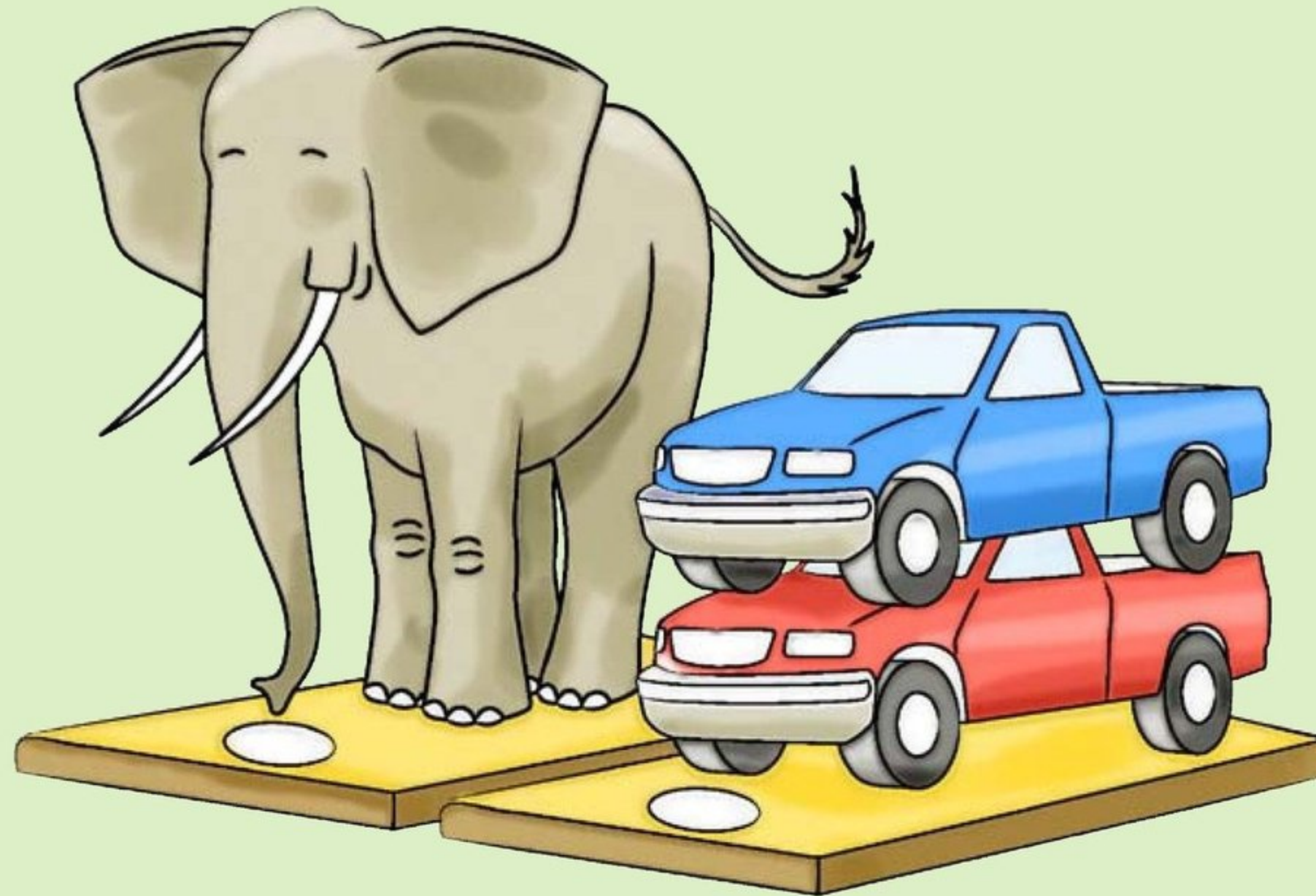


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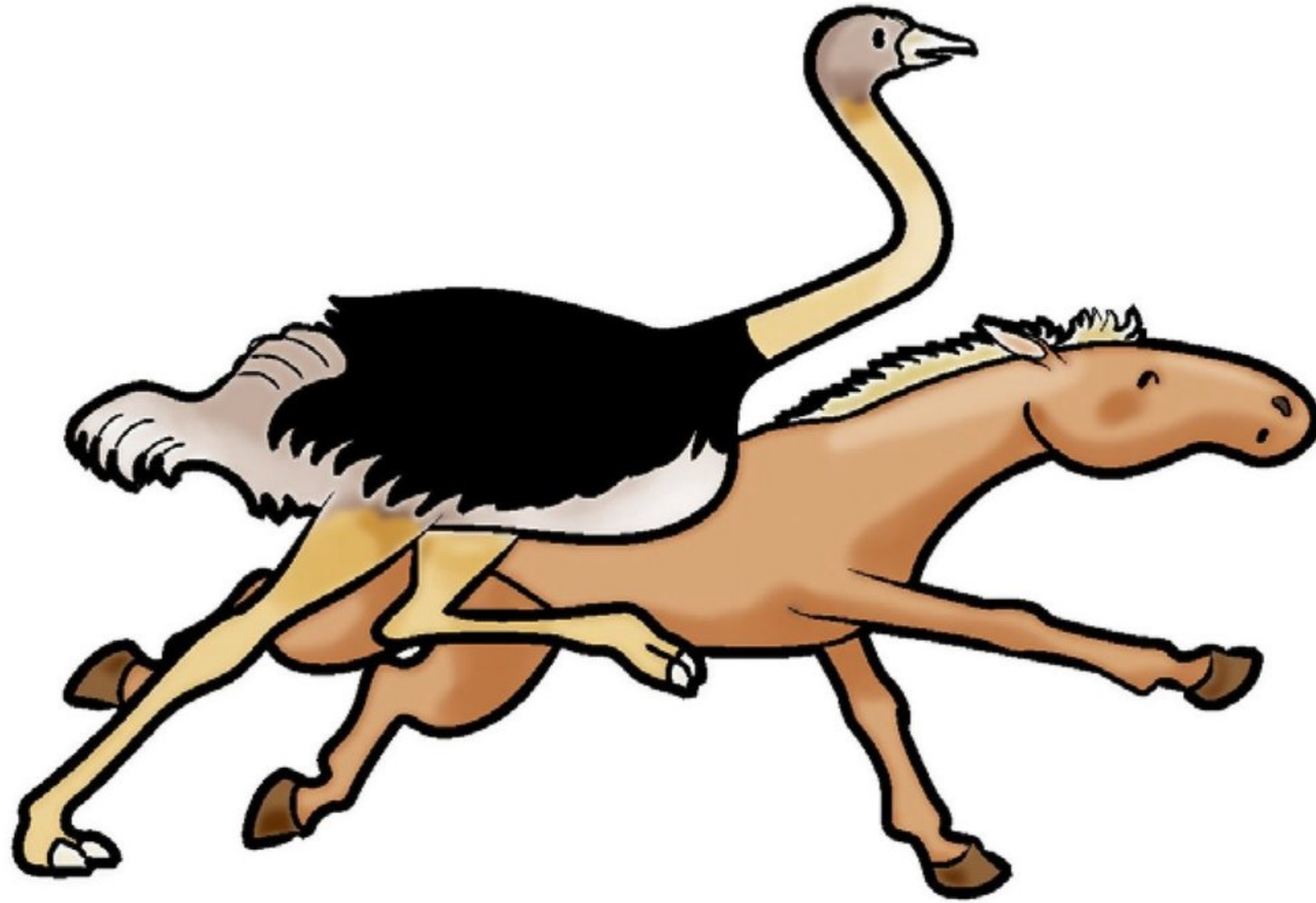
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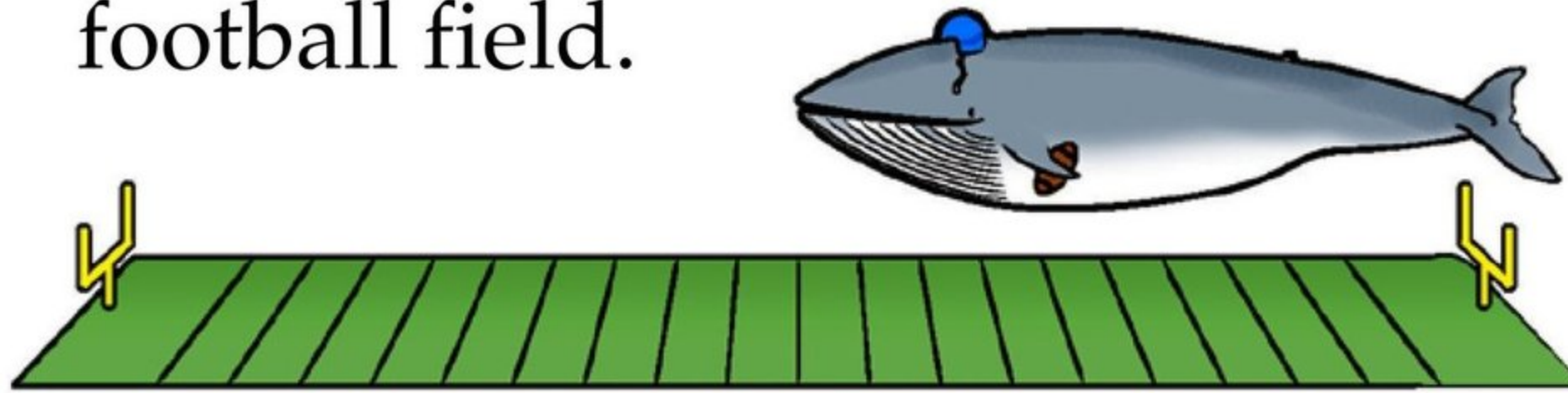


Some animals like to be different! They are extreme animals. Many of these animals have special titles. They are the tallest. They are the fastest. They are the loudest. They move, eat, and make noise in different ways. This book tells many fun facts about these animals.

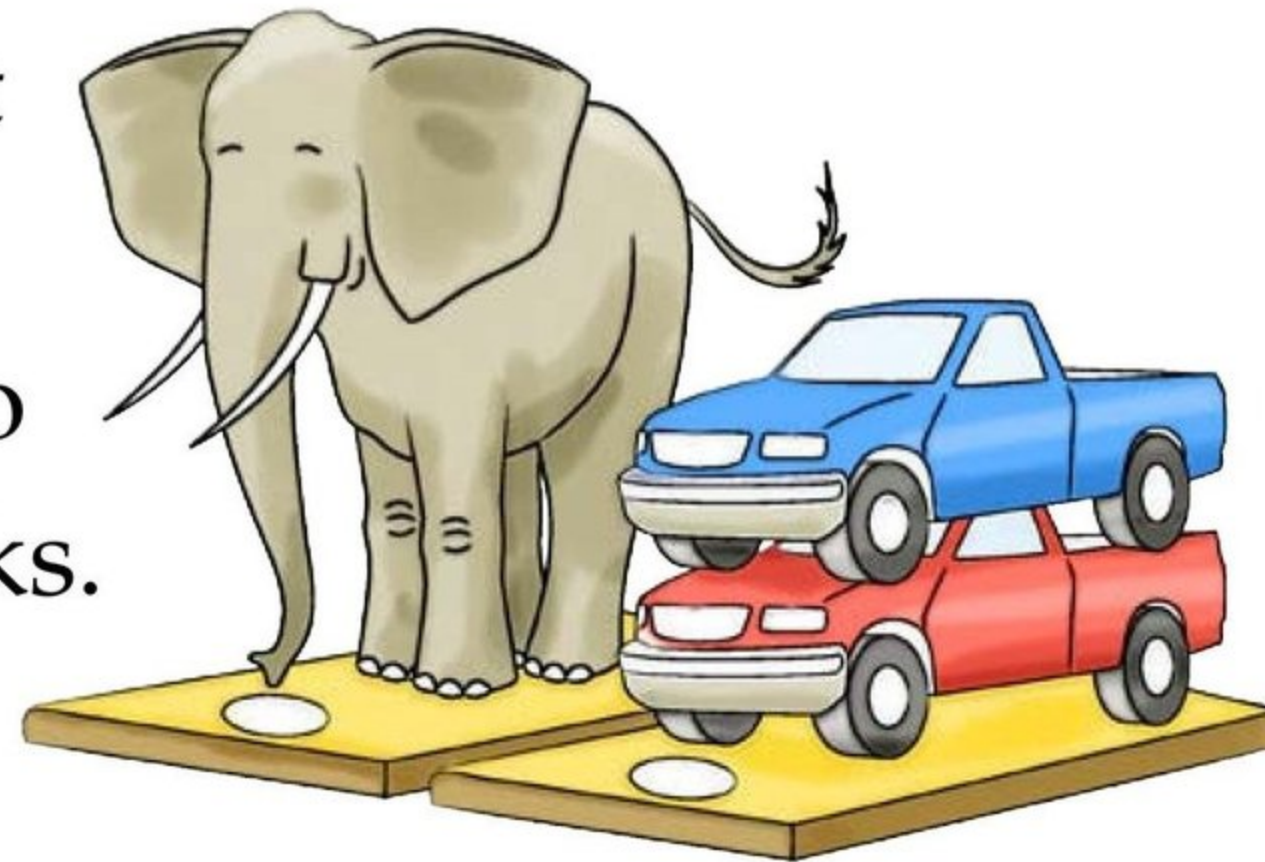


# Biggest

A blue whale is as long as half of a football field.



An elephant weighs as much as two pickup trucks.

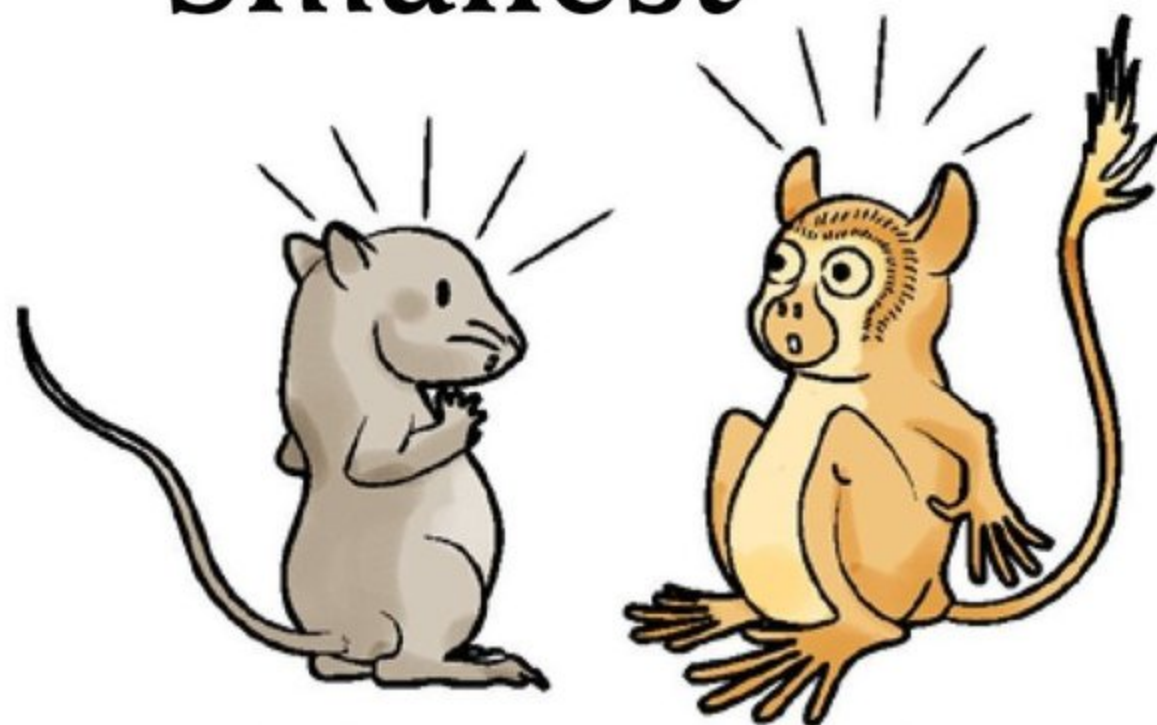


A giraffe is as tall as a two-story house.





# Smallest



One tiny type of monkey is as small as a mouse.



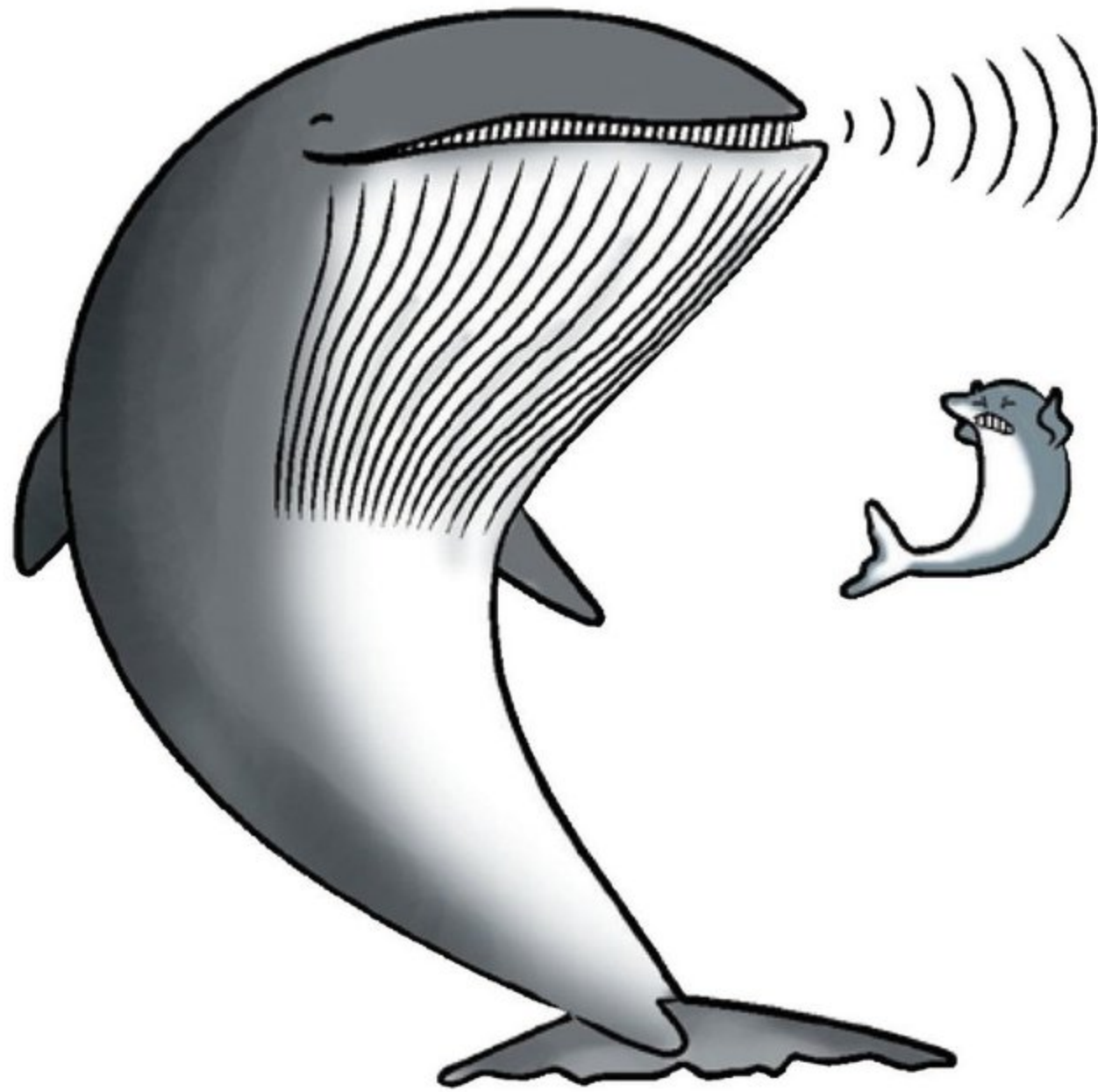
A bee hummingbird weighs less than the water in a spoon.



A Chihuahua is a little dog that can fit in your pocket.



## Loudest



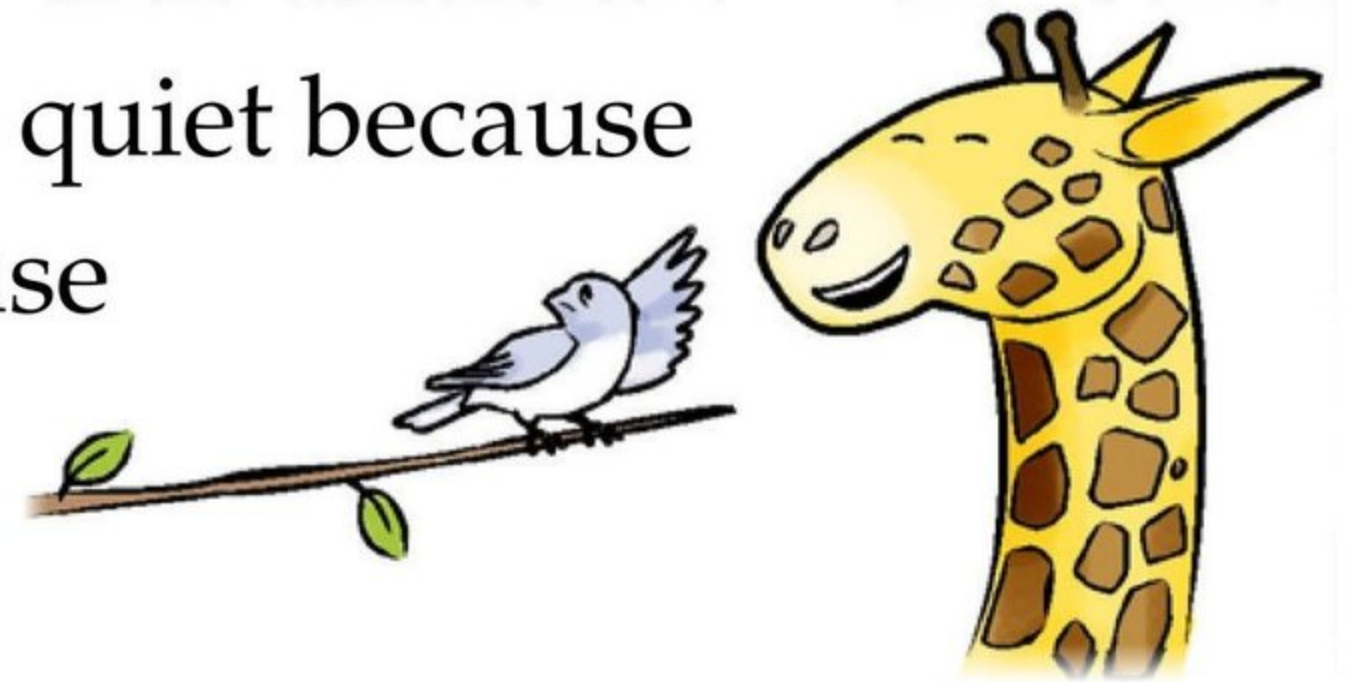
A blue whale's cries are as loud as a rocket.

The screams of a howler monkey can be heard 8 kilometers (5 mi) away.



## Quietest

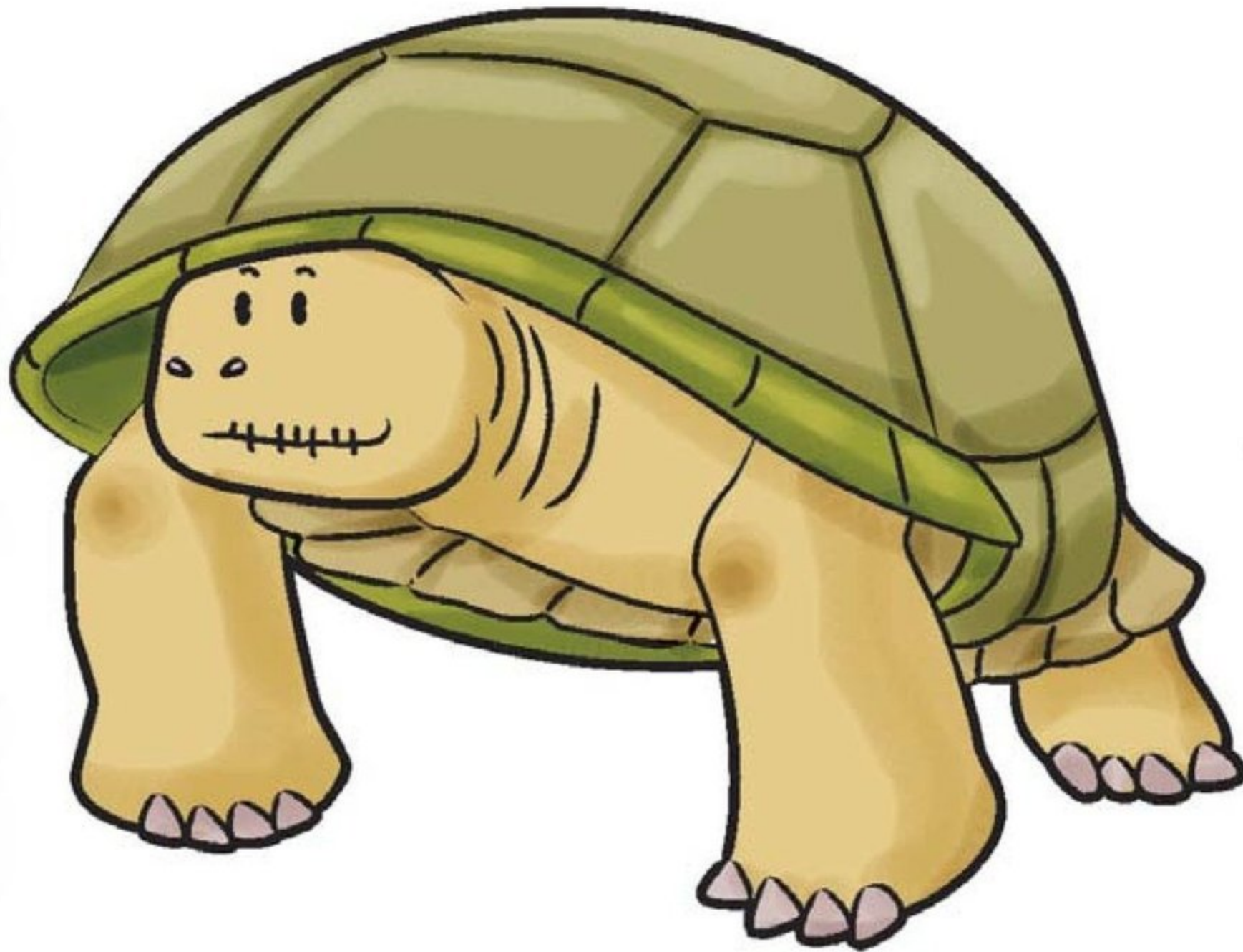
A giraffe is quiet because it doesn't use its voice.



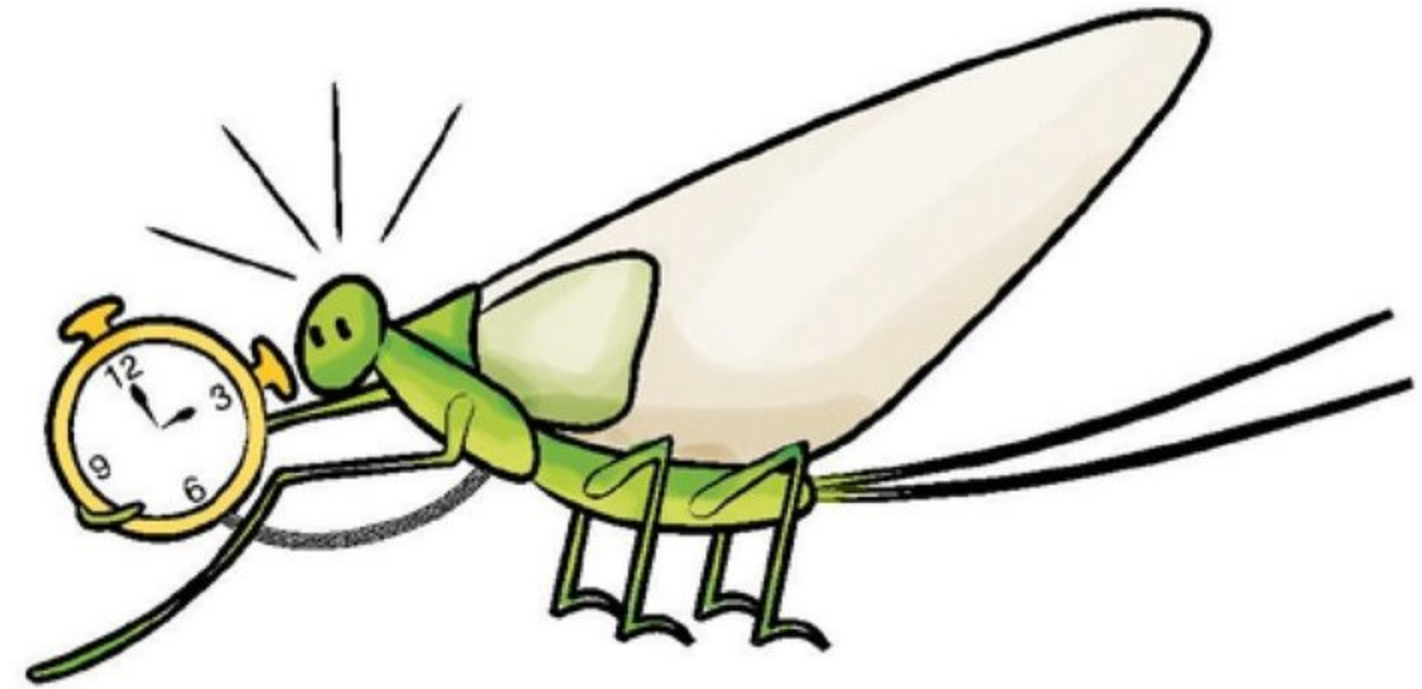


## Longest Life

A big land turtle can live for 150 years.



## Shortest Life



A mayfly lives for only one day.



## Fastest

An ostrich can run as fast as a horse.



A cheetah can run over 105 kilometers (65 mi) an hour.



One type of hawk dives as fast as an airplane flies.



## Slowest

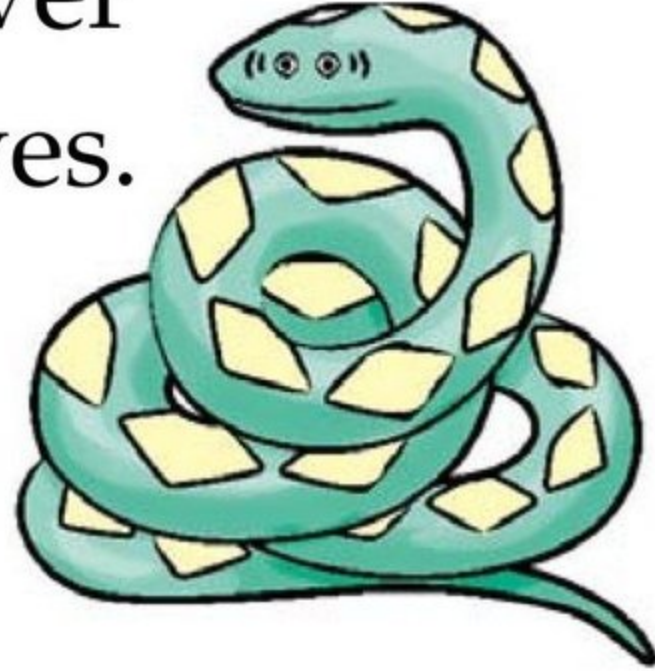
A garden snail will take a long time to crawl across your shoe.



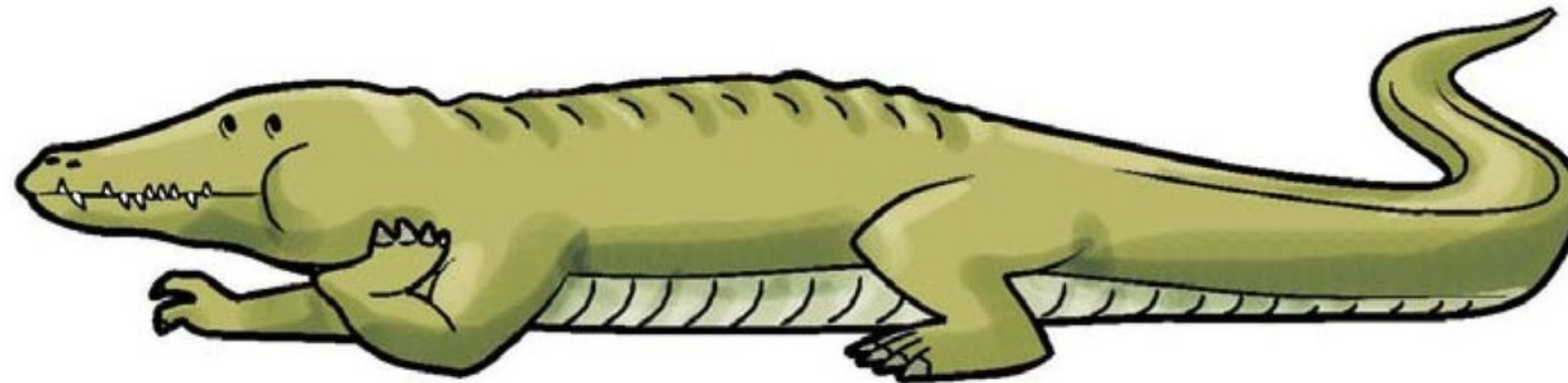
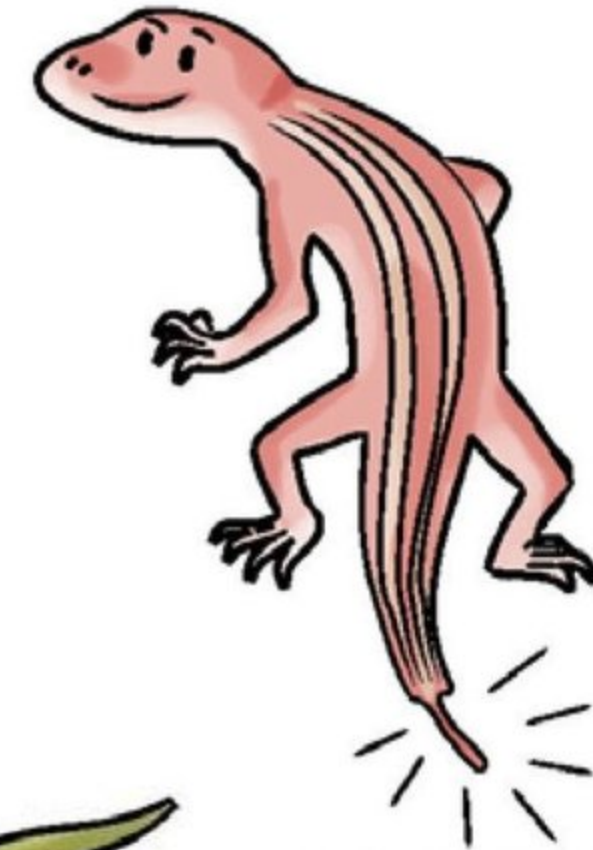


# Fun Facts About Reptiles

A snake never closes its eyes.



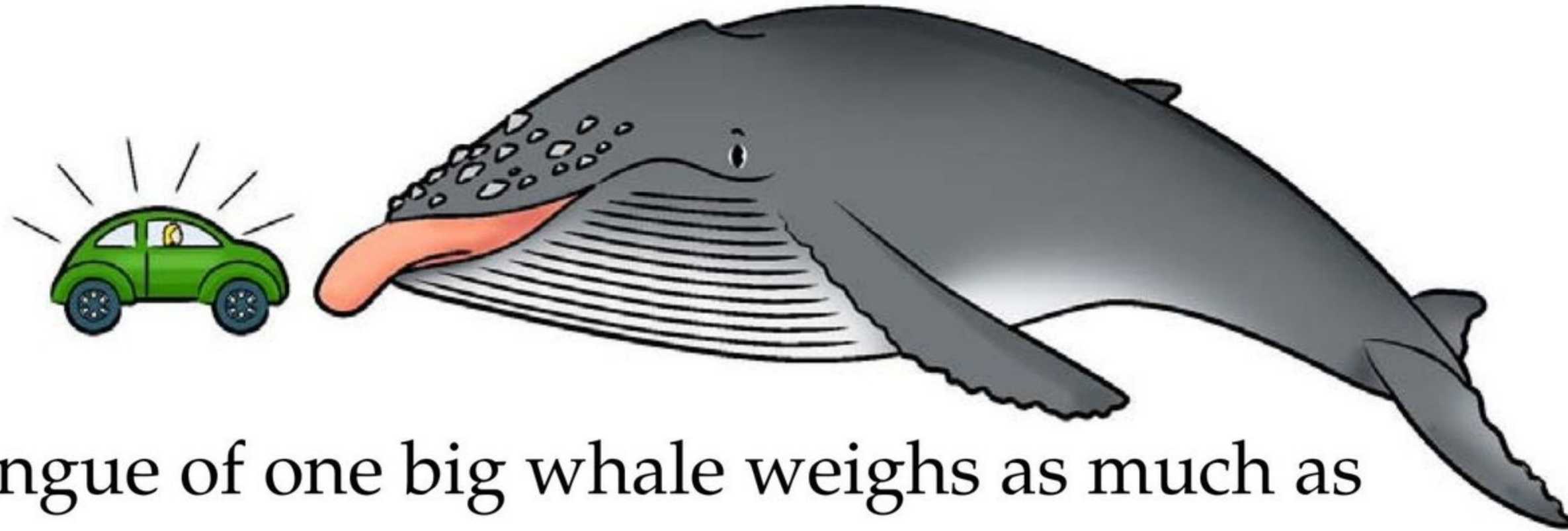
A lizard can grow a new tail if it breaks off.



A crocodile can hold its breath for an hour.



# Fun Facts About Water Creatures

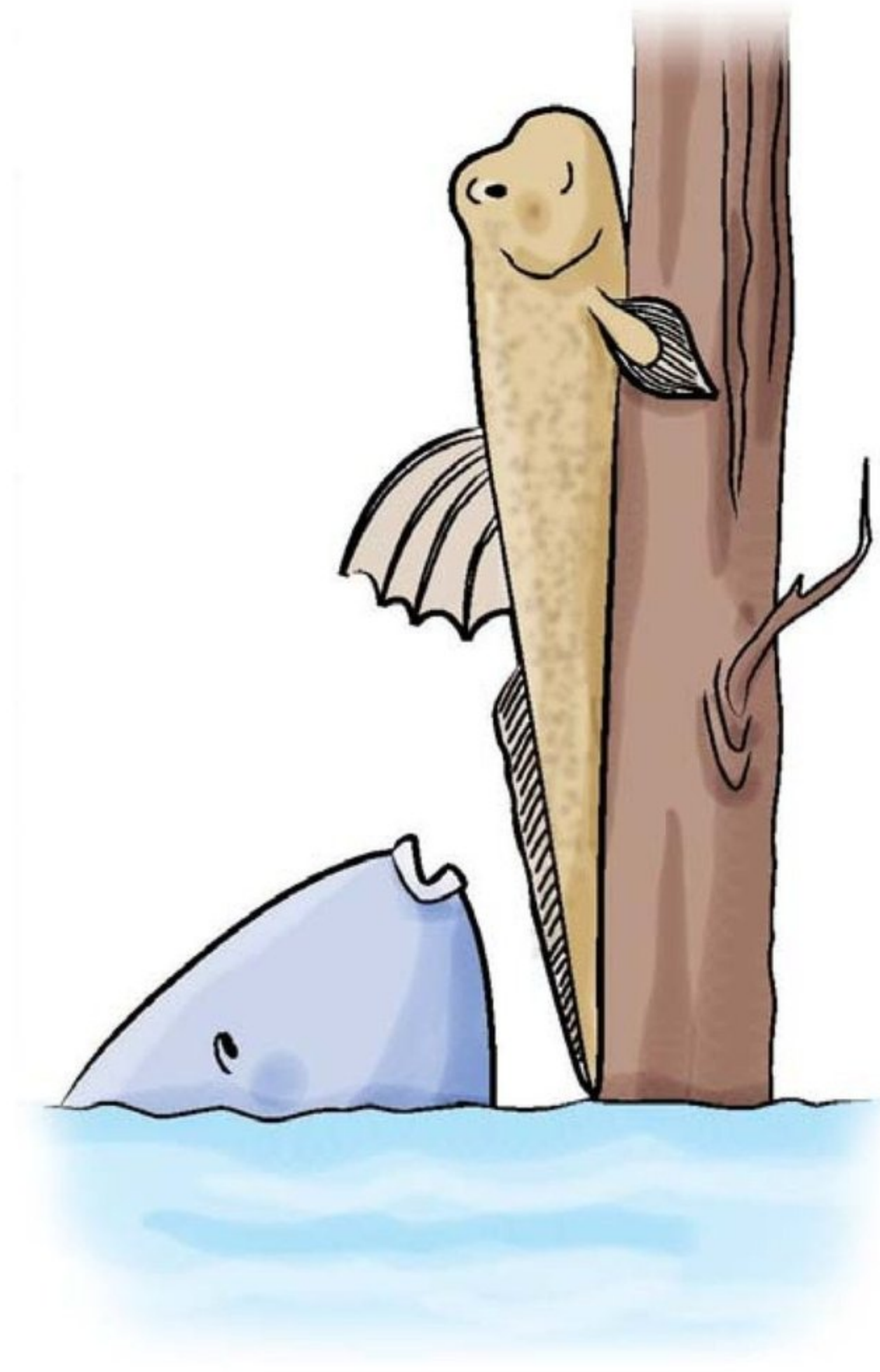


The tongue of one big whale weighs as much as a small car.

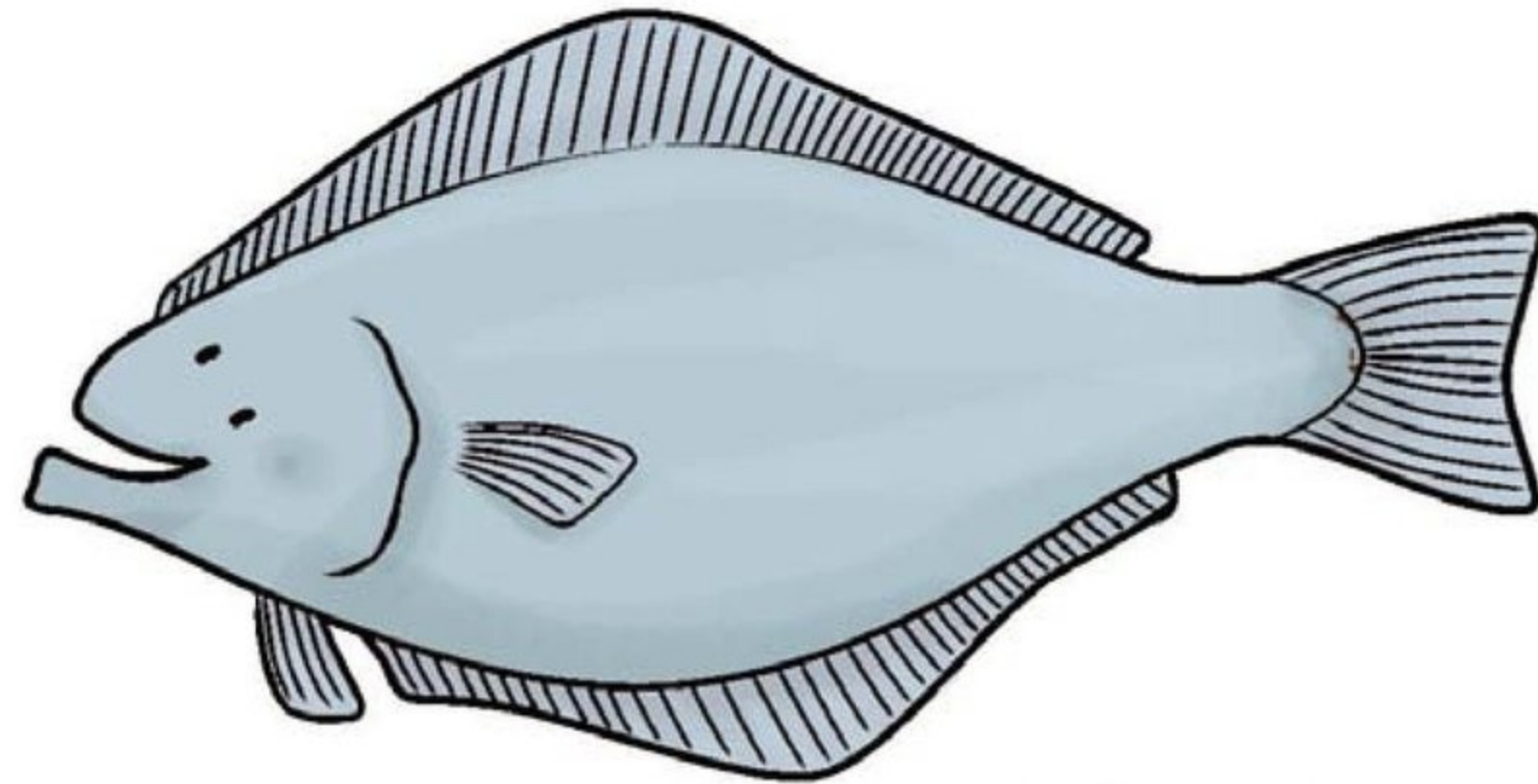
Tiny sea horse babies stay inside their father's body while they grow.







A mudskipper is an odd fish.  
It can skip out of the water and  
climb a tree.



A halibut is flat. Both of its eyes  
are on the same side of its head.



# Fun Facts About Mammals



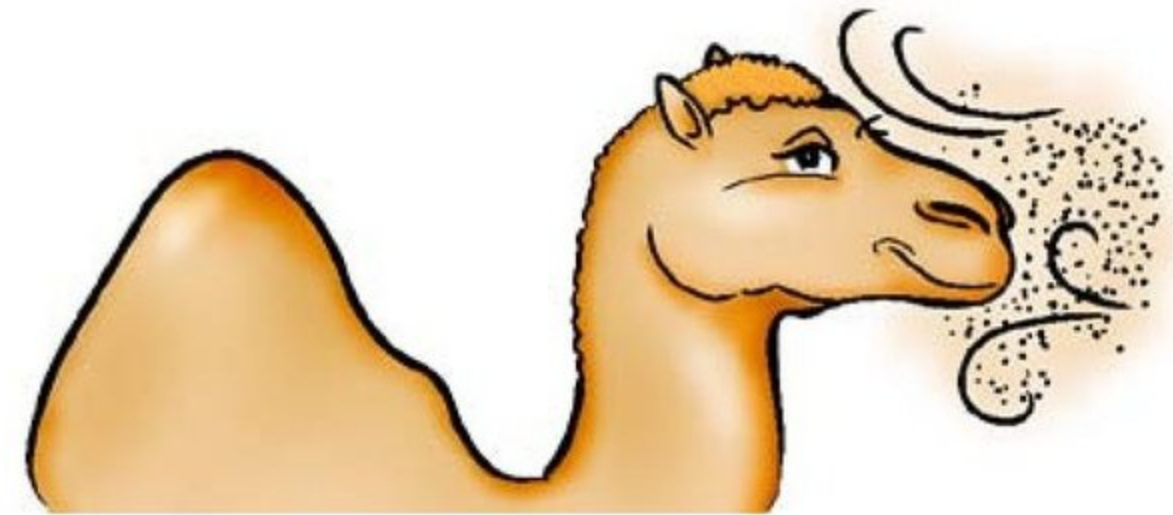
Each zebra has a different pattern of stripes on its body.



A kangaroo can balance on its tail. It can kick with all four feet.



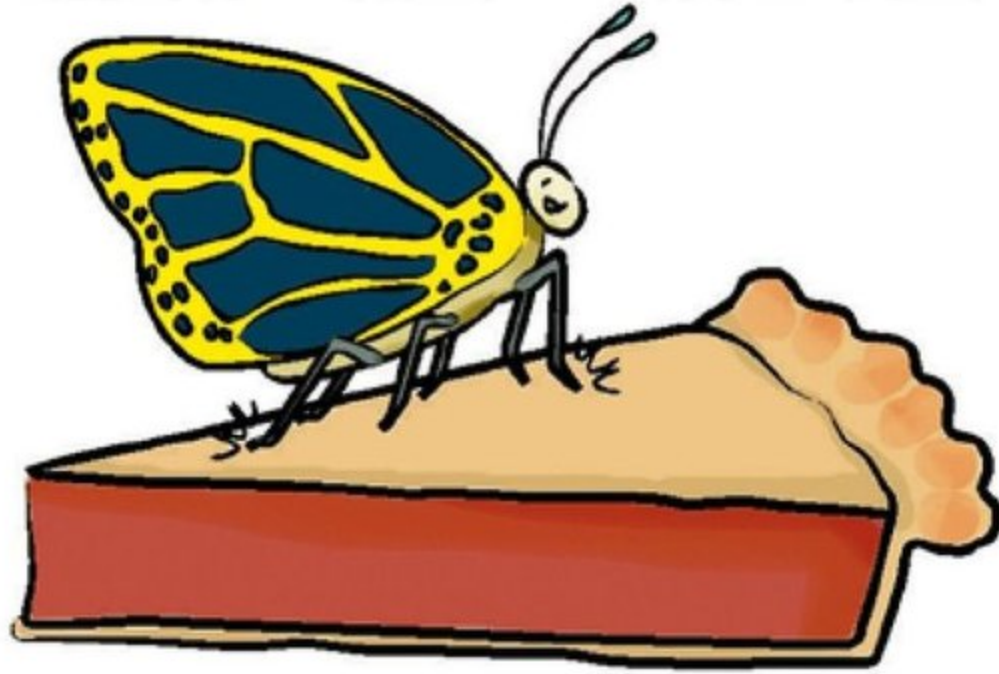
A big hippo can run faster than a person.



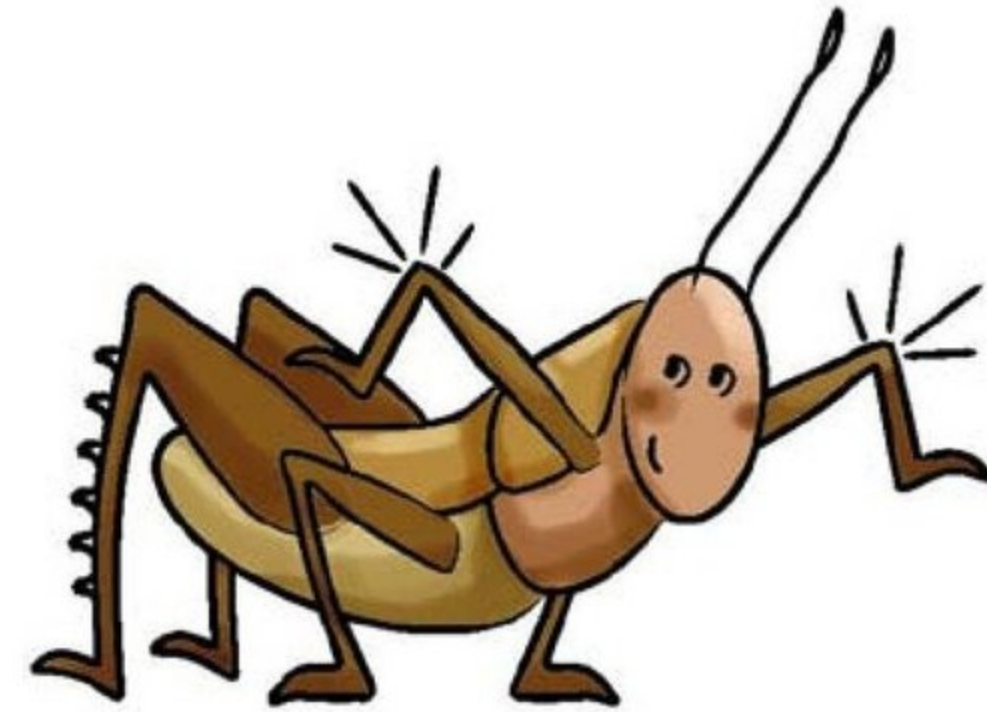
A camel can close its nose to keep out blowing sand.



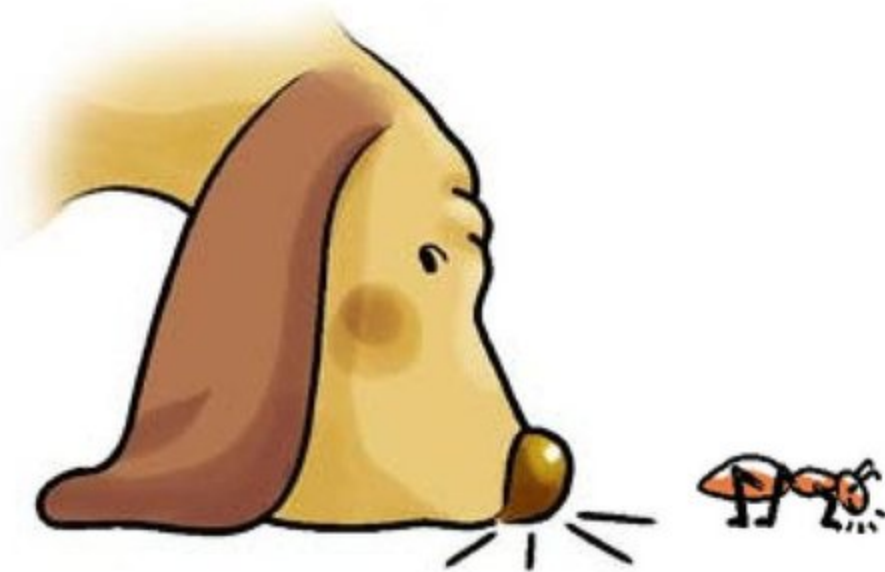
# Fun Facts About Insects



A butterfly can taste food with its feet.



A cricket has ears on its knees.



An ant can smell things just as well as a dog.



# Fun Facts About Birds



The eye of an ostrich is larger than its brain.



An eagle's feathers weigh more than its bones do.



A tiny hummingbird can fly backward.

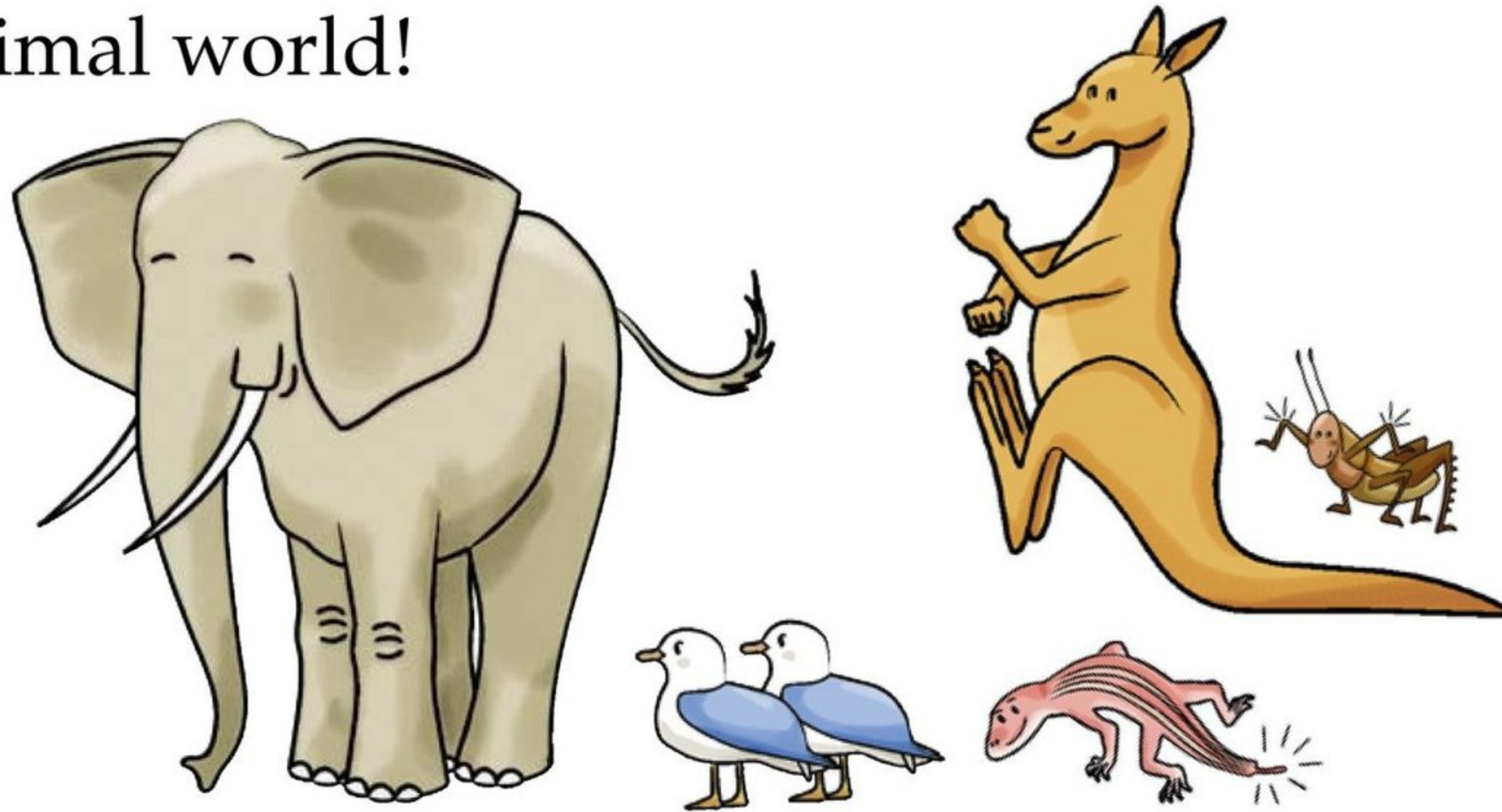


A penguin uses its wings to swim fast. Penguins are not able to fly.



# Conclusion

Extreme animals come in many sizes and shapes. They almost shout—“Look at me!” They may be as tall as a house—or wear bright pink feathers. Some just make a lot of noise. These wild things are the celebrities of the animal world!





**What other extreme animals do you know?**

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