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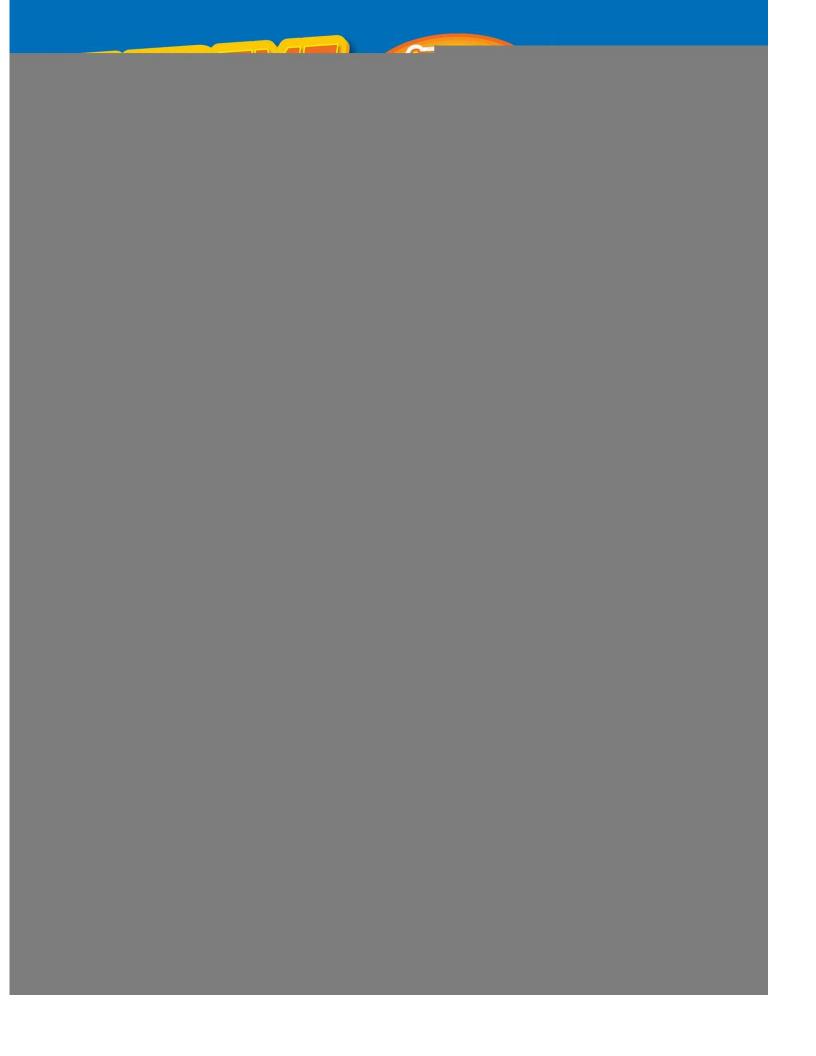
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Red foxes are the most widespread meat-eating mammals in the world. Their natural range covers much of the northern hemisphere.

Foxes sometimes leap straight up into the air to pounce down on a mouse scurrying through the grass.

INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

A HUMPBACK FENDS OFF A GROUP OF KILLER WHALES ATTACKING A HELPLESS SEAL.

It is early morning in Antarctica. A Weddell seal rests on an ice floe, but danger lurks all around. Dark, tall dorsal fins slice through the water surrounding the floe.

Wildlife biologist and killer whale expert Robert Pitman of La Jolla, California, watches the action from a research ship. In Antarctica to study the killer whales, Pitman gets a front-row seat to witness an amazing hunt with a surprise ending.





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Beneath the water a pod of killer whales stalks the defenseless seal. Their collective strategy is to create waves to wash the seal off the floe and into their hungry midst. Breakfast! The whales swim toward the floe, turning together to create a mini-tsunami that sweeps over the ice.

2

"The frightened seal washes off the floe into the water, just as the killer whales had intended," says Pitman. But rather than allow itself to become an instant meal, the desperate seal swims frantically toward a large object in the water nearby, intent on sliding up onto any shelter out of the water. "Seals have been known to leap aboard small boats as they try to escape killer whales," says Pitman.



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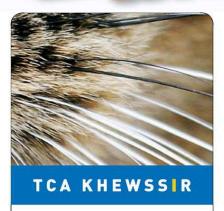


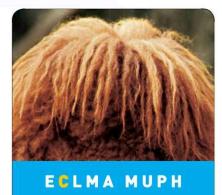
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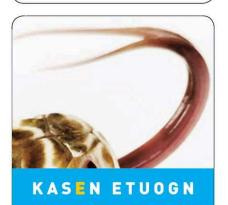
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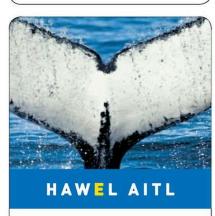




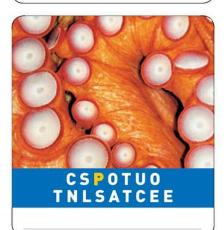




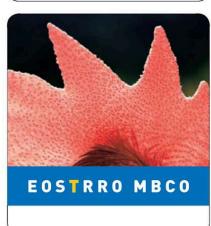








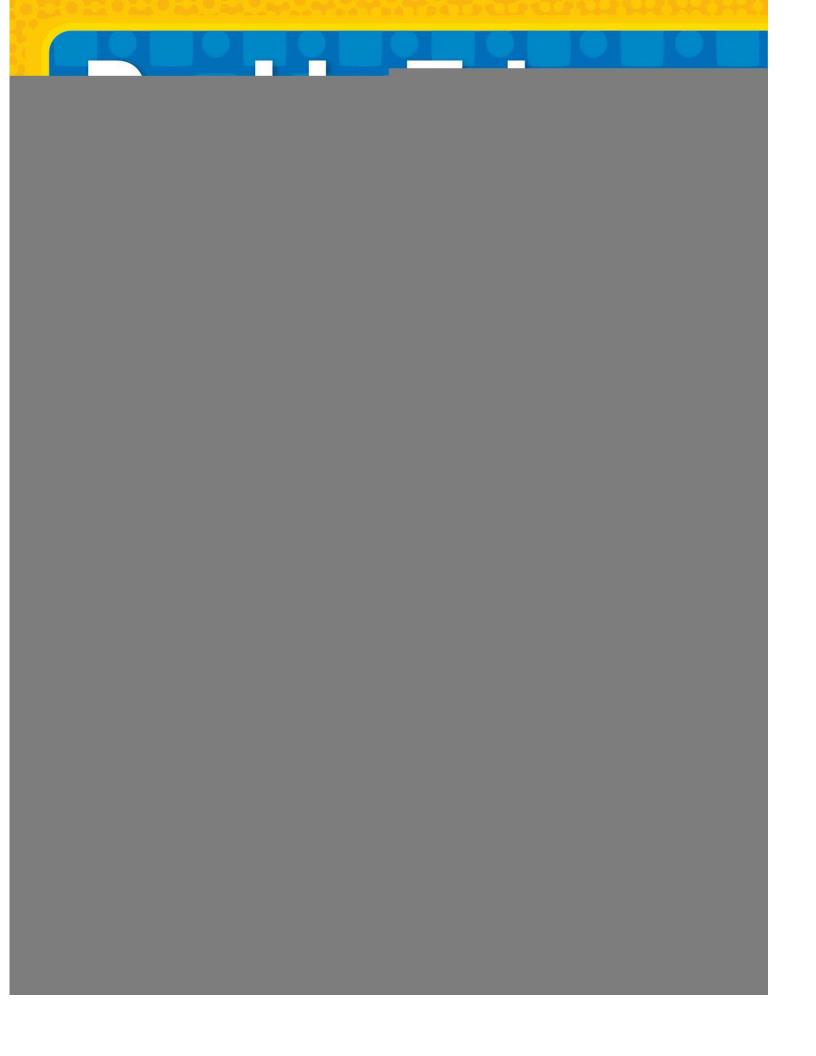




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HINT: This bug would need 50 pairs of shoes.

ANSWER:





in the

You can play as your Mii™ character in all four Mario Sports Mix sports.

For the first time in Mario sports history, Mii™ characters have burst onto the scene. The Mii skill area is classified as All-Around, putting the characters on the same level as Mario, Luigi and Yoshi. The sports world is already buzzing with speculation as to who will come out victorious with the new player lineup.

Playing with Mii characters in the games has already proven to be a hit with families.









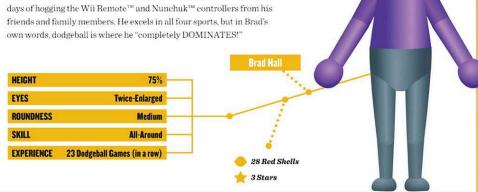
Player Shana A. of Piedmont, South Dakota, said that she loves seeing the look of defeat on her Dad's Mii when she tosses a Bob-omb at him! We're looking forward to seeing many more looks of triumph-and disappointment-on Mii faces in the game.



Mii OF THE MONTH

Brad "Brick House" Hall

Brad skyrocketed to sports stardom after an unprecedented 10 straight





BROADBAND BATTLE

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You can tell your aunt in Arizona to brush up on her skills, and tell your friend you can thump him with a Red Shell, even 500 miles away. No matter where you are, with the Nintendo® Wi-Fi Connection and broadband Internet access, you can play against friends and rivals in single-player or 2-on-2 matchups. Let the longdistance rivalry begin.

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