

Wildlife and Nature.

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Can You Spot the Target Words in These Sentences?

- 16 The beetle crawled on the leaf.
- 17 The colorful butterfly landed on the flower.
- 18 The camel was walking in the desert.
- 19 Every creature has a unique role in the ecosystem.
- 20 The dinosaur's skeleton was discovered at the museum.
- 21 The eagle soared gracefully in the sky.
- 22 Many species of animals have gone extinct due to human activity.
- 23 The fur on the rabbit is soft.
- 24 The insect flew around my head.
- 25 The bird built its nest in the tree.
- 26 The octopus squeezed through the small hole.
- 27 The swan glided elegantly across the lake.
- 28 The tortoise slowly made its way across the grass.
- 29 I saw a wild horse galloping in the field.
- 30 The bird flapped its wings and took off into the air.

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Time to Read!

Scientists in the UK have made a list of the ten most amazing animals in the world. They are all birds, insects or mammals. Some of them are very big, and some are very small.

The biggest animal on the list is the blue whale. It's about 30 metres long and it weighs 200 tonnes. The smallest animal is the Hercules beetle - it's only about seven centimetres long, but it can lift something that weighs 850 times more than its own weight!

Some of the animals are very beautiful. For example, the green peacock butterfly has bright green wings with black and yellow spots, and the swan has a long, white neck. Other animals on the list are not so attractive. The naked mole rat has no fur and it has big teeth. It lives in Africa and it's the only mammal that lives in colonies like bees and ants.

One of the most interesting animals on the list is the octopus. It's an amazing creature because it can change colour when it wants to hide from enemies. When it's in danger, it can also lose an arm! It can grow another one later. Another interesting animal is the dinosaur. Dinosaurs lived on Earth for over 160 million years, but they became extinct about 65 million years ago. Some scientists believe that birds are dinosaurs' closest relatives.

There are many different kinds of birds. The eagle is one of the most famous birds in the world because it's the national bird of the USA. It's also a symbol of power. The ostrich is the world's largest bird - it's about three metres tall. The hummingbird is the world's smallest bird - it's about five centimetres long. There are about 9,000 different kinds of birds.

There are about one million different kinds of insect, and the bee is one of the most important. Bees collect nectar from flowers and make honey. They also help to pollinate flowers, so that new flowers can grow. Bees live in groups called colonies, and they have a queen. Bees are not the only insects that live in colonies - ants do too. Ants build nests, and there can be up to one million ants in one nest! There are about 10,000 trillion ants on Earth - that's more than a thousand billion!

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Pick the Right Answer!

- 1 **What is the biggest animal on the list?**
 - a The blue whale
 - b The Hercules beetle
 - c The green peacock butterfly
 - d The ostrich
- 2 **What is the smallest animal on the list?**
 - a The blue whale
 - b The Hercules beetle
 - c The green peacock butterfly
 - d The ostrich
- 3 **What is a characteristic of the naked mole rat?**
 - a It has no fur and big teeth
 - b It has bright green wings with black and yellow spots
 - c It can change colour and lose an arm
 - d It is the national bird of the USA

4 What is the world's largest bird?

- a The blue whale
- b The Hercules beetle
- c The ostrich
- d The hummingbird

5 How many different kinds of birds are there?

- a About 30
- b About 7
- c About 9,000
- d About 10,000 trillion

6 What is the importance of bees?

- a They are the biggest animal on the list
- b They can lift something 850 times their own weight
- c They collect nectar from flowers and make honey
- d They can change colour and lose an arm

7 How many ants can there be in one nest?

- a Up to one million
- b About 30
- c About 7
- d About 10,000 trillion

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Which Title Fits Best?

- 1 The Ten Most Amazing Animals in the World
- 2 Are Dinosaurs Still Alive Today?
- 3 How Do Insects Help in Flower Pollination?

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Can You Tell which Sentences are True and which are False?

- 1 The blue whale is the smallest animal on the list.
- 2 The Hercules beetle can lift something that weighs 850 times more than its own weight.

- 3 The green peacock butterfly has bright green wings with black and yellow spots.
- 4 The naked mole rat has fur and small teeth.
- 5 The octopus can change colour when it wants to hide from enemies.
- 6 Dinosaurs became extinct about 65 million years ago.
- 7 The eagle is the national bird of the UK.
- 8 The ostrich is the world's smallest bird.
- 9 Bees collect nectar from flowers and make honey.
- 10 Ants build nests, and there can be up to one million ants in one nest.