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A male walrus is called a bull.

Honey bees “dance” to let other bees know they’ve found food.

A blue whale’s heart is almost as big as a golf cart.

A kakapo is the only parrot that can’t fly.

A beaver has clear eyelids that work as goggles.

Say “KAH-kuh-poh.”

Only male lions have manes.

A male walrus is called a bull.
Wolves live in family groups called packs. The wolves in a pack do everything together.

Mom and Dad lead the pack. Their pups stay with them until they are old enough to have families of their own.
The wolves in a pack like to wrestle and play. It’s fun, and it’s how they show who is in charge.

Pack mates greet each other with nuzzles and licks. It’s how they show they like each other.

Members of the pack run together. By working together, they can chase down deer and other large animals.
Wolves howl to send messages to other members of the pack. Listen!

The wolf pack gets bigger when pups are born in the spring. The new pups will spend the summer and fall learning what it is like to be a member of a pack.

When the wolves in a pack get tired, they curl up and go to sleep. In winter, their thick fur coats keep them warm.
They all decided they liked that idea the best. So the friends headed home to pack a few things before their hike. Dry leaves crunched beneath the friends’ feet as they walked through the woods. All around them, birds chirped loudly and a woodpecker pecked on a tree trunk.

Sammy stopped and pulled a small notebook and pencil out of his pocket. He wrote something down, then put them away again.

“What are you writing?” asked Flora.

“Oh, nothing important,” said Sammy. “I’ll tell you later.”

Suddenly they heard a scratching sound. They all stopped and watched as two squirrels chased each other down a tree trunk and across the path in front of them.

“Cool!” said Ricky. “You could hear their claws scratching on the tree.”

As they started walking again, Sammy wrote something in his notebook.
Just then—kerplunk!—something hit Flora on the head, then bounced onto the ground with a plop. “Hey, what was that?” she asked. Then she saw an acorn lying on the ground. Thunk!

Flora giggled. “It’s like they’re all talking to each other at the same time,” she said.

The others laughed. Sammy wrote in his notebook.

Soon the fire was going. They all sat around it, roasting hot dogs on sticks. The fire crackled loudly. Sammy asked Flora to hold his stick while he wrote in his notebook again.

Now the sun was beginning to go down, and crickets started chirping nearby. Sammy wrote in his notebook.

“Sammy,” said Bizzie, “when are you going to tell us what you’ve been writing all day?”

Sammy grinned. “Well,” he said, “do you remember when Ricky suggested we go on a sound safari? As we walked, I started noticing a lot of sounds. So I began writing them down.”

“What sounds did we hear, Sammy?” asked Bizzie.

Sammy began to read from his notebook. “Dry leaves crunching, birds singing, a woodpecker pecking, squirrels scratching, acorns falling, geese honking, fire crackling, and crickets chirping.”

“Wow, Sammy,” said Flora. “You did a good job. There really are a lot of sounds in Deep Green Wood!”

“Hey,” said Ricky. “It turns out that we went on a sound safari without even knowing it!”

Just then everyone heard a loud, rumbling noise.

“There’s another sound for your list, Sammy,” said Bizzie with a grin. “My stomach is growling! Time to eat our hot dogs!”

“We’re under an oak tree,” said Ricky. “In fall, acorns drop off the tree.”

Sammy wrote in his notebook again.

Before long, the friends had arrived at a spot along a stream with a view of the colorful fall leaves.

“It’s so pretty here,” Bizzie said. “Let’s make our campfire. I’m hungry.”

As they were building the fire, the gang heard noises from above. It was a flock of geese flying by, honking away loudly.
Say What?

If this lemur could talk, what do you think it would be saying?

Leaf? What leaf?

Staring contest. Don’t blink!

First one to the top WINS!

Scan this code to vote for your favorite saying. Turn the page to see how these animals are alike.
They All Live in Holes!

Many animals make their homes in cozy holes.

A badger has a body made for digging. This animal sleeps in the holes it digs. These holes are called burrows.

This toad can dig backward into the ground. It is damp inside the hole it digs. The toad stays there during dry spells.

This woodpecker lives in a desert where this big cactus grows. It makes a nest hole in the cactus for raising its chicks.
**A meerkat** makes its home in a hole. When a meerkat sees an enemy, it will run into its hole to hide.

**This land crab** brings dinner back to its holey home in the sand.

**A puffin** builds its nest in a hole it digs with its bill. The hole is a safe place for a puffin to raise its young.

**Watch puffins!**
The blue whale is by far the largest animal on Earth. This kind of whale is longer than a basketball court.

Blue whales are huge, but they eat tiny shrimp-like animals called krill.
Starting with 1, connect the dots for a Thanksgiving surprise.

**TURKEY TALK**

Find these words in the box of letters:

TURKEY  TOM  HEN  JENNY  JAKE  Gobble

H  E  N  U  J  W  A  J
P  K  Q  N  A  R  E
O  T  U  R  K  E  Y  N
R  O  O  G  E  N  A  N
G  M  J  B  E  S  K  Y
G  O  B  B  L  E  Y  P

A young male turkey is called a JAKE.

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

The outside!

An adult male turkey is called a TOM.

A young female is called a JENNY.

An adult female is called a HEN.
We live in a ... **Marsh**

A marsh is a grassy area that is partly covered by water. Cattails often grow here.

- **Frog** sits in the shallow water.
- **Wren** sings from a cattail.
- **Muskrat** nibbles on plants.

**I live in a marsh, too.**
**Guess who I am.**

1. I use my long bill as a fork to stab fish.
2. My long neck is shaped like the letter “S.”
3. I am about as tall as a first grader.

Open the flap to see who I am.
A great blue heron slowly wades through marsh waters, looking for fish to eat.
Whoooooo's There?

An owl cannot move its eyes around the way you can. Instead, it has to move its whole head.

A burrowing owl spends most of its time on the ground.