



Copycat Animals

Add two more animals to each category

1. camouflage:	leaf insect	lizard	_____	_____
2. insects:	flies	beetles	_____	_____
3. poisonous:	some frogs	scorpions	_____	_____
4. predators:	crocodiles	jaguar	_____	_____
5. prey:	fish	deer	_____	_____
6. spots:	ladybug	cheetah	_____	_____
7. stripes:	zebra	wasp	_____	_____

COUGAR

OCTOPUS

SPIDERS

BUTTERFLY

SNAKES

ANTS

LIONS

CHAMELEON

ZEBRA

RABBITS

FISH

BUTTERFLY

TIGER

SQUIREL

GRAMMAR

That katydid is **as green as** the leaf it sits on.

That butterfly is not **as pretty as** the blue one.

Poison dart frogs are **as dangerous as** some snakes.

READ AND WRITE USING THE (AS _____ AS) REMEMBER THE GRAMMAR IS NECESSARY THE VERB TO BE

1. some insects / thin / sticks

2. a polar bear / white / snow

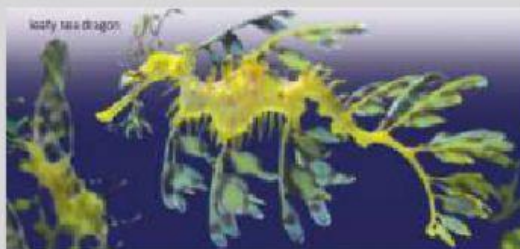
3. king snakes / not dangerous / coral snakes

4. a bee sting / bad / a wasp sting

5. a lion / not loud / a howler monkey

Copycats Read and write.

The leafy sea dragon is a weird but beautiful copycat from its name you would think it imitates a dragon, wouldn't you? But no, it only gets that name from its funny shape. The leafy sea dragon imitates what is around it. It lives in seaweed, and so its body looks like a seaweed leaf. The sea dragon imitates the shape and color of seaweed, and it even looks like floating seaweed when it moves. It doesn't use the parts of its body that look like a leaf to swim. It uses fins that are transparent, so it's hard to see them move. The leafy sea dragon does not only look like a copycat. It also dances like a copycat. A male and female sea dragon will copy each other's movements for hours! The mimic octopus is the only sea creature that can imitate many different species. It not only changes its color, it also changes its shape. It has arms as thick as pencils. When it spreads them wide, they look like the spines of a lionfish. It can hide some of its arms in the sand but leave two arms out. Then with its white and brown stripes and the two arms, it looks like a sea snake! It can also pull its arms together and swim on the sea floor, so to a predator, it looks like a poisonous flatfish! Like other octopuses, the mimic octopus has eight arms and three hearts. It swims by shooting out jets of water through a siphon. It also has a large brain for its size. That's one smart octopus!



1. What does the leafy sea dragon imitate? _____
2. What does the leafy sea dragon use to swim? _____
3. What does the mimic octopus look like? _____
4. What does the mimic octopus do with its arms? _____