

# ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

storytime

Letter  
**F**  
Animals

## FENNEC FOX



1. The **fennec fox** lives in North Africa and the Sahara Desert.
2. It's nocturnal, hunting at night to avoid the daytime heat.
3. They live in underground dens in groups of up to 10 foxes.
4. They eat plants, eggs, small rodents, reptiles and insects.
5. Though small, **fennec foxes** are pretty springy and can leap over a metre (4 feet) to catch prey.

WOW!

**They get all the water they need from the food they eat or from licking condensation inside their dens.**

1. There are six different species of **flamingo** and they live all over the world.
2. The name flamingo means 'flame-coloured' in Spanish and Portuguese. They get their colour from the plankton and crustaceans they eat.
3. They eat by stirring up mud with their feet, scooping it in their beaks and straining food from the mud.
4. Nobody really knows why flamingos stand on one leg. Scientists are still trying to work it out.
5. **Flamingos** live in colonies of thousands of birds. Flocking together is a good way to scare off predators.

## FLAMINGO



FACT!

**Flamingos kept in captivity turn white if they don't have enough crustaceans in their diet.**

## FOSSA



1. The **fossa** is the largest carnivore on the island of Madagascar – they grow to 1.8 metres (6 ft) long including their tails.
2. Scientists thought that the **fossa** was a big cat until recently. They now know that it's related to the mongoose.
3. **Fossas** like to be alone, but they'll sometimes join forces to hunt for bigger prey.
4. **Fossas** are vulnerable because humans keep chopping down their forest habitat.
5. They hunt day and night and sleep wherever they can. They only use a den to have babies.

FACT!

**Fossa is actually pronounced 'foosa'!**

## LETTER F ANIMAL QUIZ

Solve the clues below to work out more animals beginning with the letter F.

- 1 It's green and says 'ribbit'. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 It's a bird of the prey – the peregrine is one.  
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- 3 It swims in the sea. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 A long furry pet, a bit like a weasel.  
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- 5 A beetle with a bottom that glows at night  
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Answers:  
1. Frog, 2. Falcon,  
3. Fish, 4. Ferret,  
5. Firefly.



Draw as many letter F animals as you can inside this letter F!



**HA HA!**  
What's a fennec's favourite dance?  
The foxtrot!

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