

VOCABULARY

# The animal kingdom

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English

## Learning outcomes

- I can identify and label various animals.
- I can talk about my favourite animal and give reasons for my preference.



## Warm-up

**Are you a cat  
person or a dog  
person?**

**Share your answer with the  
rest of the class!**





# What kind of person are you?



I'm more of a **dog person**, I guess. We always had a dog when I was growing up.

I'm a **cat person**, for sure! They are much easier to take care of than dogs.

The highlighted phrase is another way of saying that you like dogs or cats (and prefer one to the other).

Why do you think people often have a **preference** when it comes to these animals?





# Vocabulary

**lion**



**Lions** live in Africa.

**tiger**



**Tigers** are orange and black.

**bear**



**Bears** are brown or black.



# Vocabulary

**wolf**



A **wolf** is usually brown or grey.

**shark**



**Sharks** live in the water.



# Wild animals



Male **lions** have a mane around their head.

**Bears** sometimes fight in the spring.





# Wild animals



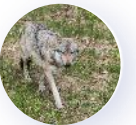
**Sharks** sometimes bite humans.

Baby **wolves** are called pups.



**Tigers** live in hot countries.

**Wolves** live in cooler countries.





# Where do these animals live?

**Categorise** these animals into the places below. You can choose more than one place.



1

tiger

2

lion

3

bear

4

wolf

5

pup

**North America**

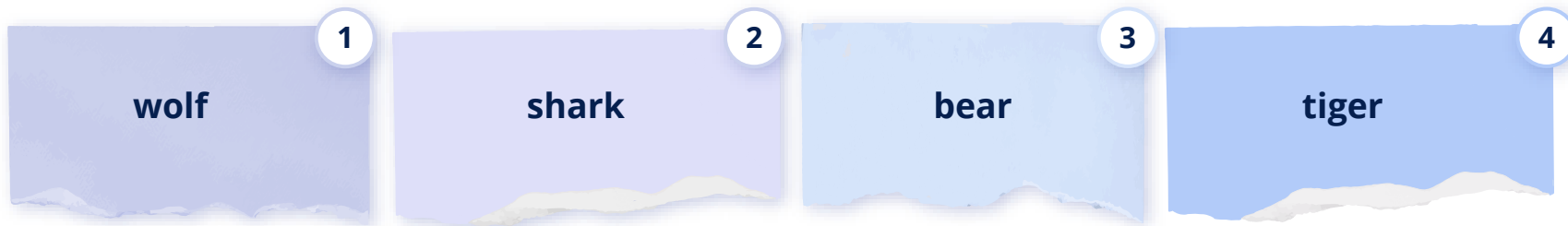
**Africa**

**Asia**



# Matching

**Match** the descriptions to the animals.



- A** One of the places this animal lives is North America. This animal has babies called cubs. This animal is often brown, but it can also be black or white. This animal is very big and can be taller than a human. It is very strong.
- B** One of the places this animal lives is Asia. This animal kills other animals for food. This animal is usually grey or brown. This animal howls at night.
- C** This animal kills other animals for food. It sleeps in the day and wakes up at night. This animal is very strong, and it can run fast. It is orange and black and it lives in Asia.
- D** People are often scared of this animal. This animal kills for food. This animal can be 5 metres long. This animal lives in the water.



# Matching

**Match** the beginnings of the sentences with their ends.

**1** Tigers are nocturnal, which means...

**2** Polar bears are...

**3** Sharks live in...

**4** Wolves live...

**5** Female lions hunt more than...

**a** ...in Asia, North America, and Eastern Europe.

**b** ...male lions.

**c** ...white.

**d** ...the waters around warm countries.

**e** ...they sleep during the day and wake up at night.



# Vocabulary

**cat**



**Cats** often live in our house.

**dog**



**Dogs** often help people who are blind.

**sheep**



**Sheep** live in a field.



# Vocabulary

goat



Some **goats** have horns.

cow



**Cows** live on a farm.





# Domestic animals



We train our **dogs**, so they are well-behaved.

A young **sheep** is called a lamb.





# Domestic animals



**Cows** give us milk.

There are many different types of **dogs**.



**Cats** have long tails.

We can drink **goat** milk.





# Categorise

**Categorise** the animals into one of the pink boxes below.



1

lion

2

dog

3

tiger

4

elephant

5

guinea pig

6

dolphin

7

chicken

8

cow

**wild animals**

**domestic animals**



## Discuss

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the questions below.

**What's your  
favourite  
animal?**

**Are there any animals you  
don't like?**





# Vocabulary

**pet**



A **pet** is an animal that lives in our house.

**to feed**



A farmer needs **to feed** his animals.

**to look after**



Mother animals **look after** their babies.





# Vocabulary

to hunt



Big animals **hunt** smaller animals for food.

predator



A **predator** kills other animals.



# Domestic animals



Cats are popular **pets**.

Cats often **hunt** mice.





# Domestic animals



Sometimes we can **feed** animals at the zoo.

Vets **look after** our **pets** when they are sick.



A shark is a **predator**.

Some people have snakes as a **pet**.





# World animals

**Read** the text.

If you travel to Europe, you'll see plenty of farms and animals. The most common are cows, which we get milk and beef from, and sheep, which we get wool from.

Farmers spend a lot of time looking after these animals, feeding them and taking them to the vet when they are sick. There are many wild animals in Europe but most of them are not dangerous to humans – there are some bears and wolves in Eastern Europe, but they are very rare.

There are a lot more dangerous predators in the wild if you go to Asia, Africa or North America. They do not hunt humans, but they can run very fast, and they will chase you if they are scared or very hungry. The most dangerous animal in the sea is the shark, so be careful if you go swimming in Australia!





# Complete the sentences

**Complete** the sentences using the text from the previous slide.

1 The most common farm animals in Europe are...



*...cows and sheep.*

2 We keep sheep for...



3 Farmers look after their animals by...



4 Dangerous wild animals in Europe are rare, but we can see...



5 Animals don't often hunt humans, but...



6 The most dangerous animal in the sea is...







# The alphabet game

**Start with A and work  
through to Z. How many  
animals can you name?**

***A is for ant!***





# End of the lesson

Idiom

***bullheaded***

**Meaning:** this adjective describes someone's personality, and it means stubborn (you don't change your mind easily, even when you are wrong about something).

**Example:** Don't be so bullheaded... It's clearly quicker, easier and cheaper to take the train rather than driving!



# Additional practice



# Fill in the gaps

**Choose** the right word(s) to complete the sentence.

1 An animal that only lives in Africa is the \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Tigers live in \_\_\_\_\_.

3 Sharks live in the \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Cats and dogs are the most popular \_\_\_\_\_.

5 We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our pets.

Asia

lion

look after

pets

ocean





# Fill in the gaps

Fill in the **gaps** with the correct word(s).

1. Animals that live in our homes are called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Cats and dogs are very popular. People often think animals that are \_\_\_\_\_ are dangerous, but they can be useful, for example, cats that kill mice.
3. Cats really enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ and they feel happy when they kill a smaller animal.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ our pets by \_\_\_\_\_ them healthy food, taking them for walks and taking them to the vet when they get sick.



predators

look after

pets

hunting

feeding



# Discuss

Answer the questions below.

**Do you have any pets?  
If not, would you like to  
have a pet?**



**What are some animals  
that live in your  
country?**



# Answer key

**P.9:**

*North America:* 3, 4, 5

*Africa:* 2

*Asia:* 1,3

**P.10:** A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2

**P.11:** 1.) e 2.) c 3.) d 4.) a 5.) b

**P.16:**

*wild animals:* 1, 3, 4, 6

*domestic animals:* 2, 5, 7, 8

**P.23:** 2.) ...wool 3.) ...feeding them and taking them to the vet when they are sick 4.) ...bears and wolves 5.) ...can run very fast and they will chase you if they are scared or hungry 6...the shark

**P.28:** 1.) lion 2.) Asia 3.) ocean 4.) pets 5.) look after

**P.29:** 1.) pets 2.) predators 3.) hunting 4.) look after, feeding



# Summary

## Identifying animals:

- *lion; tiger; bear; wolf; shark; cat; dog; sheep; goat; cow*
- ***Lions** live in Africa.*
- *People keep **cows** and **goats** for milk.*

## Describing animals:

- *pet; to feed; to look after; to hunt; predator*
- *I didn't have a **pet** when I was growing up.*
- *Lions **hunt** for food.*

## Text about world animals:

- *Read a text about where animals live and use vocabulary in context.*
- *There are a lot more dangerous **predators** in the wild if you go to Asia, Africa or North America.*



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