

# ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

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Letter  
**N&O**  
Animals

## NUMBAT



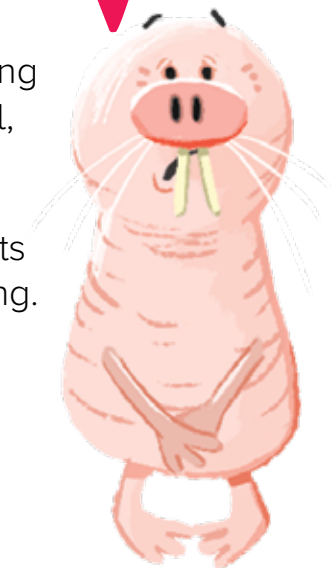
1. **Numbats** live only in parts of Australia.
2. They are endangered because of habitat loss and predators, including foxes and feral cats.
3. **Numbats** don't have pouches, so babies snuggle into folds of skin and long fur on their mummy's tummy to feed and keep warm.
4. **Numbats** only eat termites and they get all the water they need from termites too.
5. **Numbats** don't have proper teeth, because they don't need to chew their food.

## FUNNY!

If a numbat fears it is going to be attacked, it blocks the entrance to its nest with its bottom!

1. **Naked mole rats** live their whole lives underground in colonies in East Africa.
2. One colony can house up to 300 **naked mole rats**.
3. The tunnels they dig can be as big as six football fields.
4. They dig special chambers for sleeping, eating, storing food and for pooping. When the poop chamber is full, they block it up and build another one.
5. **Naked mole rats** can live for up to 32 years. Scientists are studying them to work out how they live for so long.

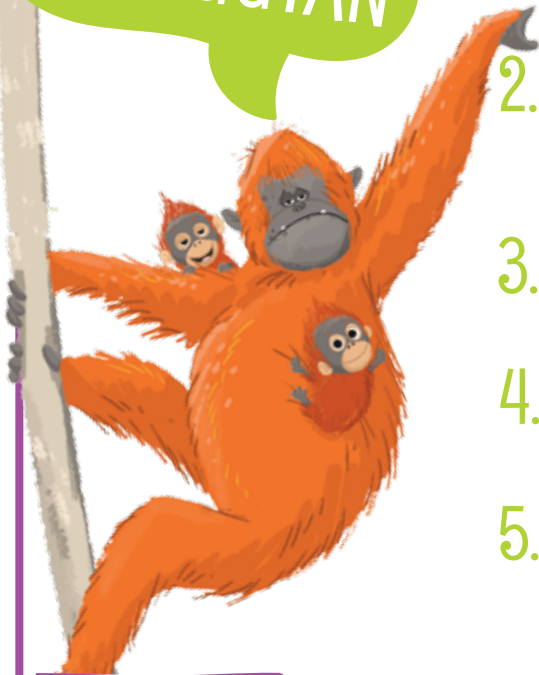
## NAKED MOLE RAT



## AMAZING!

A naked mole rat can survive for up to 18 minutes without any oxygen!

## ORANGUTAN



1. The **orangutan** is Asia's only great ape, but lives only on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.
2. Its name means 'person of the forest', but they are often called 'gardeners of the forest' too, because they spread seeds so well.
3. **Orangutan** arms can be up to 2 metres long – much longer than their legs!
4. As well as fruit, they eat leaves, shoots, bark, eggs, insects and also small carnivores.
5. **Orangutans** are highly intelligent. In fact, we share over 96% of our genes with them!

**TRUE!**

**The orangutan is the largest tree-climbing mammal in the world.**

1. The **okapi** is the giraffe's only living relative. It doesn't have a long neck because it doesn't need one in the rainforests of central Africa.
2. Their zebra-like markings help them stay camouflaged in the forest undergrowth.
3. Their thick fur is velvety and oily, so that rainwater slides off it. It helps them stay dry.
4. The **okapi** has amazing hearing, which helps it to hide from predators and humans too.
5. Scientists think their secret low calls are from mothers, letting their babies know that they are close by.

**CLEVER!**

**Okapi babies don't poop for the first four to eight weeks of their lives, so that predators can't track them down.**

**OKAPI**



# MOLE MAZE!

Find your way out of our  
naked mole rat maze.  
Which path is correct?  
Make sure you avoid  
the poop room!

FINISH

HA HA!

What's white, fluffy  
and swings through  
trees?  
A meringue-utan!

POOP ROOM

B

A

C

D

## HIDE AND SEEK

Can you find an  
Alphabet Zoo animal  
hiding in the sentence below?

COOK A PIZZA AND EAT IT ALL UP.

## CRAZY CREATURE

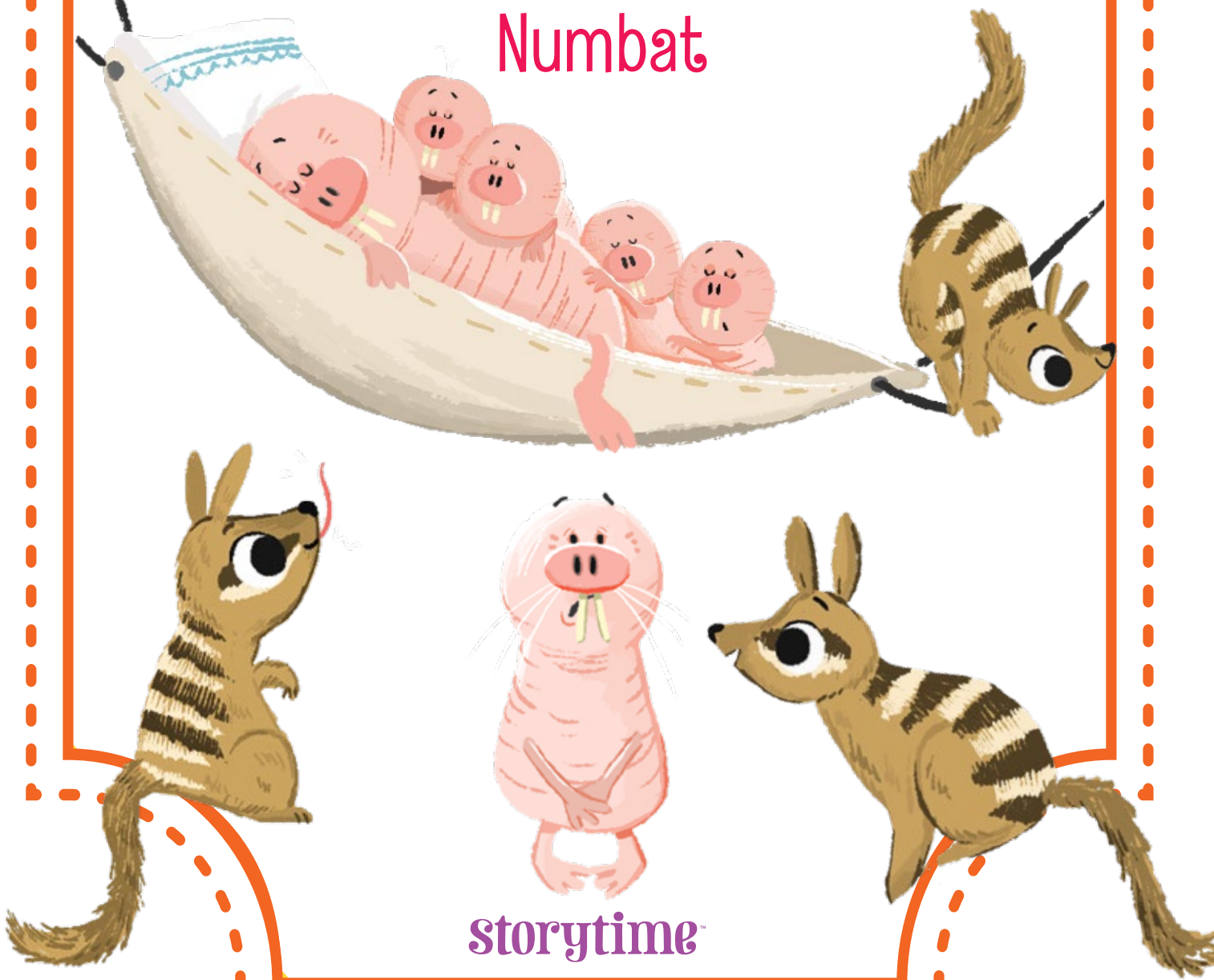
Invent your own mixed-up mammal,  
like the okapi, inspired by your favourite  
animals. Why not give it an elephant  
trunk, bunny ears and a snake's tail?

Answer: The hidden animal is okapi! Cook a pizza and eat it all up.



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