

ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

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UMBRELLABIRD



1. The **umbrellabird** lives in Central and South America. It eats mainly fruit.
2. Male birds get together in a big group called a 'lek' and they put on displays for females.
3. When their dangly wattle is inflated it looks like a pinecone.
4. When they fly, they can shrink their wattles so they don't get in the way.
5. The bare-necked **umbrellabird** has no wattle. Instead it has a bright red throat.

FUNNY!

When umbrellabirds display, they raise their crests, swing their wattles and grunt.

1. **Vampire bats** also live in Central and South America. During the day, they sleep in dark caves in colonies of hundreds of bats.
2. They have special heat sensors on their noses, so they can sense where blood is flowing.
3. A **vampire bat's** teeth are so sharp, its prey can't even feel that it has been bitten.
4. They don't suck blood, they lick it. They feed for up to 30 minutes on cattle, horses, tapirs or birds.
5. Some vampire bat species can run along the ground, using their wings to help them.

VAMPIRE BAT



FACT!

The saying 'as blind as a bat' is nonsense. Bats have great eyesight!

WOMBAT



1. **Wombats** live in the forests and grasslands of Australia.
2. There are three species: the bare-nosed wombat, the Northern hairy-nosed wombat and the Southern hairy-nosed wombat.
3. Their pouches face backwards so they don't flick dirt onto their babies when they're digging.
4. It takes two weeks for a **wombat** to digest its food and it produces up to 100 cubes of poop per night.
5. Their rumps are so tough they can easily survive bites, and their backs are so strong, they can crush predators.

WOAH!

Thousands of years ago there were giant wombats as big as rhinos!

1. The **grey wolf** lives in North America, but some still survive in Asia and Europe.
2. They live and hunt in packs of eight to twelve animals.
3. They can travel up to 50 miles per day hunting for moose, deer, sheep, mountain goats and smaller animals like rabbits.
4. Just like wombats and vampire bats, wolves are nocturnal.
5. They have super strong jaws and bite power to help them tear through bones and thick flesh.

WOLF

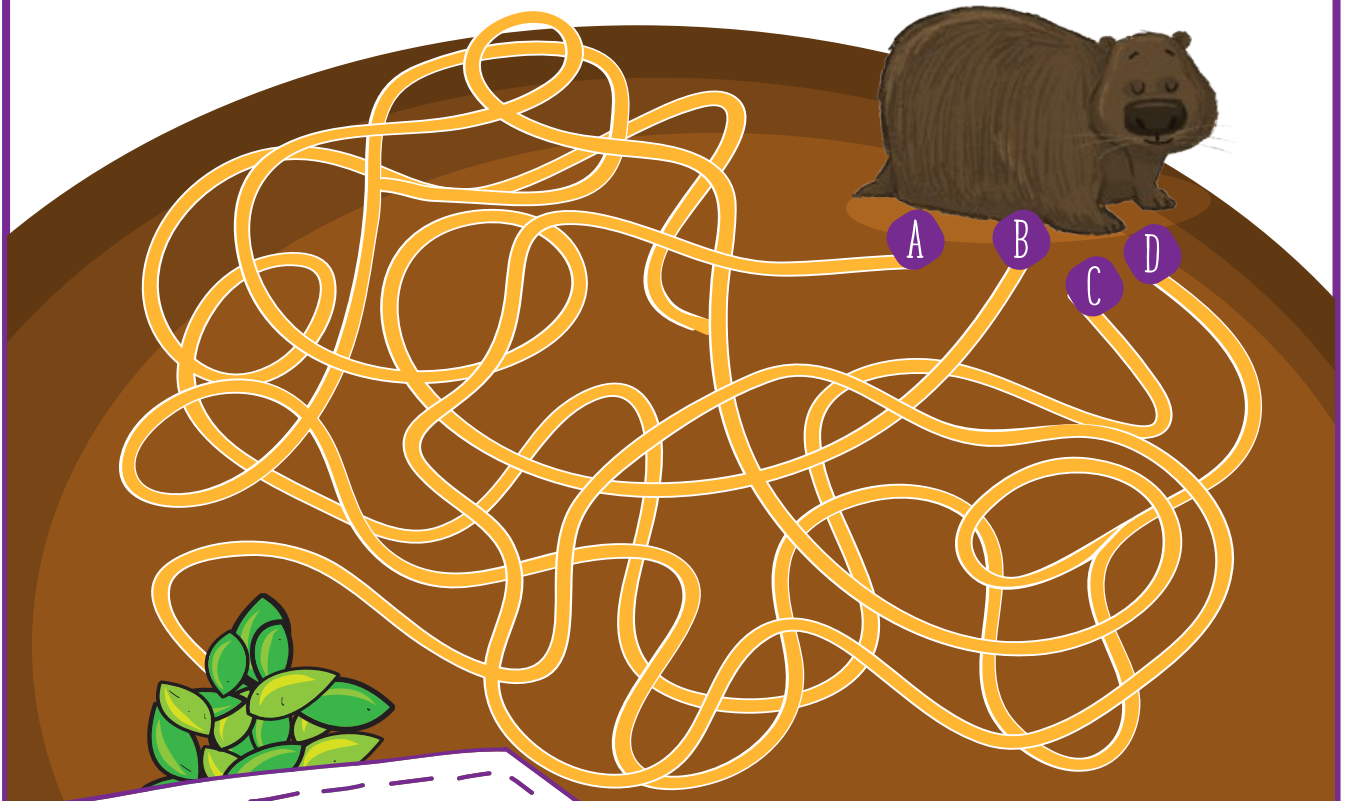


AMAZING!

All dogs are descended from wolves. Wolves were first tamed over 15,000 years ago.

BURROW BUDDY

The wombat has lost some food in its burrow. Which route should it take to find it?



BAT CAVE

How many vampire bats are hanging in this cave? Count the pairs of eyes!



Answers: Burrow Buddy – C ; Bat Cave: 7 bats.

WONDERFUL WOLVES

Colour in this wolf cub. Wolves can be grey, white, black or even red.



HA HA!
Where do wolves
go in summer?
On howl-a-day!

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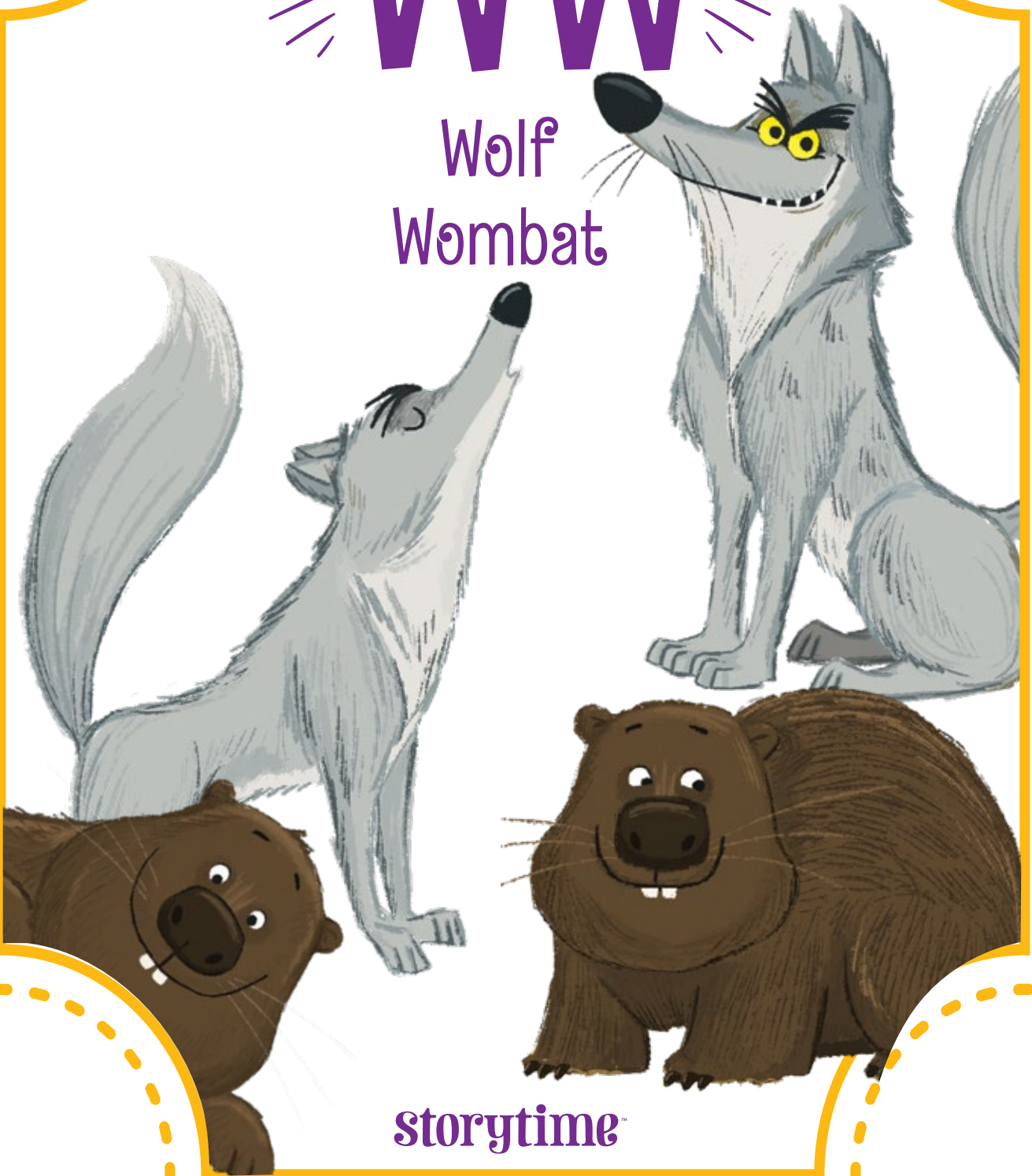
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