8 Animals and insects

A Pets and farm animals

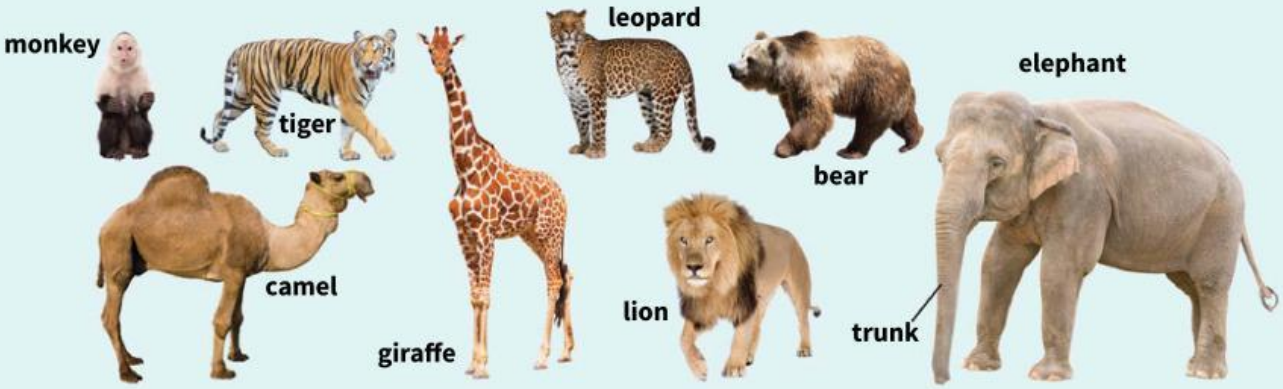
In the UK, many people **keep pets** [animals that live with people]. The most common are dogs and cats, but people also keep birds, e.g. **parrots**, that are usually in a **cage**. Children sometimes keep **mice** (*sing* **mouse**) and **rabbits**. Some people keep more unusual animals as pets, e.g. **frogs, snakes** and **spiders**.



Farms in the UK may have sheep, pigs, cows, horses, **donkeys**, chickens, **goats** and a **bull**.

B Wild animals

The pictures show a number of **wild animals** [animals that normally live in natural conditions]. If you are lucky, you may see these animals **in the wild** [living free], but you will probably see them in a **zoo**. Some of these animals, for example tigers, are now quite **rare** [not often seen or found]. It is important that we **protect** [keep safe] these **endangered animals**.



C Insects



D Sea creatures

Many different **creatures** [living things, e.g. animals] live in the sea.



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Exercises

8.1 **Put the words into the correct columns.**

~~goat~~	monkey	goat	fly	bull	bee	elephant	pig
mosquito	tiger	donkey	camel	ant	leopard	butterfly	

farm animals	wild animals	insects
goat		

8.2 **Look at the underlined letters in each pair of words. Is the pronunciation the same or different? Use the index to help you.**

1 whale water *different*
2 cat camel *same*
3 bear bee .....
4 leopard mosquito .....
5 lion tiger .....
6 goat giraffe .....
7 spider wild .....
8 camel snake .....
9 leopard shark .....
10 monkey frog .....

8.3 **Complete the sentences.**

1 Cats and dogs are the most common *pets* in the UK.
2 I've only seen ..... animals in zoos or on TV.
3 I don't like keeping birds in a .....; they need more space.
4 I hate ants and mosquitos. In fact, I hate all .....
5 It's hard to see tigers in the wild because they are now .....
6 Some animals are disappearing, so we must ..... them.

8.4 **Start each sentence with a suitable creature from the opposite page.**

1 *Sharks* ..... can swim very long distances.
2 ..... are very clever and are similar to humans.
3 ..... can travel through the desert for long distances without water.
4 ..... can be 25 metres in length.
5 ..... can eat leaves from tall trees when they are standing on the ground.
6 ..... sometimes change their skin several times a year.
7 ..... can pick things up with their trunk.
8 ..... are kept as pets, usually in cages, and some can even talk!

8.5 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

1 Have you got any pets? What pets?

2 Have you ever seen animals in the wild? What did you see? Where?

3 How do you feel about birds in cages and wild animals in zoos?

4 Are you frightened of any creatures, e.g. mice?

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