

ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

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Letter
B
Animals

BABOON



WOW!

Baboons are so fearless, they have been known to fight leopards!

1. There are five different **baboon** species – yellow, olive, chacma, Guinea and hamadryas.
2. They only live in Africa and parts of the Middle East.
3. They live in ‘troops’ of around 50 baboons and love to groom each other.
4. **Baboons** will eat anything, including berries, bark, birds and even small antelopes!
5. **Baboons** can survive without drinking for several days by licking the dew from their fur.

BOA CONSTRUCTOR



1. It's one of the world's longest snakes and can grow up to 4 metres (13 feet) long.
2. You can tell a **boa** by its distinctive markings, which look a bit like saddles along its back.
3. **Boa constrictors** aren't venomous. Instead, they kill their prey by squeezing it tightly, so that blood can't reach the brain.
4. They're good swimmers and often live near water.
5. Their jaws can stretch so wide, they can eat pigs, deer and even monkeys!

COOL!

Boa constrictors have bones called spurs, left over from when they had legs.

**BROWN
BEAR**



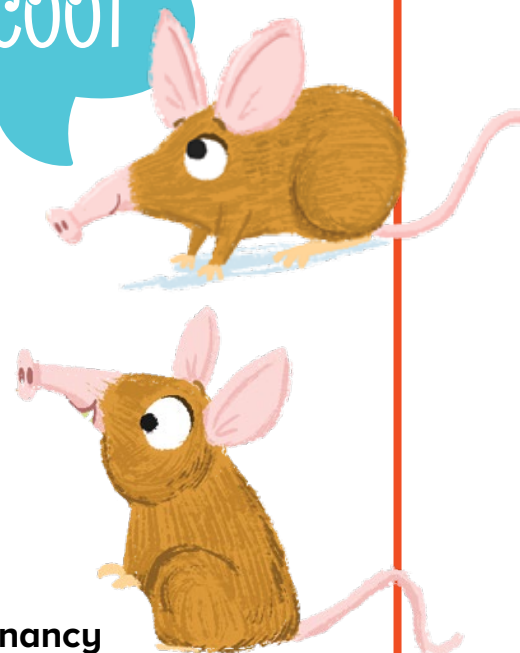
1. **Brown bears** live in the forests and mountains of North America, Europe and Asia.
2. Before they hibernate over winter, they fill up on fatty foods and can double their body weight.
3. Though they can eat other animals, they mostly eat fruit, berries, nuts, and plants.
4. A grizzly bear is a type of **brown bear**.
5. **Brown bears** are brilliant at fishing. They even have their own special fishing spots for catching salmon.

SWEET!

Females have their babies while hibernating in their dens. The cubs snuggle up indoors for a few months before braving the outside world.

1. **Bandicoots** only live in Australia and New Guinea.
2. Like kangaroos, **bandicoots** are marsupials, which means they carry their young in their pouches.
3. There are 20 different types of **bandicoots**, ranging in size from a rat to a rabbit.
4. **Bandicoots** are omnivores – they eat anything, including insects, fungi, grass and berries.
5. **Bandicoots** will fight to protect their territory, even throwing rival bandicoots over their shoulders!

BANDICOOT



COOL!

Bandicoots have the shortest pregnancy of any mammal – just 12.5 days!

1. There are two species of **beaver** – the North American beaver and the Eurasian beaver.
2. **Beaver** lodges are made from mud and sticks and have two rooms – one for drying off in and one for living in.
3. **Beavers** have waterproof coats and use their flat tails as rudders to steer them in the water.
4. **Beavers** use their teeth to fell trees and build dams so that they can make their own ponds or canals to forage in.
5. **Beaver** teeth never stop growing – luckily, all that gnawing on wood wears them down!

BEAVER



AMAZING!

The largest dam ever built by beavers was 850 metres (2,780 feet) long.

Can you think words to describe our **letter B** animals? Write them here.

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JOKE!

What do you call
a cold bear?
Brrrrrrrr!



MISSING LETTERS

B_LD BOA



BR_V_ BABOON



B_G BROWN BEAR

BO_NC_ BANDICOOT



B_SY BEAVER

LETTER B COLOURING

Colour in the beaver!



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