## **Animal Attributes Guessing Game**



Prompt: This is an animal attributes dataset. I have a hidden animal in mind. You are allowed to ask me binary questions about the hidden animal's attributes, for you to figure out the hidden animal. After receiving an answer, at each step, you must print what your current belief distribution is, about the possible hidden animal. We can stop when there's no more distinguishing attributes between the leftover options.

(You're not allowed to solve this using programming.)

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Question 1: Is your animal a mammal?



Yes.

Great, it's a mammal.

## **Current belief distribution (45 possibilities, each ≈ 1 / 45 ≈ 2.22 percent):**

cat, dog, lion, elephant, whale, kangaroo, bat, giraffe, hippopotamus, rhino, tiger, bear, panda, cow, goat, horse, monkey, gorilla, zebra, mouse, otter, hedgehog, squirrel, chimpanzee, camel, wolf, fox, raccoon, sloth, koala, buffalo, deer, moose, platypus, echidna, armadillo, walrus, seal, porcupine, donkey, reindeer, lemur, dolphin, hamster, guinea\_pig

Question 2: Is your animal big (as defined in the dataset)?



No.

We now have 25 candidates, each with roughly  $1/25 \approx 4$  percent probability:

armadillo, bat, cat, chimpanzee, dog, dolphin, donkey, echidna, fox, goat, guinea\_pig, hamster, hedgehog, koala, lemur, monkey, mouse, otter, platypus, porcupine, raccoon, seal, sloth, squirrel, wolf

**Question 3:** Is your animal classified as a **carnivore** in the dataset?



No.

We are down to 14 options, each about  $1/14 \approx 7.1$  percent likely:

bat, chimpanzee, donkey, goat, guinea\_pig, hamster, koala, lemur, monkey, mouse, porcupine, raccoon, sloth, squirrel

**Question 4:** Is your animal a **herbivore** in the dataset?



Yes.

We are left with 6 candidates, each about  $1/6 \approx 16.7$  percent likely:

donkey, goat, guinea\_pig, koala, porcupine, sloth

**Question 5:** Is your animal **domestic** in the dataset?



No.



We now have 3 possibilities, each about  $1/3 \approx 33$  percent likely:

- koala
- porcupine
- sloth

Question 6: Can your animal swim?



No.

## **Current belief distribution**

• koala: 100 percent

All other possibilities have been eliminated, so the only animal that fits every answer you gave is the koala.

**Conclusion:** Your hidden animal is the **koala**.