

VOCABULARY and READING

1 Test your knowledge of animals! Match the animals (a-f) with their defining characteristics (1-6).

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| a An elephant | 1 is an animal that can last longer without water than a camel. |
| b A dolphin | 2 is an animal that can run at 100 kilometers per hour. |
| c A cheetah | 3 is an insect that can lift 50 times its own weight. |
| d A giraffe | 4 is an animal that can smell water 15 kilometers away. |
| e An ant | 5 is an animal that can live to be 200 years old. |
| f A tortoise | 6 is an animal that can recognize its own image in a mirror. |

2 Work in small groups. You have FIVE (05) minutes. Try to list an animal or an insect for each letter of the alphabet.

A, B, C	D, E, F	G, H, I	J, K, L	M, N, O	P, Q, R	S, T, U	V, W, X	Y, Z

Amazing Animal Stories

Read these amazing animal stories from Ricky, Samantha, and Colette.

3 Look at the pictures (1-3). Match the animal with the title of the stories below (a-c).

a A Fluffy Tail

Colette, 42

We live in a wooded area, summer's day and I was d... was talking to her and putt... were moving and ... out ca... walked away – with a very

b Going Bananas

Samantha, 26

A few years ago, I lived ne... visited, as I like animals. O... hot and at about 4 a.m. I h... a mess! A small monkey w... cupboards and ate the foo... through the kitchen window

c A Long Way Home

Ricky, 35

My brother, Tommy, lives tv... eye on his pet bird – it's a b... take Toots. On the second... was open, and Toots disap... My brother arrived home ar



1 canary



2 squirrel



3 monkey

4 Read the stories again. Are these sentences true or false?

- a Colette lives in an area with a lot of trees.
- b The squirrel left after his experience in the dryer.
- c Samantha worked in a safe place for sick or unwanted animals.
- d She thought a thief was making a noise downstairs.
- e Ricky often travels away from home on business.
- f Tommy asked Ricky to take care of his pet monkey.

5 Replace the underlined words and expressions in Exercise 2 with words and expressions from the stories

a= _____

d= _____

b= _____

e= _____

c= _____

f= _____