Unit 5



animals

EXERCISE 1

Some animals can be trained to work for us; dogs are an example.

Can you match the type of dog below with the job it commonly carries out?

1 guide dog  ☐ rounding up sheep on a farm

2 guard dog  ☐ sniffing out bombs or chemicals, tracking suspected criminals using scent

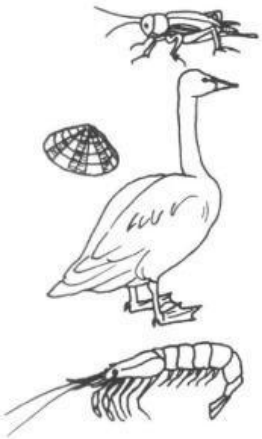
3 sheep dog  ☐ helping to lead the blind

4 police dog  ☐ protecting a house or its owners from danger of intruders

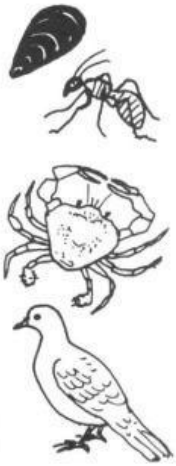
EXERCISE 2

Sort the following into the correct group:

ant	goose	fly	clam	mussel	mosquito	duck	crab	pigeon
cockroach	turkey	lobster	cricket	ostrich	shrimp			



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EXERCISE 3

Match the collective noun with the correct animal group:

elephants	hounds	fish	bees	sheep

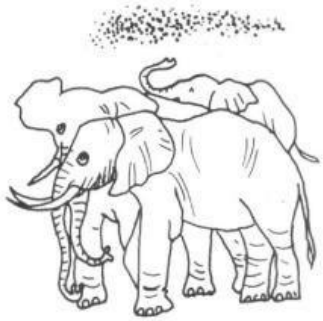
1 a flock of _____

2 a pack of _____

3 a shoal of _____

4 a herd of _____

5 a swarm of _____



EXERCISE 4

*Human bodies are covered with **skin** and **hair**. Match these animals with the correct skin covering:*

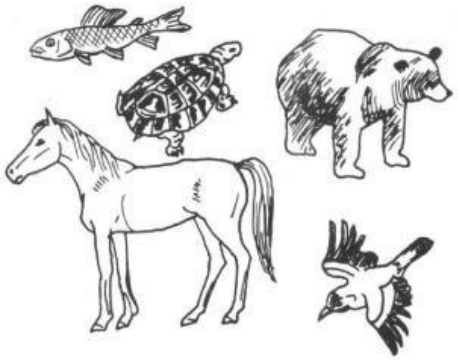
1 bear

2 horse

3 fish

4 tortoise

5 bird



☐ feathers

☐ shell

☐ fur

☐ hair

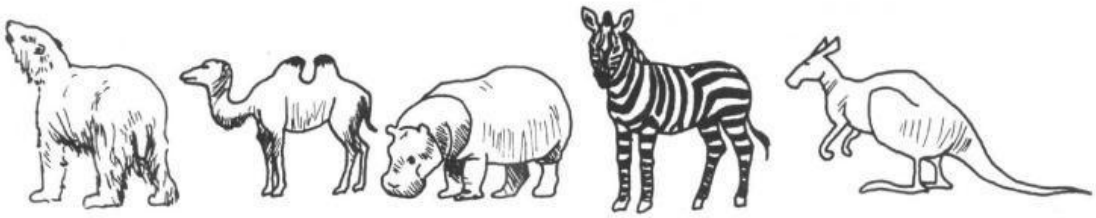
☐ scales

EXERCISE 5

Some animals are associated with certain countries or places. Solve the anagrams below using the clues provided:

L A M C E _____

➥ a desert animal with one or two humps on its back



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O K O R N A A G _____

➥ an Australian animal which moves by jumping

P A R O L B R A E _____

➥ a white bear living in north polar regions

A M P P I T O O H P S U _____

➥ a large African river animal with short legs and thick dark skin

A R E B Z _____

➥ an African wild animal with a striped body

EXERCISE 6

Read the text and fill the gaps with the correct word in the right form:

dog	animal	wolf	mouse	horse

Animals appear in many stories for children. Sometimes the animal represents fear or evil, like the big, bad _____ in the story of Little Red Riding Hood. In such stories, there is invariably a 'happy ending' involving the death of the wolf and a victory of Good over Evil. In other stories, animals are friendly towards humans, like the _____ Lassie and in the tales of 'The Lone Ranger' where the _____, Silver, is shown to have the qualities of loyalty and affection. In the Fables of Aesop, _____ are given human characteristics, and the stories are used to expose human failings or weaknesses; we are meant to learn a lesson from them. Of course, animals have always appeared in cartoons to provide humour, the most famous being Mickey _____, Bugs Bunny, and Tom and Jerry.



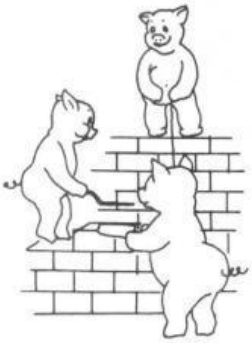
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EXERCISE 7

Complete the following by deciding which animal is involved:

wolf	rabbit	horse	wolf	pigs



1 A famous fable by Aesop is 'The boy who cried _____'.

2 A _____ wanted to eat Little Red Riding Hood.

3 In one famous fairy tale, three little _____ each tried to build themselves a house.

4 The Lone Ranger trusted his faithful _____, Silver.

5 Bugs Bunny is a cartoon _____ .

EXERCISE 8

Animals

☞ We sometimes attribute certain 'human' qualities to animals; for example, we often describe dogs as being 'faithful' and a pig as being 'greedy'.

Which special qualities do you associate with the following animals? Read the sentences and decide which animal is being described.

owl	cat	dog	lion	fox	elephant

1 It is sly and cunning. _____

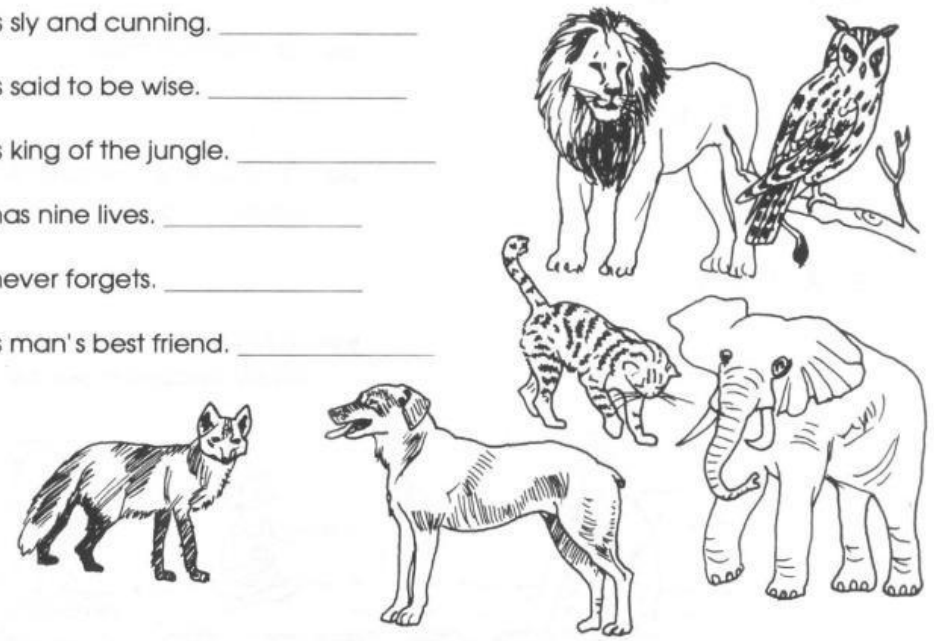
2 It is said to be wise. _____

3 It is king of the jungle. _____

4 It has nine lives. _____

5 It never forgets. _____

6 It is man's best friend. _____



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