

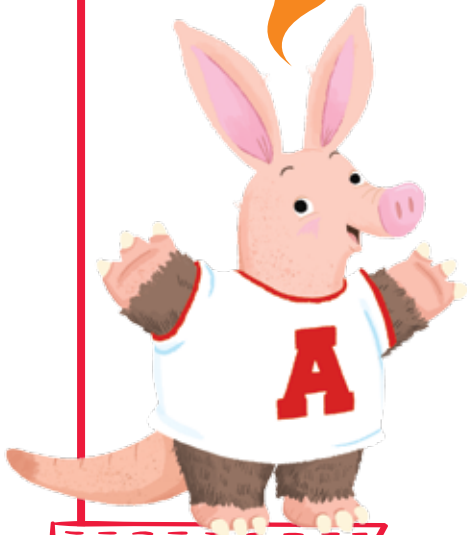
# ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

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Letter  
**A**  
Animals

## AARDVARK

1. **Aardvarks** live south of the Sahara Desert in Africa in grasslands, bushlands, woods and savannahs.
2. They use their long, powerful claws like spades.
3. They can dig at high speeds and live in tunnels over 10 metres (33 feet) long.
4. Many people call **aardvarks** 'ant bears' or 'anteaters', but their name means 'earth pig' in Afrikaans.
5. They eat up to 50,000 ants and termites every night!



WOW!

An aardvark tongue can be over 30cm long!

1. All 20 species of **armadillo** live in South America, except for the nine-banded armadillo, which lives in North America.
2. The **armadillo's** clever overlapping shell is unique – no other animal in the world has a shell like this.
3. Only one species of **armadillo** – the three-banded armadillo – can roll itself up into a hard ball.
4. **Armadillos** have amazing hearing. They can hear up to 20cm below the ground.
5. They can hold their breath for up to six minutes to walk along the bottom of a river or lake!

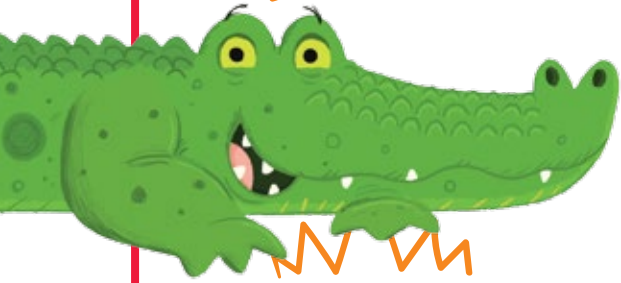
## ARMADILLO



CUTE!

**Armadillos have furry tummies, which they use to sense their surroundings.**

## ALLIGATOR



EEK!

Alligators have been known to climb trees!

1. **Alligators** are cold-blooded reptiles. They sunbathe to warm themselves up.
2. There are two **alligator** species: the American and the Chinese. The American alligator is the bigger of the two.
3. Experts think that **alligators** have barely changed in the last 65 million years. Some people call them 'living fossils'.
4. **Alligators** grow new teeth all the time. In a lifetime, they can grow up to 3,000 of them!
5. **Alligators** have one of the most powerful bites of any mammal.

1. **Alpacas** are domesticated animals. They mainly live in the Andes in South America, but many people around the world now keep them as farm animals.
2. They are raised for their amazing wool, which is softer than sheep's wool and water resistant.
3. There are two types of alpaca – the huacaya and the suri. Huacayas have wool like a teddy bear, but suri wool is long and silky.
4. **Alpacas** come in over 20 different colours.
5. They bite off the top of the grass they eat rather than pulling it out at the roots, so they make great lawnmowers!

## ALPACA



FUNNY!

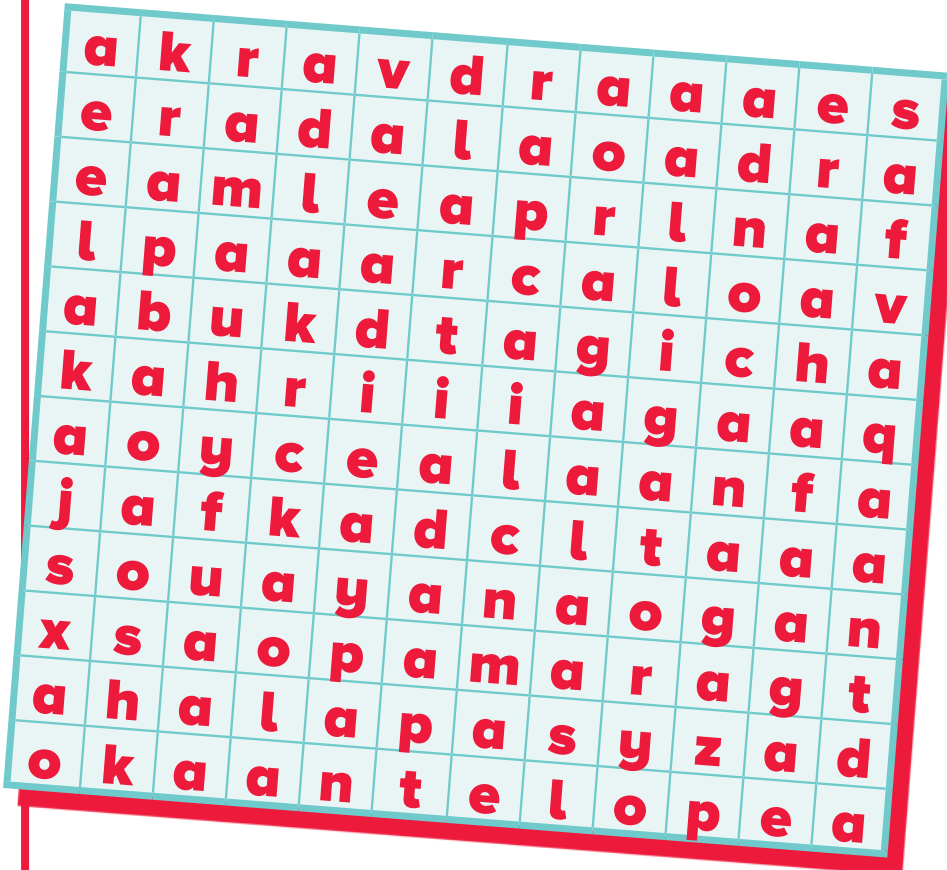
**Alpaca herds like to poop in the same place!**

# LETTER A

## ANIMAL WORDSEARCH



Find all the animals beginning with the letter A. The words go up, down, backwards and diagonally!



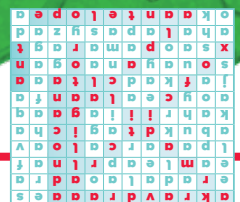
**JOKE!**

What do you get if you cross an aardvark with a dog?  
An aard-bark!

- AARDVARK
- ALLIGATOR
- ALPACA
- ANACONDA
- ANT
- ANTELOPE
- ARCTIC FOX
- ARMADILLO

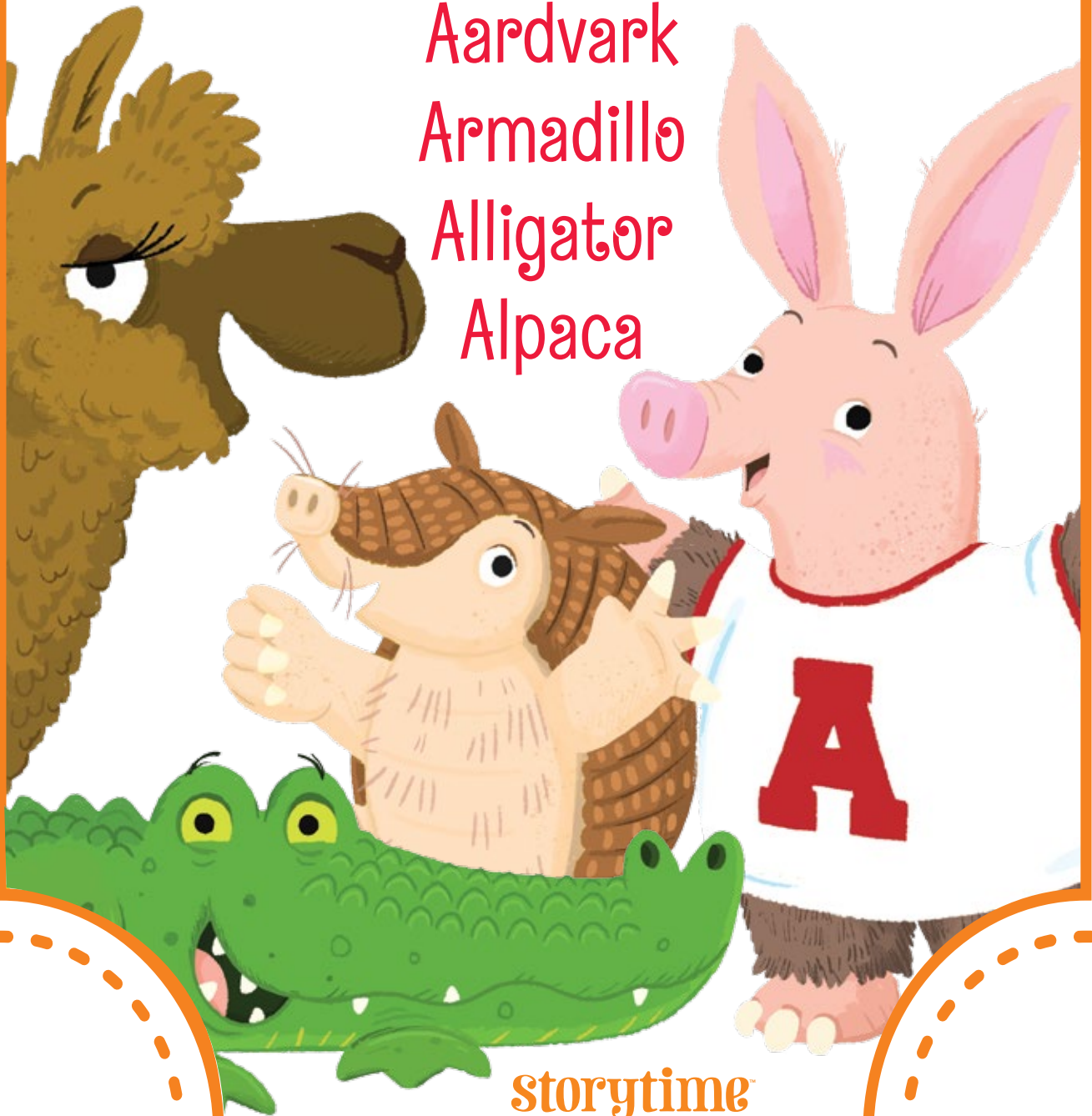


Draw a picture of your favourite **letter A** animal!



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Aardvark  
Armadillo  
Alligator  
Alpaca



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