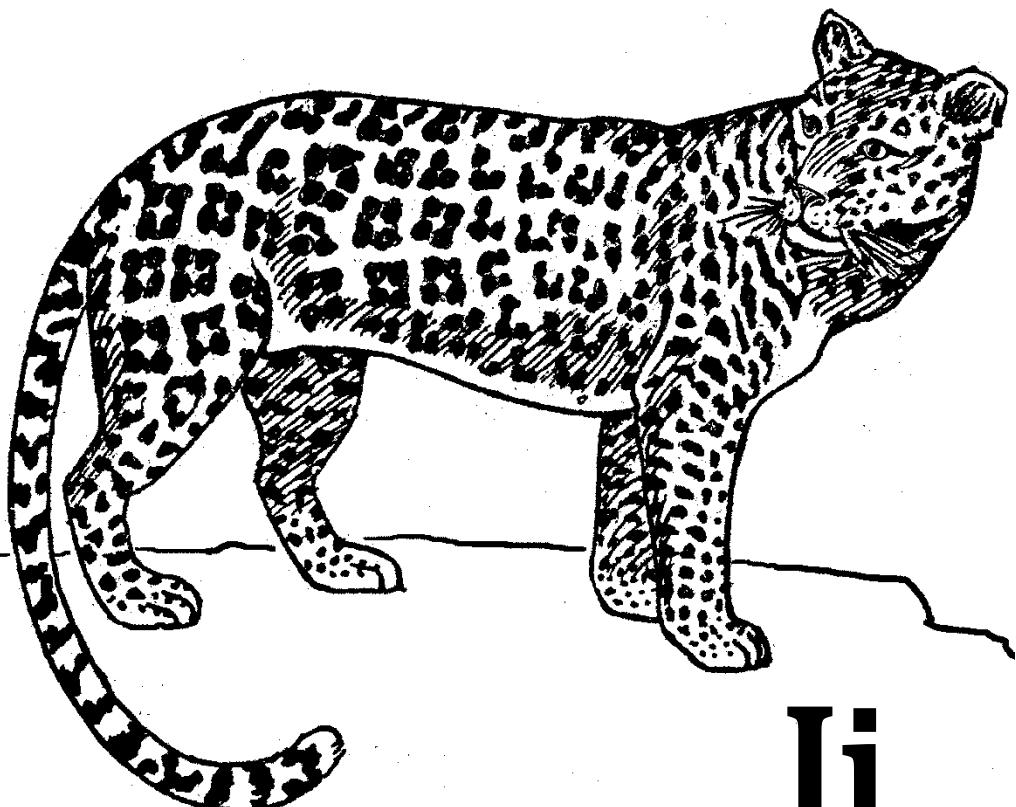
Ii

iguana



This is an iguana. It is a large lizard. It has a scaly body with spines on its back and tail. If an iguana loses its tail, it can grow another one. Iguanas have great eyesight and can see things far away. Some people like to keep them as pets. Iguanas live in the tropics.

This is a jaguar. It is a large wild animal that belongs to the cat family. It has fur covered with spots and a long tail. It is carnivorous, which means it eats other animals to survive. It has a very strong bite. Adult jaguars live alone and are found in the Americas

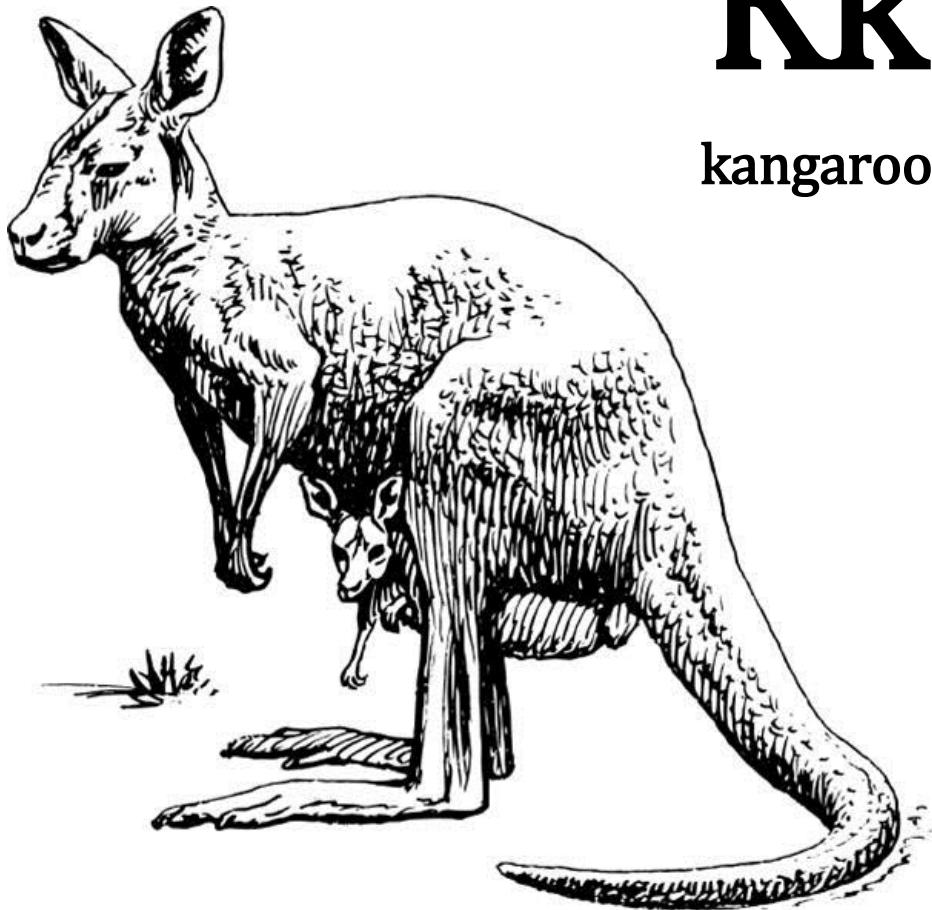


Jj

jaguar

Kk

kangaroo

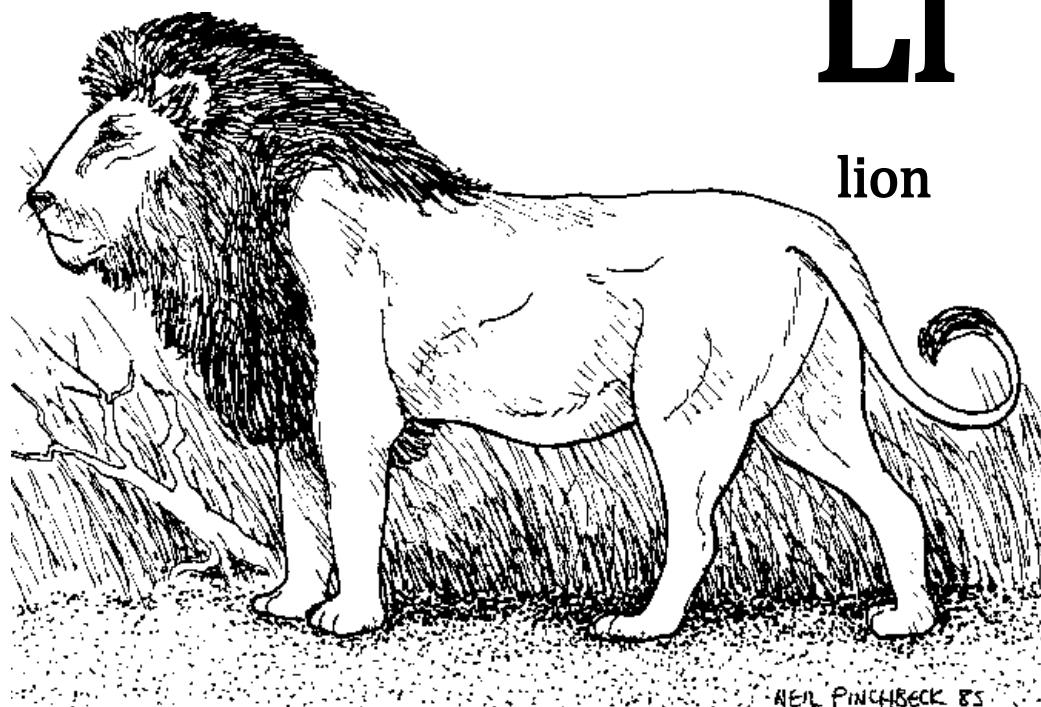


This is a kangaroo.

It has two strong back legs and a thick tail. It can jump very far and fast. It uses its tail for balance. It also has a pouch for carrying its babies. Kangaroos live in Australia.

This is a lion. It is known as the “King of the Jungle.” The thick hair around its neck is called a mane. It has sharp teeth and claws and a long tail. It is also carnivorous and hunts other animals for food. It usually sleeps by day and hunts by night. Lions live in Africa and Asia.

Ll





Mm

mouse

This is a mouse.

It is a small, furry animal with round ears and a long tail. Mice can survive almost anywhere. In the wild, they dig tunnels underground. They also live in people's homes. Scientists often use mice in experiments in laboratories.

This is a nightingale. It is a small bird with long, thin legs and a white belly. It sings loudly day and night. Its song has been described as one of the most beautiful sounds in nature. Nightingales live in Europe and Asia.

Nn

nightingale





Oo

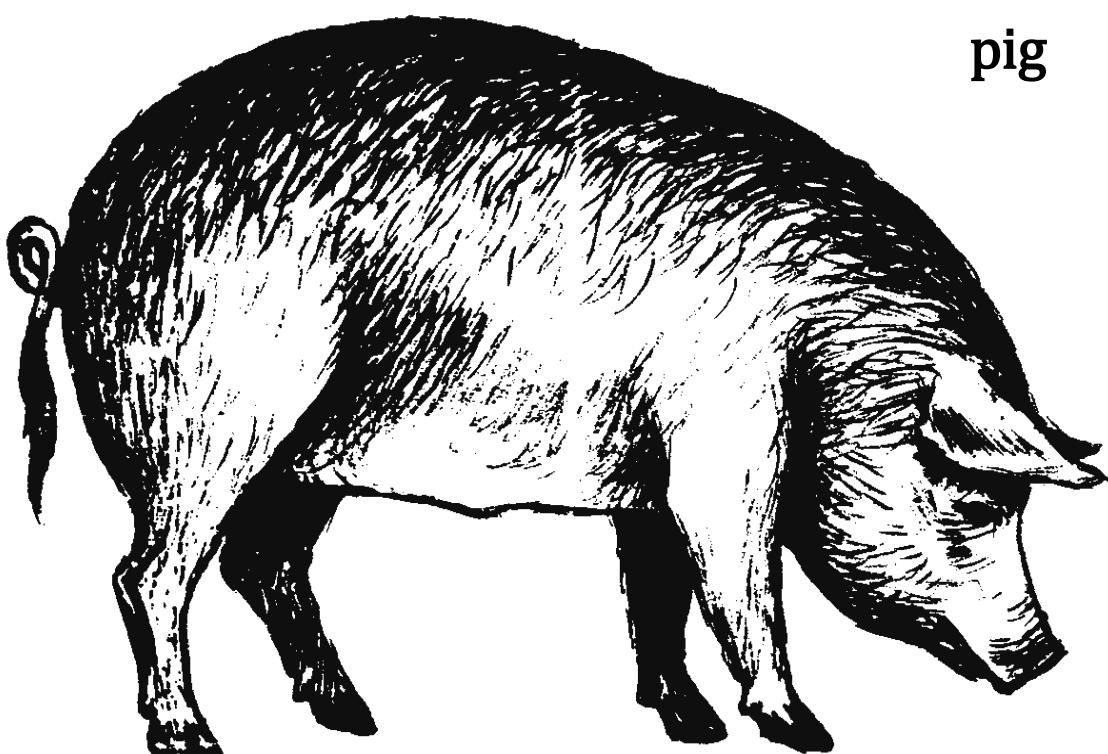
ostrich

This is an ostrich. It is the largest bird alive today. It is even taller than a human. It has a long neck and two long legs. It can run faster than any other animal on two legs, but it cannot fly. Ostriches live in Africa.

This is a pig. It is a domestic animal with a long snout, a flat nose, a fat body, and a curly tail. It likes to eat and uses its snout to find food. In many countries people raise pigs for meat, but some religions forbid eating them. Pigs can pass many diseases to humans. Some species of pigs live in the wild.

Pp

pig



Qq

quail

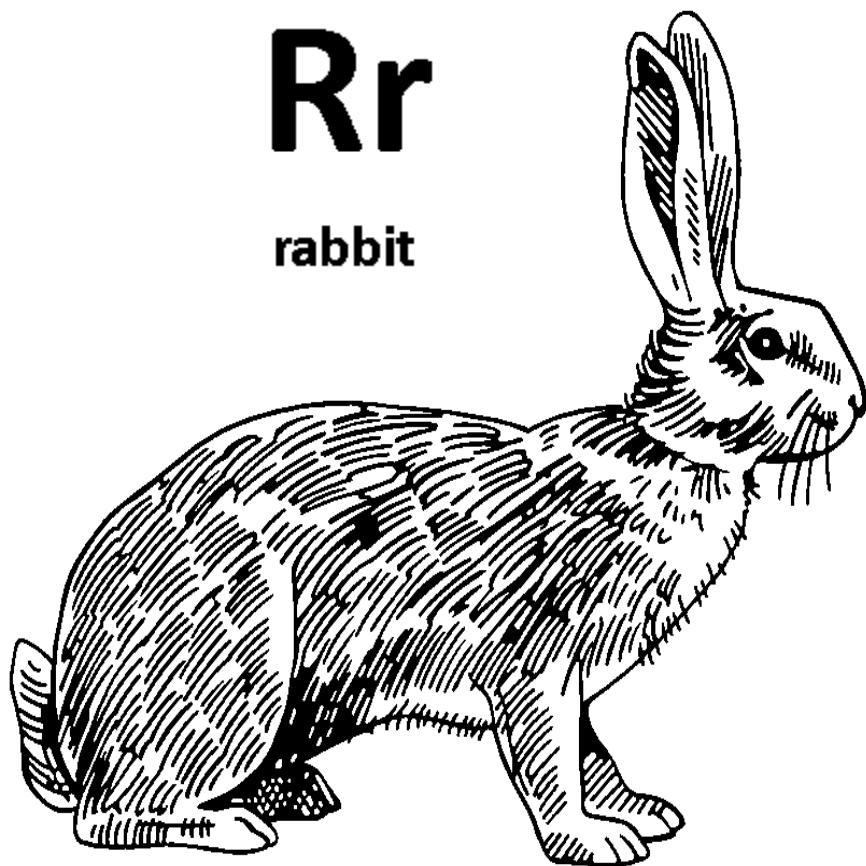


This is a quail. It is a bird of medium size, often with brown feathers and a short tail. Many people hunt or raise quail for their delicious meat and eggs. Quail often hide in the brush and are hard to see. There are 130 different quail species in the world.

This is a rabbit. It has long ears, soft fur, and a short, fluffy tail. It has large back legs and can hop very fast. Rabbits live underground in holes called burrows. Some people keep rabbits for meat or as pets. Rabbits are common in folktales.

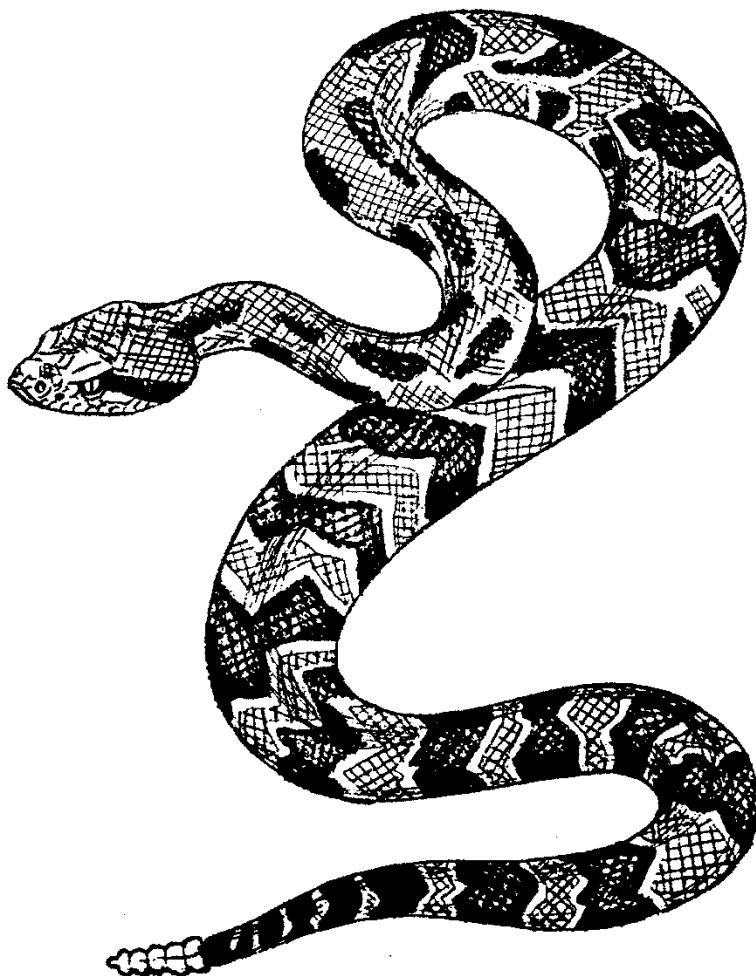
Rr

rabbit



Ss

snake

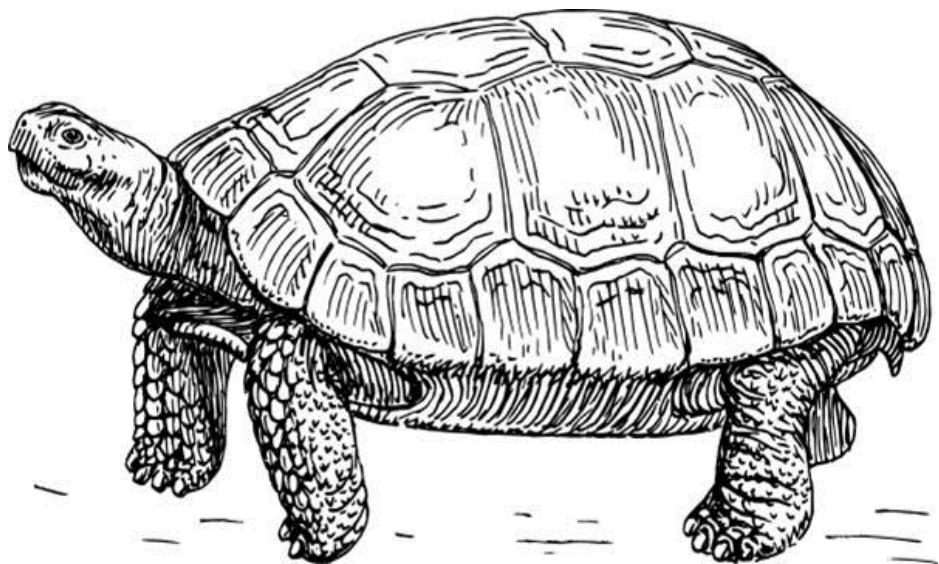


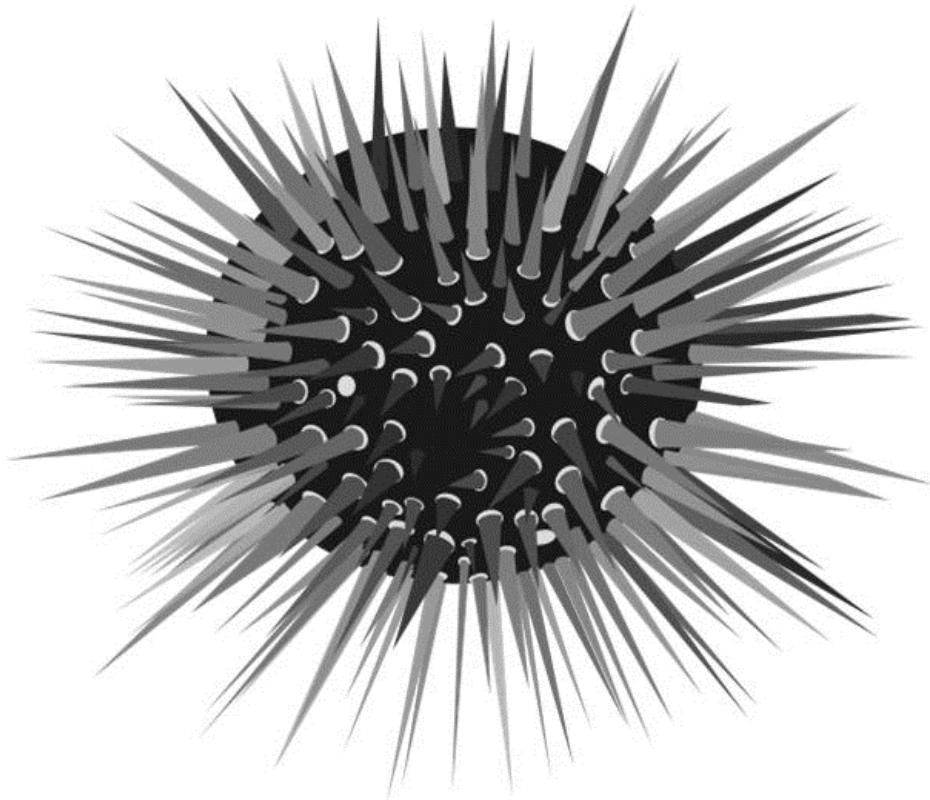
This is a snake. It is a long reptile with no hands or feet. It uses its tongue to smell. It can open its mouth wide enough to swallow an animal larger than its own head. Some snakes are venomous, but many are not. A venomous snake bite can kill a human.

This is a tortoise. It is one of the oldest reptiles. It has scaly skin, four sturdy legs, and a hard shell on its back. It is famous for moving slowly because its shell is so heavy. It can hide in its shell when it is in danger. In many folktales the tortoise is patient and wise.

Tt

tortoise





Uu

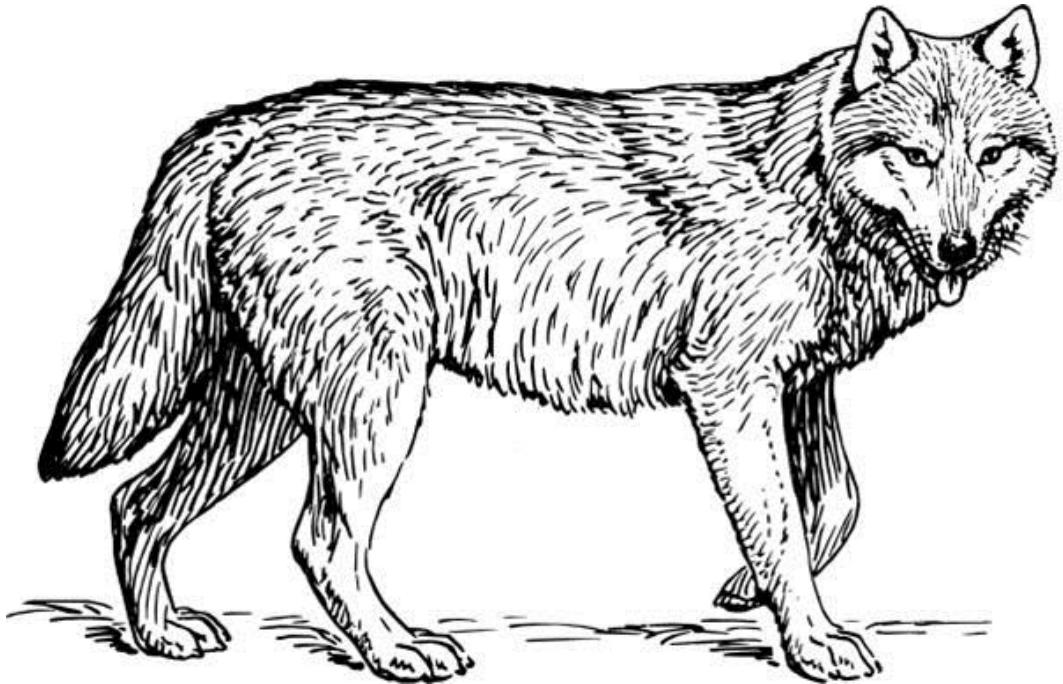
urchin

This is a sea urchin. It lives on the ocean floor. It is small and round like a ball. It is covered in long, sharp spines which protect it from other animals who want to eat it. Some sea urchins can live for 200 years.

This is a vulture. It is a large bird with no feathers on its neck and head. Vultures are scavengers. This means they do not hunt for themselves but wait and eat animals that have already died.

Vv
vulture





Ww

wolf

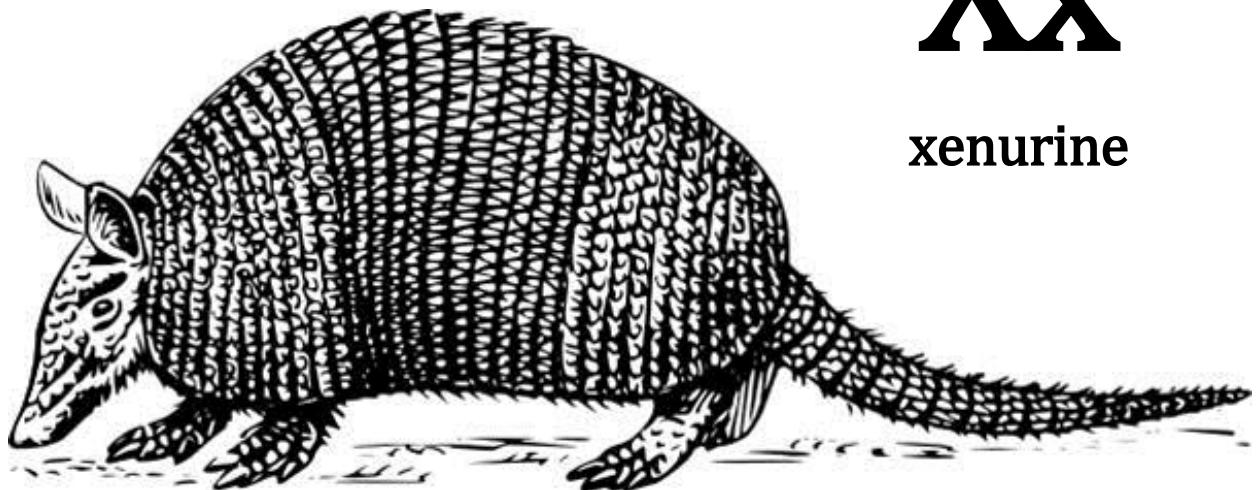
This is a wolf.

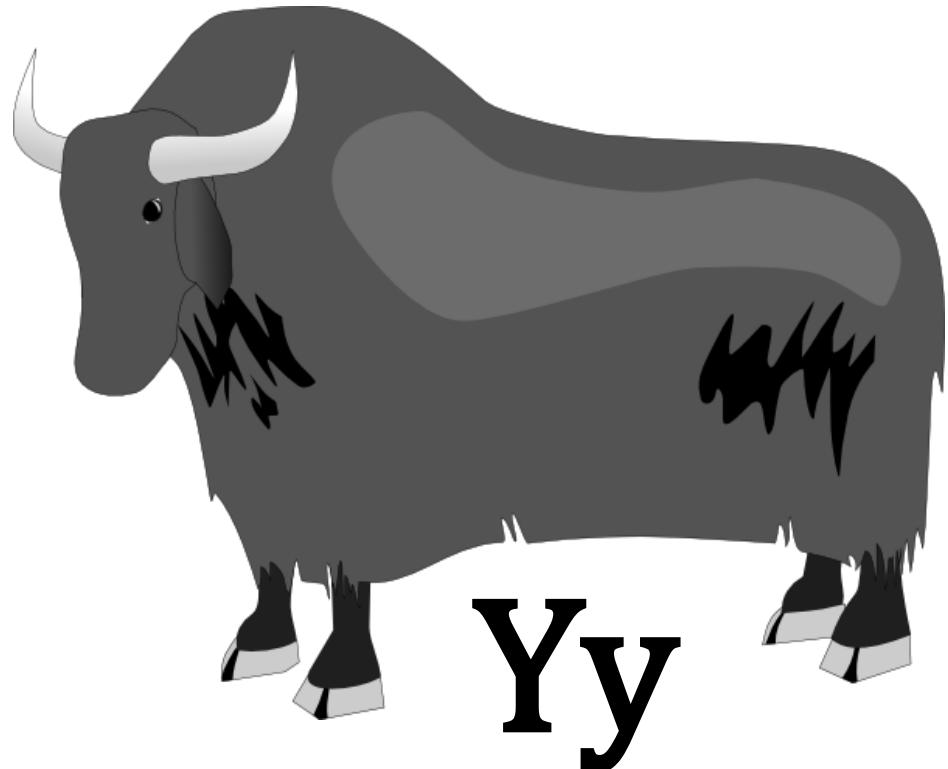
It is the ancestor of dogs, so it resembles a dog but is bigger and still wild. Wolves live in groups called packs and hunt other animals like deer. Wolves are famous for their howl. Most wolves live in North America.

This is a Xenurine. Its more common name is an armadillo. It comes from South America. It has a leathery armor shell, four short legs with claws, and a tail. It cannot see very well, so it uses its nose and claws to dig for food. When in danger, some armadillos can roll up into a ball and protect themselves with their armor.

Xx

xenurine





Yy

yak

This is a Yak.

It is a large,
long-haired animal related to the cow. It has
curved horns and strong, sturdy legs and hooves.
Some yaks are wild, and some are domestic. They
are very friendly and easy to train. Yaks live in
Central Asia.

This is a zebra. It is similar to a horse, but it is famous for its black and white stripes. Each zebra's stripes are unique and different from other zebras'. Zebras live in groups called herds and eat grass. They always watch out for attacks by lions. Zebras live in Africa.



Check Your Understanding!

1. Which animals in this book are domestic?
2. Which animals are carnivorous?
3. Which animals do not have legs?
4. How does each animal protect itself from danger?
5. Which is your favorite animal in this book, and why?

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