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**Fly High,
Bird in the Sky!**

Why?

Why do you think zebras have stripes?

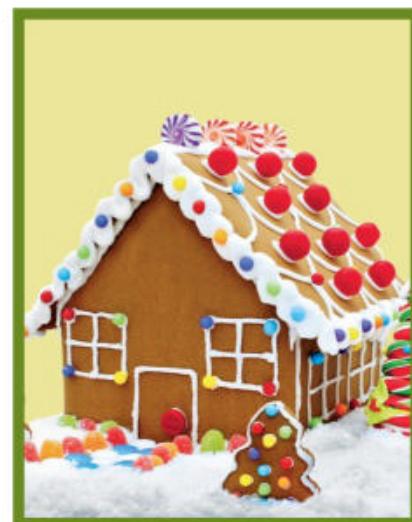
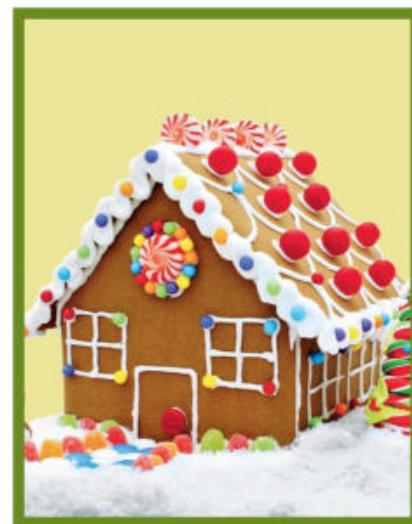


Flies bite zebras. That can make them sick. Stripes make it hard for these bugs to see the zebra. So the flies will look for another animal to bite.

This zebra lives in a country called Zambia. Find Zambia on the map on the back page.

What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.
Find the differences between it and the one below.



Find one
difference.

Find two
differences.

Find three
differences.

NATURE

That's Cool!

Meet the markhor.

SAY MY NAME: MAR-kor

A markhor lives in the mountains. It eats grass, shrubs, and twigs.

Its horns look like giant screws! If you stood next to a horn, it would be taller than you.

A male markhor grows a long, thick beard. Females have short beards.



This markhor lives in a country called Pakistan. Find Pakistan on the map on the back page.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



-HIRT



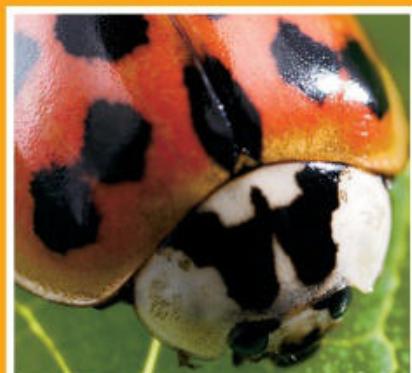
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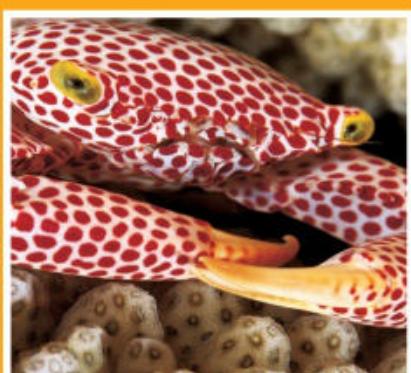
-IGGY BANK



-UG



-HOES



-RAB



-OCKS



-RESENT

Name other things with spots.

Snow Birds

Snow petrels are seabirds. They hunt fish in the icy ocean.

Snow petrels build their nests in a place called Antarctica. Find Antarctica on the map on the back page.



Sometimes, a petrel
will fly over the sea
to hunt. It hovers
just above the water.



Other times,
the petrel stands
on the edge
of the ice.



Then the bird
nabs fish
with its beak.
Now the
petrel has a
full belly.

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Snow
petrels also
eat shrimp-like
animals called
krill.

What Comes N

EASY



CANDY CANE



SNOWFLAKE



CANDY CANE



SNOWFLAKE

HARDER



SNOWMAN



STAR



HOLIDAY TREE



SNOWMAN

HARDEST



MITTEN



SWEATER



SWEATER



MITTEN

ext?

These cookies make a different pattern in each row.
Name the cookies that will come next in each line.



CANDY CANE



SNOWFLAKE



CANDY CANE



STAR



HOLIDAY TREE



SNOWMAN



SWEATER



SWEATER



MITTEN



Fancy Feet

Snowshoe hares have special feet to live in the snow.



The feet
are furry.
This keeps
their paws
warm.

The feet are webbed.
Like a snowshoe,
webbed feet keep
the hare from
sinking into deep snow.

A hare
is not a rabbit!
These are two
different kinds
of animals.



Many snowshoe hares live in a country called Canada. Find Canada on the map on the back page.

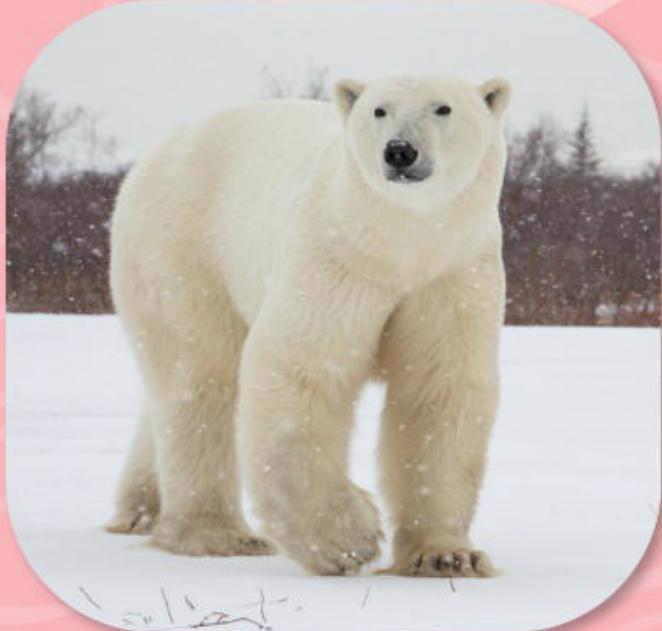
The feet are big.
This helps the hare
leap away from
hungry animals.



The feet have strong
toes. This helps the
hare reach its leafy
lunch in tall bushes.

Sweet Feet

Here are other animals that have special feet to walk on snow.



Polar Bear



Arctic Fox



SAY MY NAME:
TAHR-mih-guhn

Willow Ptarmigan



Snow Leopard

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Watch for Weather

Match each picture
to a description
of weather below.



1

You can't see
me, but I
make leaves
fly and take
your kite high.

2

I fall from
the sky and
make great
puddles to
splash in.

3

I'm cold
and float
softly to
the ground.



4

I crash to
the ground
in round,
icy chunks.

5

I flash
brightly
across the sky,
often when
it rains.

6

I shine,
brighten
the day,
and warm
your face.

WALRUS

Walruses live in water. They swim in the cold ocean. They hunt there, too. Walruses also live out of the water. They sleep on floating ice. They hang out on rocky land. Their bodies are perfect for living on land and in water. Here are some of the ways.

Walruses eat clams and snails.

Four flippers help them crawl on land and swim in the ocean.



They breathe air like you do. Their noses close underwater so they can hold their breath.

Whiskers wiggle in sand on the ocean floor like fingertips to feel for hidden food.

A walrus tusk is an extra-long tooth.

Two long tusks hook into floating ice to help the big walrus climb out of the water.

These small holes are ears. A walrus can hear very well under and out of the water.

A thick layer of fat under the skin keeps the walrus warm on ice or in freezing water.

Many walruses live in water near a country called Norway. Find Norway on the map on the back page.

THE PLANET VENUS



Venus is the hottest planet in our solar system. It has an atmosphere of thick clouds. The clouds hold in heat like a blanket, making Venus very hot.



Venus
has
volcanoes.

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the
pages of



Counting Cuties

Count the animals in each group. Look at the numbers next to the picture. Find the number that is the same as the number of animals.

1

2

3

4



1

2

3

4

1

2

3

4



1

2

3

4



Can you draw
your favorite
animal on another
piece of paper?



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MANDRILL

mandrill

FUN FACTS

The mandrill is the largest kind of monkey. It can weigh as much as a small woman. Mandrills live in forests in parts of Africa.



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MALLARD

mallard

FUN FACTS

Mallards are ducks. There are many kinds of ducks. Mallards are one kind that you might see in a pond, lake, or river.



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PURPLE SEA URCHIN

purple sea urchin

FUN FACTS

This colorful animal lives in the ocean. The sharp spines that cover its body protect it from predators.



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CARACAL

caracal

FUN FACTS

**Caracal kittens grow up quickly.
They are on their own by the
time they are 10 months old.**



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RACCOON DOG

raccoon dog

FUN FACTS

Raccoon dogs are wild animals related to foxes and wolves. Their faces make them look a bit like raccoons.



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STRAWBERRY POISON FROG

strawberry poison frog

FUN FACTS

Poison frogs are brightly colored. Their color warns other animals: “Don’t try to eat me. My skin is poisonous!”



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A map shows where places are. This map shows countries where some of the animals in your magazine live.



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Which animal here can fly?

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