

1 Animal Families

Are human families similar to animal families? What do you think?

Look at these photos. Which live in families?



Watch the video to see if your answers are correct.

Read the sentences below. Which pictures do they refer to?

- 1 Many animals live in family groups / teams as well.
- 2 There are usually five to seven females / males in the group.
- 3 In the group, there is usually only one female / male.
- 4 He has long hair on his head / neck.
- 5 There are 20–30 meerkats in the family / group.
- 6 This is the alpha pair / parent.
- 7 He has silver hair on his back / front.
- 8 He is the father / leader of all the young gorillas.

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Watch the video again and circle the words in the sentences above that you hear.

Now, complete the summary of the video below using these words.

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Some animals live (1) _____, but many animals live in family groups. Lions usually live in families of about five to seven females and one male. The male lion has long hair on his neck and he is very (2) _____. All the young lions in the group are his sons and (3) _____. Meerkats also live in big families. There are 20–30 meerkats in a family. One pair, called the alpha pair, are the (4) _____ and father of all the young meerkats. Gorillas also live in families. The (5) _____ is a large male gorilla with silver (6) _____ on his back. He is the father of all the (7) _____ gorillas and the seven females in the group are their mothers. Families are (8) _____ for animals and people.

- Are your family the most important people in your life? Why / why not?
- Is the father usually the leader in a family? What do you think?