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Discovering God's Animals

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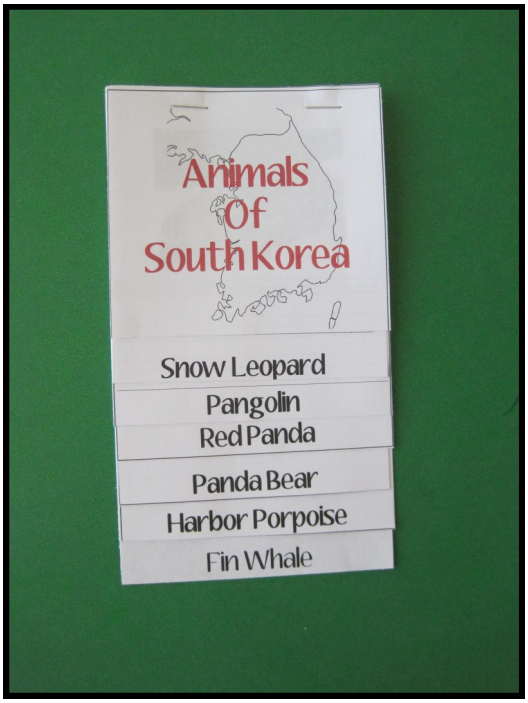
Animal Mini-book Instructions

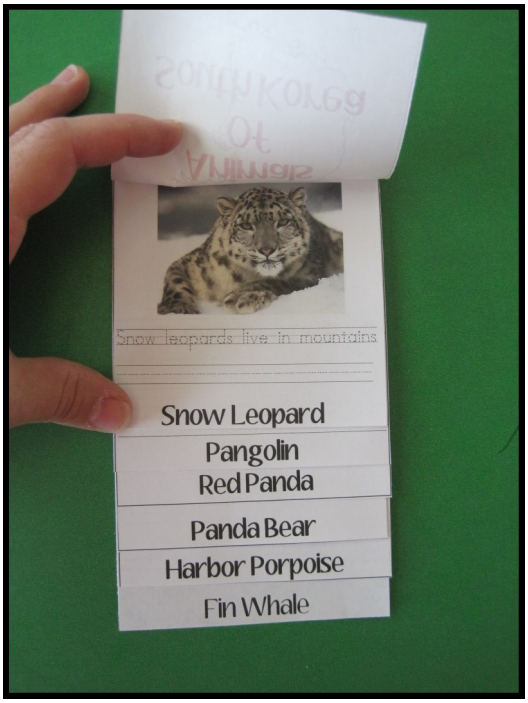
Animal Mini-books

This book contains an animal mini-book for each country you'll explore in the Expedition Earth Curriculum.

Directions:

- To put the mini-book together, simply cut out the boxes for each animal and stack then in ascending size order so that they cascade like a waterfall book.
- Staple along top edges and adhere back page to your Country divider in the Expedition Earth Binder.
- Have students either trace or copy the sentence for each animal fact.





Tips:

Animal Mini-books: Print pages 4-65 on copy paper
Animal classification Cards: Print pages 67-99 on cardstock and laminate.
I suggest laminating 2 pages back to back. Cut them apart and you'll have lamination on the front, but not the back. This will make it easier for the Velcro dots or wall tape to stick to the cards.
Book Basket: I suggest visiting your local library or doing an internet search for animals that interest your child. They can use the book basket during their free reading time for a fun educational experience!

Note:

This book is designed to be a supplement to the Expedition Earth Curriculum, though it could be used independently if you are doing an animal studies unit based on country.

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Golden monkeys eat plants

Golden Monkey

The stork has long legs.

Stork

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The panda eats bamboo

Panda Bear

The red panda has a long tail.

Red Panda

Snow leopards live in mountains

Snow Leopard

The pangolin are known as living pine cones!

Pangolin

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The harbor porpoise live in shallow harbors and bays.

Harbor Porpoise

Fin whales can dive deeper than most whales.

Fin Whale

Animals Of South Korea

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Dholes can jump 7 feet straight up!

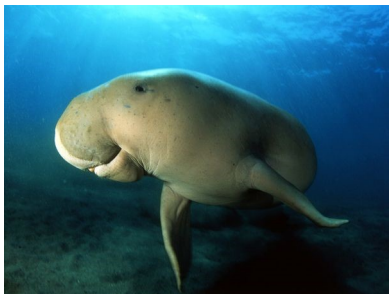
Dhole

The goral is an endangered species

Long Tailed Goral

The tube nosed bat lives in colonies.

Tube Nosed Bat



Dugong graze on underwater grasses.

Dugong

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Koi are gentle fish.

Koi

Macaques are very clever.

Macaques

Animals Of Japan

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The bat sleeps upside down.

Bat

Habu are poisonous snakes

Okinawan Habu

Tanuki have a mean temper!

Tanuki

The crane is endangered.

Red Crowned Crane

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Cobras bask in the sun for warmth.

Asian Cobra

The cows in India provide milk.

Cow

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This tiger lives in the grasslands.

Bengal Tiger

Water buffalo love muddy water!

Water Buffalo

Elephants stomp when they walk.

Indian Elephant

Chevrotain means little goat.

Chevrotain

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Camels live in the desert.

Camel

Tilapia live in the Sea of Galilee.

Tilapia

Animals Of Israel

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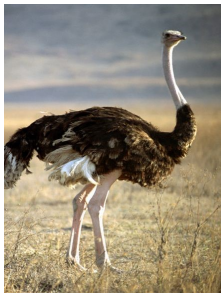
Crab spiders hide in flowers waiting for insects to come by.

Crab Spider

The Jackdaw is omnivorous.

(eats both plants and animals)

Jackdaw



The ostrich cannot fly.

Ostrich

Woodpeckers have four toes.

Woodpecker

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The lynx relies on keen eyesight to hunt prey.

Lynx Spider

This weasel has a white stripe down its back.

Striped Weasel

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Sei whales are the 3rd largest whale in the southern ocean.

Sei Whale

The bungarus grow about 6 feet long.

Bungarus

This centipede is poisonous.

Centipede

This bug has bright colored patterns.

Lantern Bug

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The monk seal is one of the rarest animals.

Monk Seal

Lemmings are herbivores.

(plant eaters)

Lemming

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Minks can swim and dive well.

European Mink

The musk deer is nocturnal.

(sleeps during the day, active at night)

Musk Deer

The desman uses its tail to swim.

Russian Desman

The wolverine lives in the tundra.

Wolverine

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The basset hound is a loyal and devoted dog.

Basset Hound

Hedgehogs are spiny.

Hedgehog

Animals Of the United Kingdom

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Red squirrels live in the woodlands.

Red Squirrel

Otters live on the banks of rivers.

Eurasian Otter

The sand lizard lays eggs in sand.

Sand Lizard

The adder is Britain's only venomous snake.

Adder

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Martens are carnivorous.

(They eat meat)

Marten

The marmot signals danger with a shrill whistle.

Marmot

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Lynx have black tufts of fur on the tips of their ears.

Lynx

Porcupines have quills.

Porcupine

This frog is found in Southern France.

Mediterranean Tree Frog

Wild boars eat earthworms.

Wild Boar

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Mufloni are endangered.

Mufloni

This butterfly has transparent wings.

Parnassus Apollo

Animals Of Italy

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Eagle owls eat everything from beetles to deer fawn.

Eagle Owl

Falcons are excellent hunters.

Peregrine Falcon

Salamanders are amphibians.

Paddled Salamander

Chamois have hollow horns.

Chamois

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Dragon fly eyes have 30,000 lenses.

Dragon Fly

Ladybugs eat harmful insects.

Ladybug

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The cretan frog is endangered.

Cretan Frog

This salamander eats worms, crickets and other insects.

Luschan's Salamander

This is the only gull in the Mediterranean.

Audouin's Gull

Starfish come in a variety of colors.

Starfish

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Gray wolves eat meat ranging from mice to caribou.

Gray Wolf

Deer have hoofs with an even number of toes.

Deer

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Due to hunting bears are protected in Europe.

Brown Bear

Most birds have hollow bones, but loons have solid bones.

Loon

Bucks are male deer.

Buck

Kolkrabe are also known as ravens.

Kolkrabe

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The ermine eats small rodents, birds, eggs, fish and more!

Ermine

The pilot whale has a bulbous-shaped head.

Pilot Whale

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The pond bat is one of the largest bats.

Pond Bat

The red fox uses its tail for balance.

Red Fox

European rabbits are popular pets.

European Rabbit

The muskrat inhabits wetlands.

Muskrat

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Bull fighting is a popular sport in Spain

Bull

Spain is one of the only places these wolves live.

European Wolf

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The female black widow has a red hourglass on its belly.

Black Widow

The Iberian Lynx is only found in Spain.

Iberian Lynx

Mongoose eat poisonous vipers.

Mongoose

The Ibex can climb steep mountains.

Spanish Ibex

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Harp seals can stay submerged for up to 15 minutes.

Harp Seal

The island marmot is found only in Vancouver.

Island Marmot

Animals of Canada

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Elk are good swimmers and can run 50km per hour.

North American Elk

The polar bear is the largest land carnivore.

Polar Bear

Arctic fox lives in a den or burrow

Arctic Fox

Black bears are excellent climbers.

Black Bear

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The painted turtle has red, yellow and blue on its undershell.

Painted Turtle

The rattlesnake grows a button on its tail each year.

Rattlesnake

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The tarantula is the largest spider.

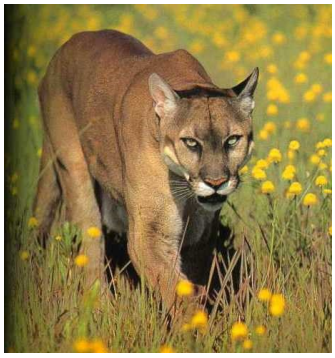
Tarantula

The coyote is a very clever animal.

Coyote

Scorpions tend to live in desert regions.

Scorpion



Mountain lions prey on deer and coyotes.

Mountain Lion

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There are over 2,000 kinds of gecko.

Gecko

Chihuahuas are the smallest dogs in the world.

Chihuahua

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Yellow bats roost in trees during the day.

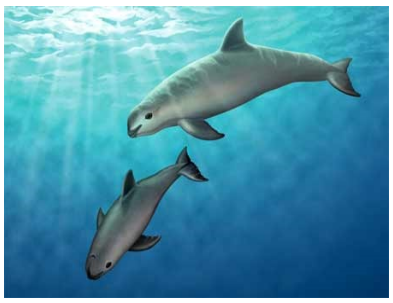
Yellow Bat

Manatees swim five miles per hour.

American Manatee

This prairie dog lives in colonies.

Prairie Dog



Cetacean: whale, dolphin or porpoise

This is the smallest living cetacean.

Vaquita

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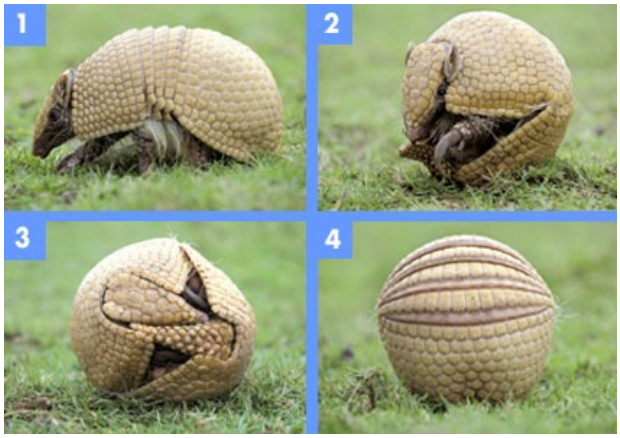

Armadillos have a coat of armor for protection.

Giant Armadillo

Spider monkeys are only 25 to 30 inches long.

Spider Monkey

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A toucan's beak is a honeycomb of bone that contains air.

Toco Toucan

These tree frogs live in the rainforest canopy.

Red Eyed Tree Frog

At night his eyes look red.

Mouse Opossum

Algae grows on the sloth's fur to help with camouflage.

Sloth

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This parrot lives in the rainforest.

Yellow Headed Parrot

Iguanas can grow to be 6 feet long!

Iguana

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The rhinoceros beetle stays in the larvae stage for years.

Rhinoceros Beetle

Macaws use their toes to hold branches.

Macaw

The coatimundi eat lizards.

Coatimundi

The golden frog is poisonous.

Golden Frog

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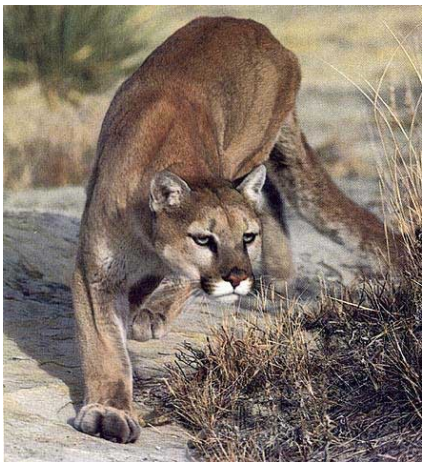

Pumas can jump over 2 meters high.

Puma

The anaconda grows to be 20 feet long and 300 pounds!

Anaconda

Animals of Venezuela

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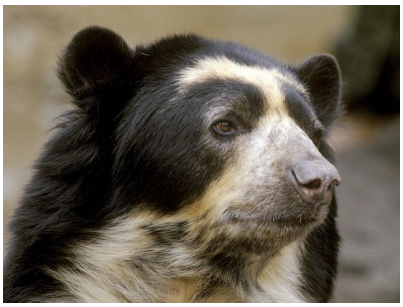
Anteaters use their long tongue to lap up 35,000 ants a day.

Giant Anteater

The Pacarana is a nocturnal herbivore.

Pacarana



These bears eat fruit and honey.

Spectacled Bear

The boto is the largest river dolphin.

Boto

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The bush dog has webbed feet which help it swim.

Bush Dog

The wooly monkey has soft, thick curly fur.

Wooly Monkey

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Tapirs love to bathe and wallow in water.

Mountain Tapir

The Titi monkeys live in pairs.

Titi Monkey

Dart frogs are poisonous to touch.

Blue Dart Frog

Chinchillas live in the Andes Mountains.

Chinchilla

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The pudu is the smallest deer in the world at 60–85cm.

Southern Pudu

This monkey is the loudest and laziest in the animal world.

Howler Monkey

Animals of Argentina

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Chacoan peccaries like dry, hot places.

Chacoan Peccary

Humpback whales communicate with songs.

Humpback Whale

This spider's venom is neurotoxic.

Banana Spider

The tuco-tuco dig tunnels underground.

Tuco-tuco

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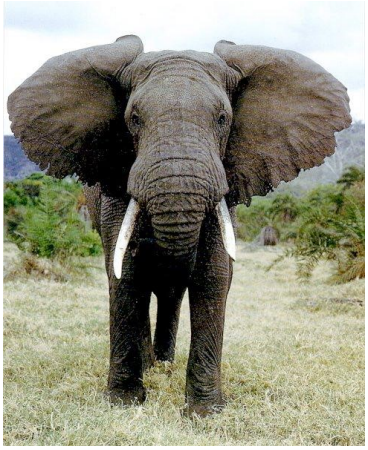

The African Elephant is the largest living land mammal.

African Elephant

The leopard is capable of killing large prey.

Leopard

Animals of South Africa

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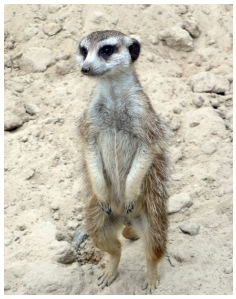
Lions are one of the largest animals in the feline family.

Lion

Rhinoceros can be found in grasslands and open savannahs.

Rhinoceros



The meerkat is an excellent hunter.

Meerkat

Each zebra has a unique pattern.

Zebra

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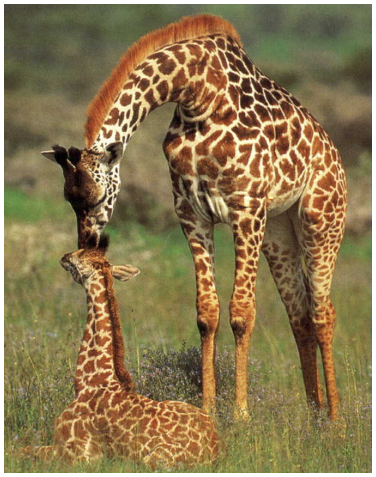
The cheetah is the world's fastest land animal.

Cheetah



The giraffe is the world's tallest mammal.

Giraffe

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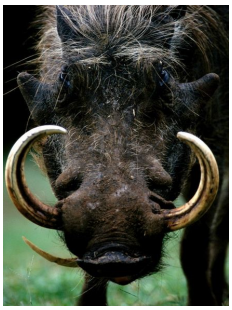
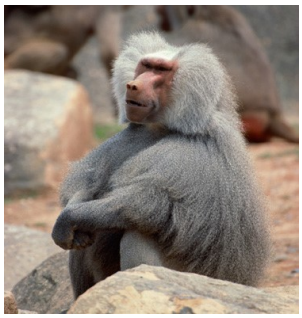
Hippos spend up to 16 hours a day in the water.

Hippopotamus



Warthogs use their snouts to dig for roots to eat.

Warthog



Baboons inhabit the African Savannah.

Baboon

Aardvarks search for termites to eat.

Aardvark

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The gazelle makes a barking noise when frightened.

Dorcas Gazelle

This fox has large ears to hear predators from far away.

Fennec Fox

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The badger eats rodents, reptiles and insects.

Honey Badger

The hyena will eat things other animals wouldn't dare eat.

Striped Hyena

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This dolphin is about 7 feet long.

Spotted Dolphin

The oryx is extinct in the wild.

Sahara Oryx

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The civet uses scent glands to mark its territory.

Civet

Chimpanzees swing by branches through the trees.

Chimpanzee

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These monkeys are solid white when first born.

Colobus

The gorilla is the largest primate.

Western Gorilla

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The red bellied monkey weighs 4kg.

Red Bellied Monkey

The drill is a short tailed forest baboon.

Drill

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The viper is a venomous desert dwelling snake.

Horned Viper

This cat has thick fur on its paws to protect them from the hot sands.

Sand Cat

Animals of Egypt

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The Nile crocodile has excellent hearing.

Nile Crocodile

The jackal lives in the open savannah.

Jackal

Vultures can fly for hours at a time.

Vulture

Flamingos live in groups of 20,000 or more birds!

Flamingo

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Baby kangaroos are called joeys.

Kangaroo

The platypus can close its nostrils with a water tight seal.

Duck Billed Platypus

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The wombat's incisors never stop growing.

Wombat

The Tasmanian devil is strictly carnivorous.

Tasmanian Devil

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The koala eats eucalyptus leaves.

Koala

Clown fish live in the Great Barrier Reef.

Clown Fish

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New Zealand has over 46 million sheep.

Sheep

The kea is one of the most intelligent birds in the world.

Kea

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Tuatara have a spiny crest of skin down their backs.

Tuatara

The weta are one of the largest insects in the world.

Weta

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The kiwi is a flightless bird.

Kiwi

Katipo is New Zealand's only poisonous spider.

Katipo

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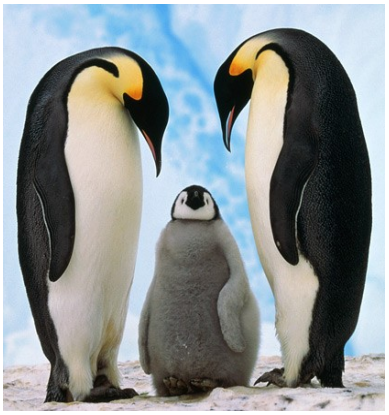
This seal has a layer of blubber to keep them warm.

Weddell Seal



The males keep their eggs warm by holding them on their feet.

Emperor Penguin

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The blue whale is the loudest animal on earth.

Blue Whale

The albatross is the largest bird on the earth.

Wandering Albatross

The Antarctic Shag mainly eats fish.

Antarctic Shag

This is the only shark that can live in cold water!

Salmon Shark

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Reindeer have four stomachs!

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Reindeer (Caribou)

The snowy owl has a layer of down to keep them 100°F even at −70°!

Snowy Owl

Animals of the Arctic

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The narwhal is known as the unicorn of the sea.

Narwhal

The walrus uses its tusks to help pull itself from the water.

Walrus

Moose can easily swim 10 miles

Moose

Orca eat seals and even other whales.

Killer Whale (Orca)

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Animal Classification Wall

Supplies:

Empty Wall Space, Cork Board or Felt Board for display area.
Velcro dots or wall safe tape
Optional: Letters, butcher paper, decorative border

Directions:

Using a large piece of poster board or open wall space, create an animal classification wall for display. As you visit each country in the Expedition Earth Curriculum, complete the animal mini-book. If you would like more information, search online for the animals that interest you and learn more about them. Once you have studied the animals for each country, put their card up on the Animal Classification Wall, secure with wall tape or Velcro.

Tips:

I recommend printing the animal cards on cardstock and laminating for durability.
I also write the country names on the backs of the cards before we get them all mixed up on our animal wall.

I laminate 2 pages back to back so only the front is laminated. This cuts your lamination in half and also leaves the back matte so it's easier to stick Velcro or tape on the cards.

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Mammals

* Mammals have hair or fur
* Mammals give birth to live young
* Mammal mothers nurse their young with milk
* Mammals have lungs and need air to breathe
* Mammals that live on land have 4 legs and ears that stick out
* Mammals are warm-blooded

Fish

* Fish breathe underwater using gills, not lungs
* Fish live in water
* Fish have scales and fins (not hair or fur)
* Fish lay MANY eggs
* Fish are cold-blooded

Birds

* Birds have feathers and wings
* Birds lay eggs
* Birds have 2 legs
* Birds have ear holes instead of ears
* Birds are warm-blooded

Reptiles

* Reptiles have scales, not fur
* Reptiles have dry skin
* Reptiles usually lay eggs, sometimes they give birth to live young
* Reptiles have ear holes instead of ears
* Reptiles have 4 legs or no legs
* Reptiles are cold-blooded

Amphibians

* Amphibians live on land and in water
* Amphibians have webbed feet
* Amphibians breathe with lungs and gills
* Amphibians have moist smooth skin, 4 legs, sometimes no legs
* Amphibians lay many eggs
* Amphibians are cold-blooded

Arthropods

* Insects and Arachnids have exoskeletons
* Insects have 6 legs, arachnids have 8 legs
* Insects have 3 body parts, Arachnids have 2 body parts
* Insects may have wings and antannae, Arachnids have no wings or antennae
* Insects have compound eyes, Arachnids have simple eyes

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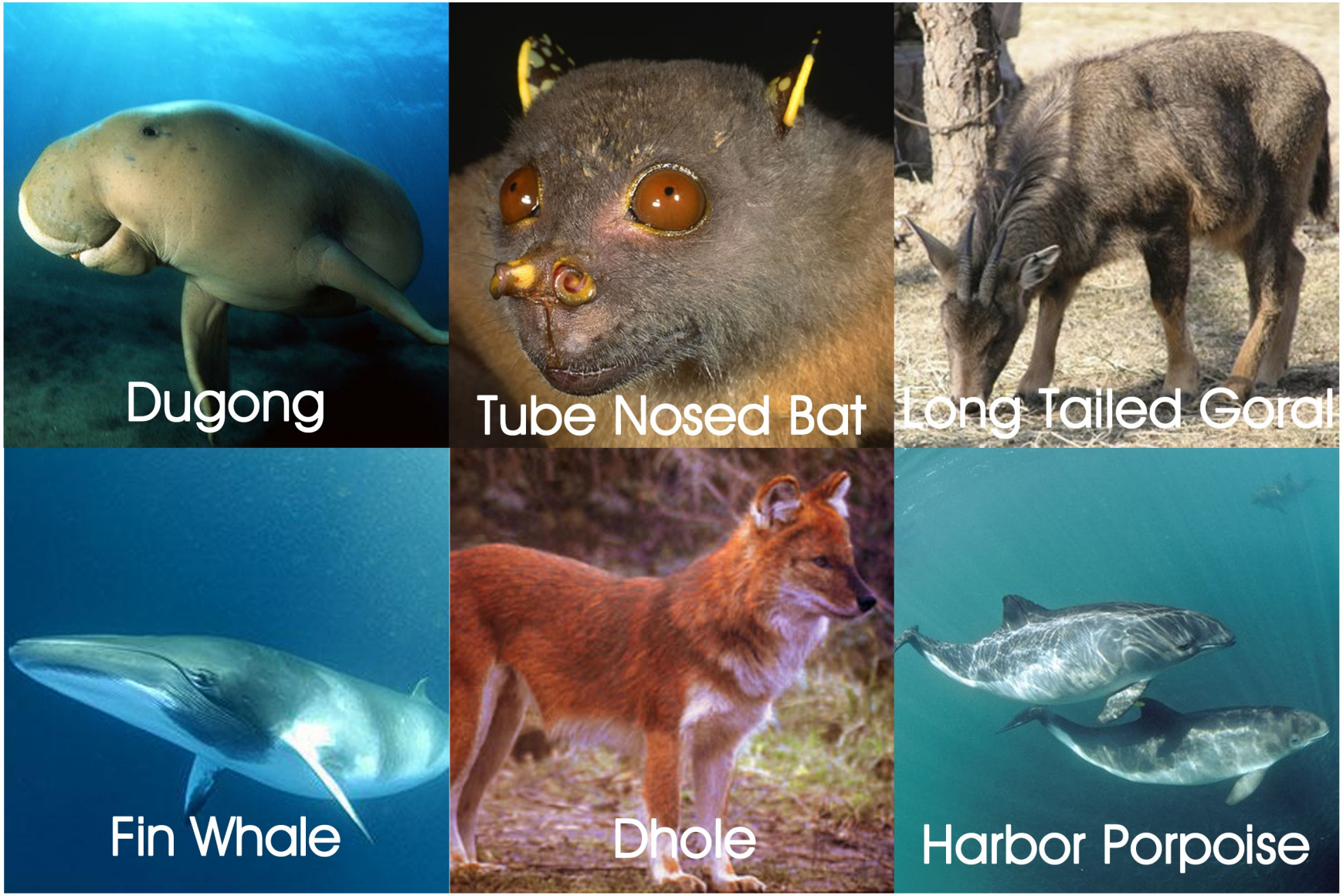

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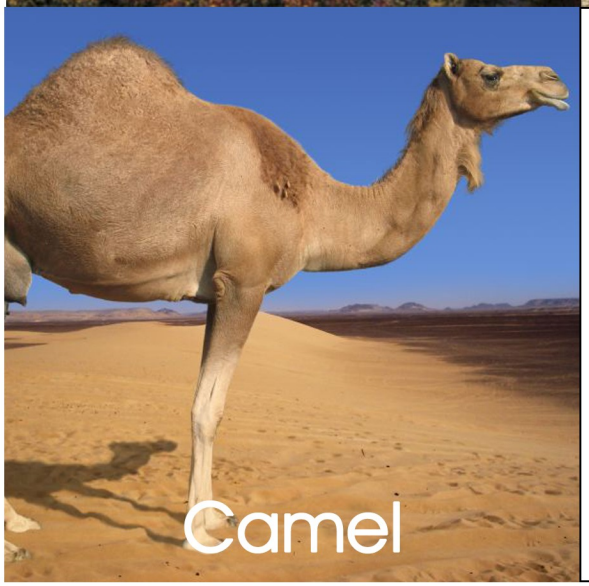

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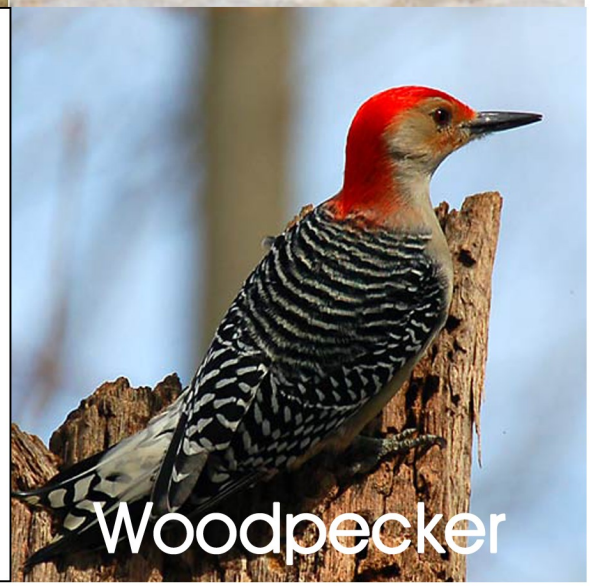

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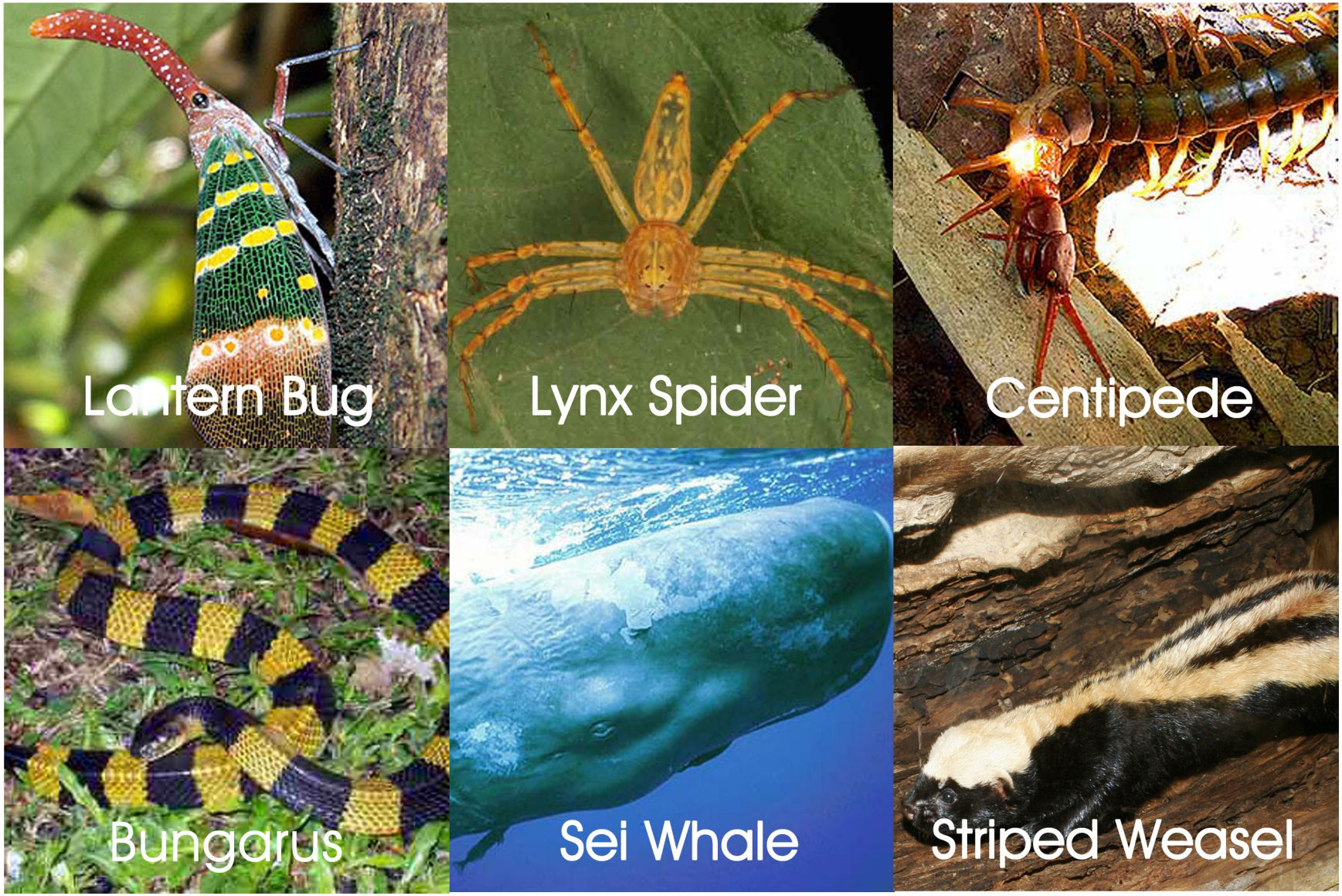

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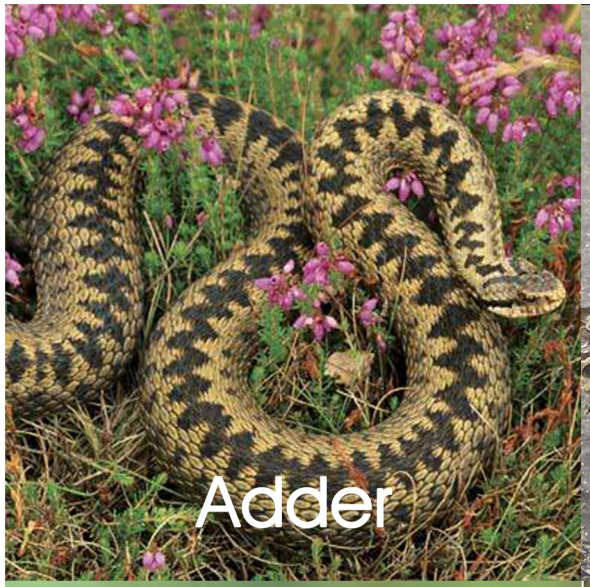

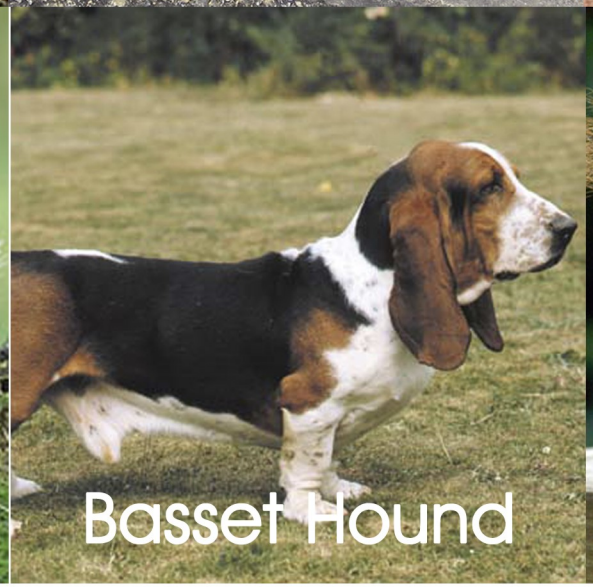

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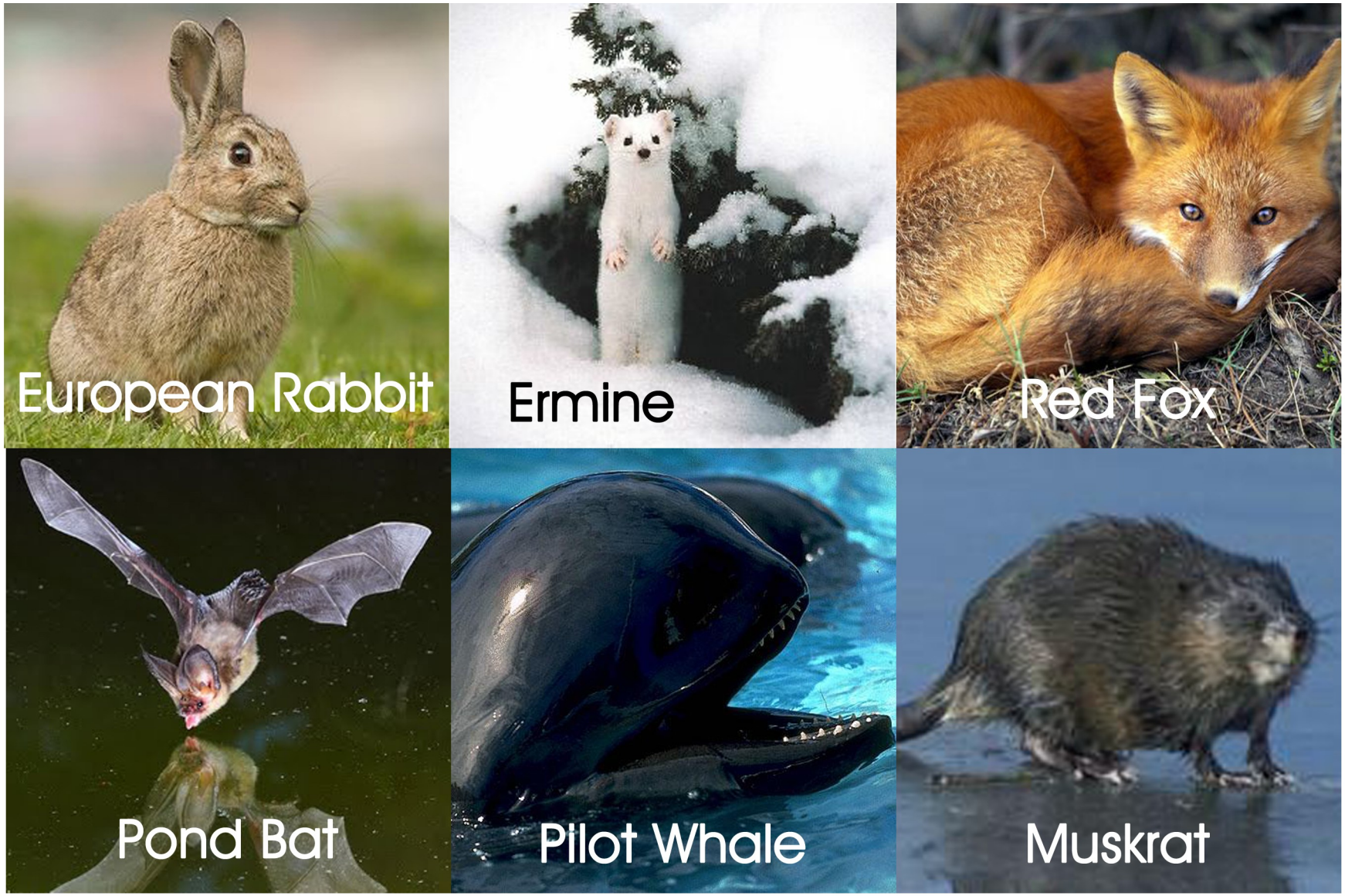

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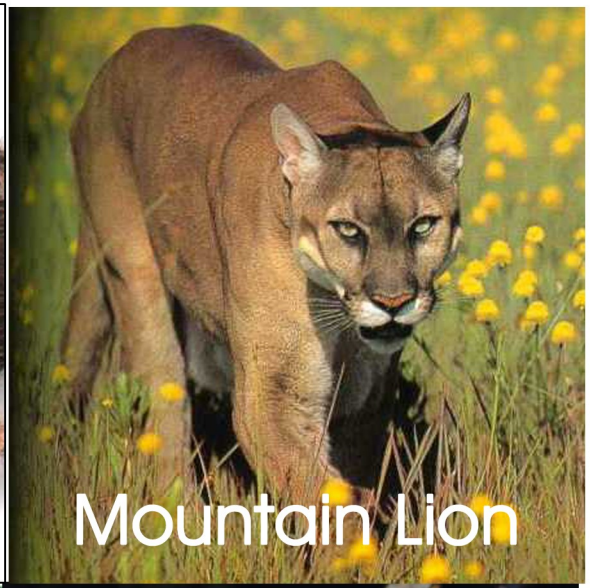

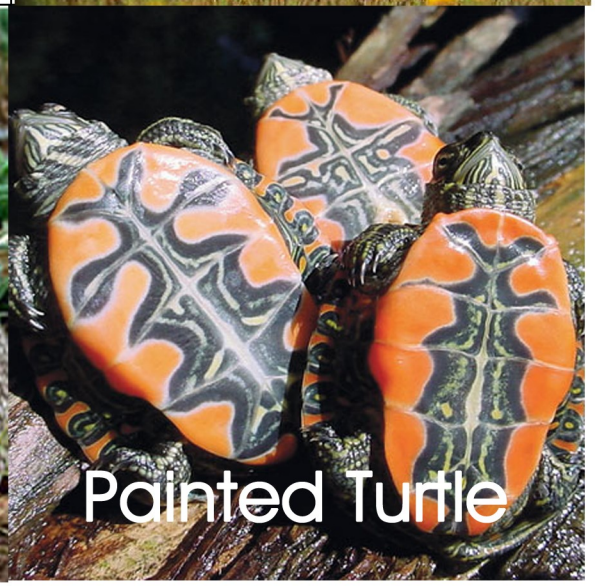

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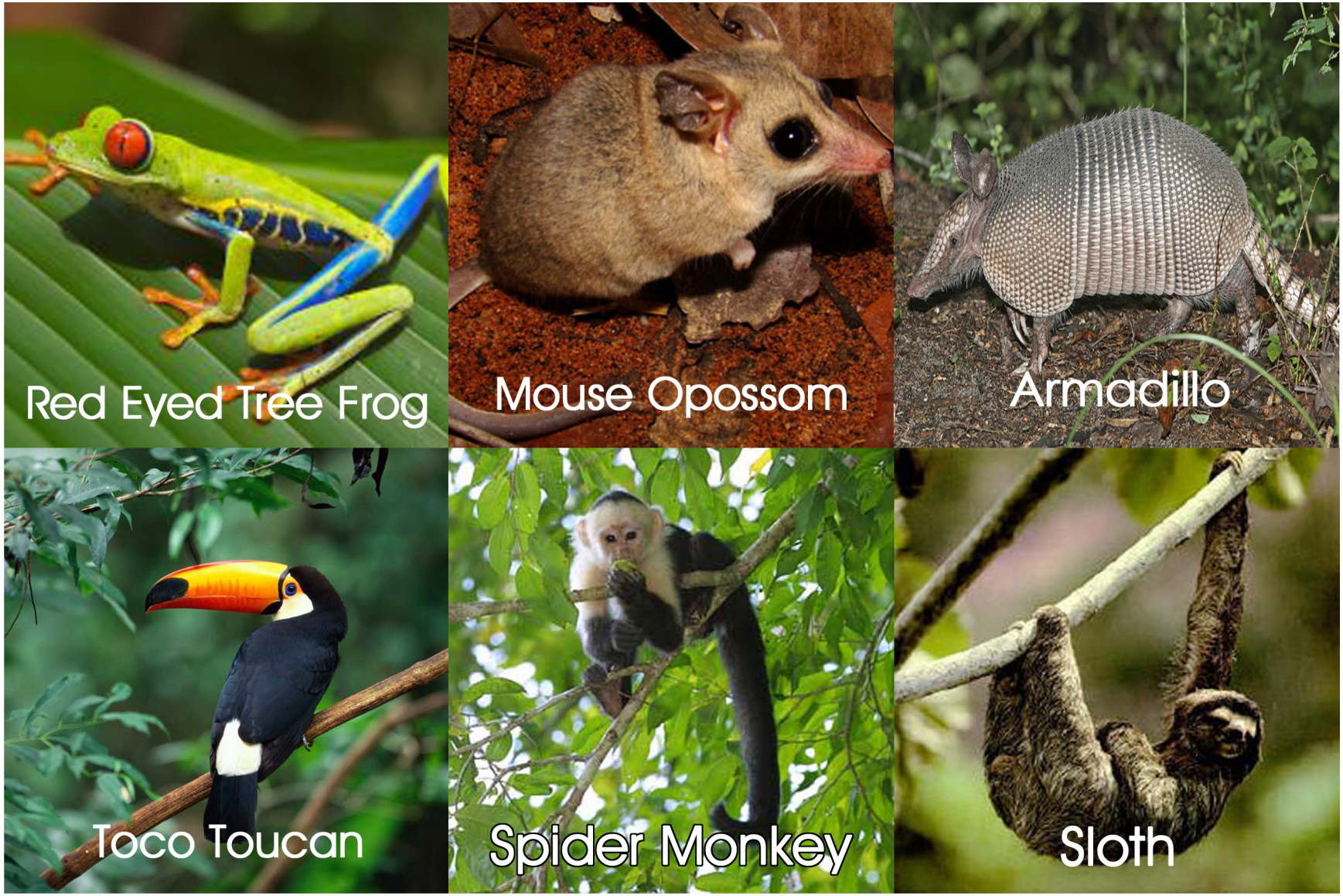

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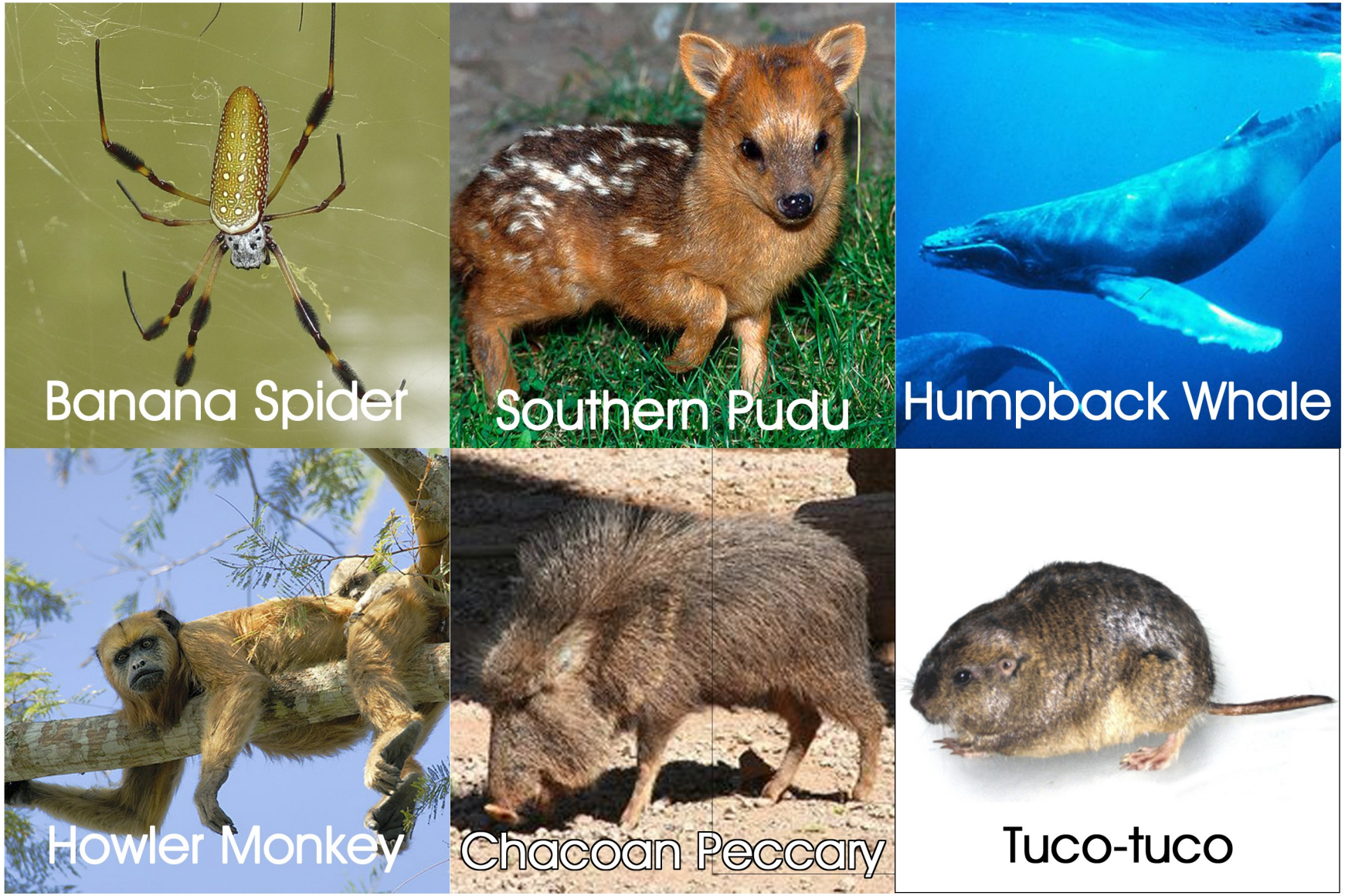

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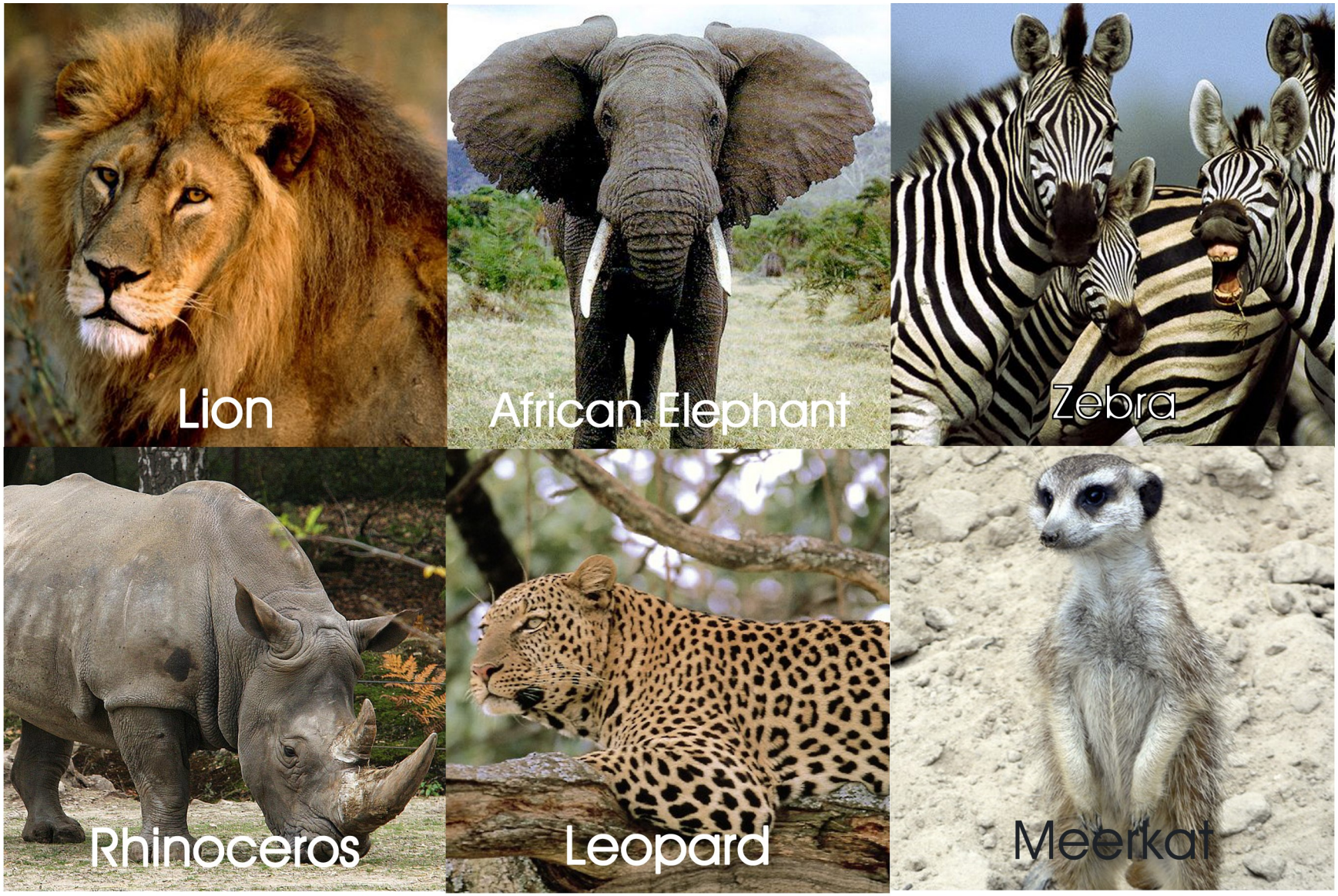

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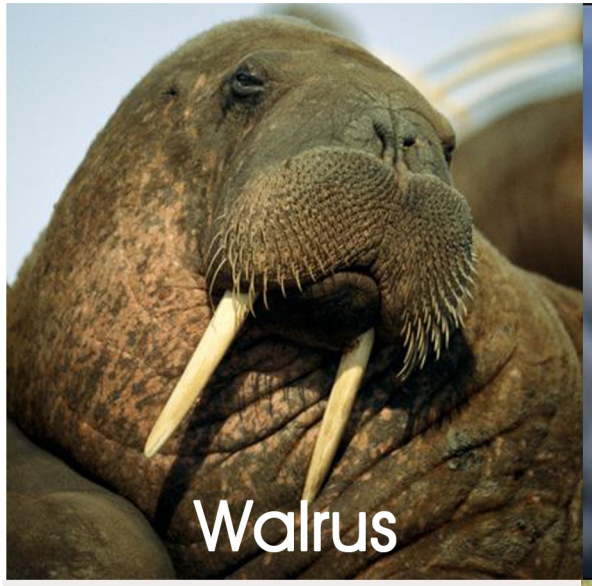

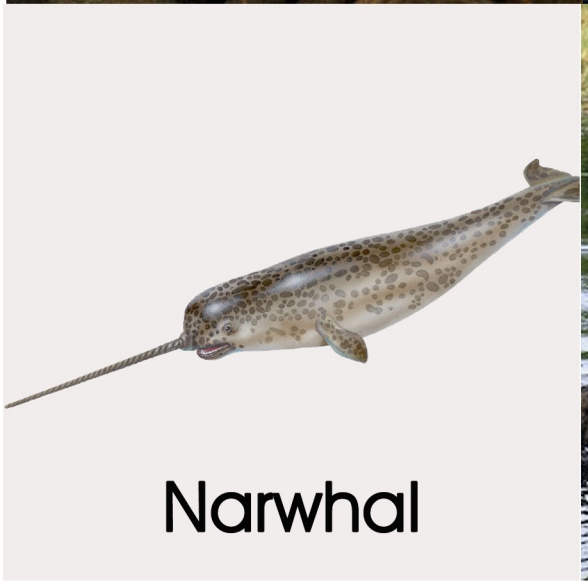

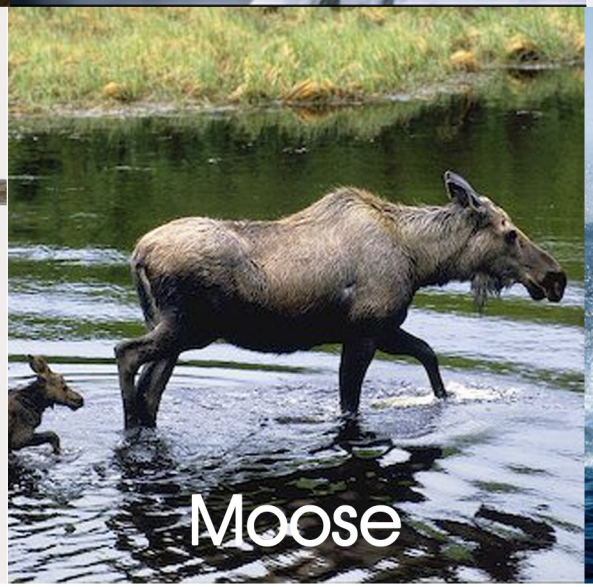

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