

ANIMALS DEFINITIONS

Ant /ænt/ A small, black or red insect that lives in groups on the ground.

Ass /æs/ A donkey (= animal like a small horse).

Bat /bæt/ A small animal like a mouse with wings that flies at night.

Bear /beər/ A large, strong, wild animal with thick fur.

Bee /bi:/ A flying insect that has a yellow and black body and makes honey.

Beetle /'bi:tł/ An insect with a hard, usually black, shiny body.

Bird /bɜ:d/ An animal that has wings and feathers and is usually able to fly.

Bull /bul/ A male cow.

Butterfly /'bʌtəflai/ An insect with large, patterned wings (lines, shapes or colours).

Camel /kæməl/ A large animal that lives in the desert and has one or two humps (= raised parts on its back).

Cat /kæt/ A small animal with fur, four legs and a tail that is kept as a pet .

Chameleon /kə'mi:.li.ən/ A lizard that changes skin colour to match what surrounds it so that it cannot be seen.

Cheetah /'tʃi:tə/ A large, wild cat that has black spots and can run very fast.

Chick /tʃɪk/ A baby bird, especially a baby chicken.

Chicken /tʃɪkin/ A bird kept on a farm for its meat and eggs.

Chimpanzee /,tʃimpən'zi:/ An African animal like a large monkey.

Clam /klaem/ A small sea creature with a shell in two parts, that you can eat.

Cock /kɒk/ An adult male chicken.

Cod /kɒd/ A large sea fish which can be eaten as food.

Cow /kau/ A large farm animal kept for milk or meat.

Crab /kræb/ A sea creature with ten legs and a round, flat body covered by a shell.

Crocodile /'krɒkədail/ A big reptile with a long mouth and sharp teeth, that lives in lakes and rivers.

Crow /kraʊ/ A large black bird that makes a loud noise.

Deer /dɪər/ A large, wild animal that is sometimes hunted for food and which has long horns if it is male.

Dolphin /'dɒlfɪn/ An intelligent animal that lives in the sea, breathes air, and looks like a large, smooth, grey fish

Dog /dɒg/ An animal with fur, four legs and a tail that is kept as a pet, or trained to guard buildings and guide blind people.

Donkey /dənki/ An animal that looks like a small horse with long ears.

Dromedary /'drɒm.ə.dər.i/ A type of camel with one hump on its back.

Duck /dʌk/ A bird with short legs that lives in or near water.

Eagle /i:gł/ A large, wild bird with a big, curved beak, that hunts smaller animals.

Elephant /'elɪfənt/ A very large, grey animal with big ears and a very long nose.

Fly /flai/ A small insect with two wings.

Fox /foks/ A wild animal like a dog with red-brown fur, a pointed nose, and a long thick tail.

Frog /frɒg/ A small, green animal with long back legs for jumping that lives in or near water.

Gazelle /gə'zel/ An African or Asian animal like a deer that moves quickly and lightly and has large eyes.

Giraffe /dʒɪ'rɑ:f/ A large African animal with a very long neck and long, thin legs.

Goat /gəut/ An animal with horns which is kept for the milk it produces.

Goose /gu:s/ A large water bird similar to a duck.

Gorilla /gə'rila/ A big, black, hairy animal, like a large monkey.

Grasshopper /'gra:s,hɒpər/ A green insect which jumps about using its long back legs.

Hake /heik/ A big sea fish which can be eaten.

Hedgehog /hedʒhɒg/ A small animal whose body is covered with sharp points.

Hen /hen/ A female bird, especially a chicken.

Horse /hɔ:s/ A large animal with four legs, which people ride or use to pull heavy things.

Insect /'Insekt/ A small creature with six legs, for example a bee or a fly.

Kangaroo /,kængər'u:/ A large Australian animal that moves by jumping on its back legs.

Kitten /'kitən/ A young cat.

Koala /kəu'a:lə/ An Australian animal like a small bear with grey fur which lives in trees and eats leaves.

Ladybird /'leɪdibɜ:d/ A small flying insect which is usually red with black spots.

- Lamb** /læm/ A young sheep.
- Leopard** /'lepəd/ A large, wild animal of the cat family, with yellow fur and dark spots.
- Lion** /laɪən/ A large, wild animal of the cat family, with light brown fur.
- Lizard** /'lɪzəd/ small animal with thick skin, a long tail, and four short legs.
- Llama** /'la:ma/ A large South American animal with a long neck and long hair.
- Louse** /laʊs/ A very small insect that lives on the bodies or in the hair of people or animals.
- Lynx** /lɪŋks/ A wild animal of the cat family which has brown hair, sometimes with dark spots on it, pointed ears and a short tail.
- Mole** /məʊl/ A small animal with black fur that digs holes in the soil and lives under the ground.
- Monkey** /mʌŋki/ A hairy animal with a long tail that lives in hot countries and climbs trees.
- Mouse** /maʊs/ A small animal with fur and a long, thin tail.
- Mule** /mjʊ:l/ An animal whose mother is a horse and whose father is a donkey.
- Mussel** /'mʌsəl/ A small sea creature that has a black shell in two parts and that can be eaten.
- Octopus** /'ɒktəpəs/ A sea creature with eight long arms.
- Ostrich** /'ɒstrɪtʃ/ A very large bird from Africa which cannot fly but can run very fast.
- Owl** /aʊl/ A bird that has large eyes and hunts small animals at night.
- Ox** /ɒks/ A large, male cow, used especially in the past to pull farm vehicles.
- Oyster** /'ɔ:stər/ A sea creature that lives in a flat shell and is eaten as food.
- Panther** /'pænθər/ A large, black, wild cat.
- Parrot** /'pærət/ A tropical bird with a curved beak and colourful feathers that can be taught to copy what people say.
- Pelican** /'pel.i.kən/ A large bird which catches fish and carries them in the lower part of its beak, which is like a bag.
- Penguin** /'pengwin/ A large, black and white sea bird that swims and cannot fly.
- Pheasant** /'fezənt/ A bird with a long tail that is shot for food.
- Pig** /pig/ A large pink, brown, or black farm animal that is kept for its meat.
- Pigeon** /'pɪdʒən/ A grey bird which often lives on buildings in towns .
- Dove** /dʌv/ A white bird, sometimes used as a symbol of peace.
- Puma** /'pu:.mə/ A large brown wild cat that lives in North and South America.
- Rabbit** /'ræbit/ A small animal with fur and long ears that lives in a hole in the ground.
- Rat** /ræt/ An animal that looks like a large mouse and has a long tail.
- Rhinoceros** /raɪ'nɒsərəs/ A large animal from Africa or Asia that has thick skin and one or two horns on its nose.
- Seagull** /'si:gʌl/ A grey and white bird that lives near the sea.
- Seal** /si:l/ An animal with smooth fur that eats fish and lives near the sea.
- Shark** /ʃa:k/ A large fish with very sharp teeth.
- Sheep** /ʃi:p/ A farm animal whose skin is covered with wool.
- Snail** /sneɪl/ A small creature with a long, soft body and a round shell.
- Snake** /sneɪk/ A long, thin creature with no legs that slides along the ground.
- Spider** /'spaɪdər/ A small creature with eight long legs which catches insects in a web (= structure like a net).
- Tiger** /'taɪgər/ A large wild cat that has yellow fur with black lines on it.
- Whale** /weɪl/ A very large animal that looks like a large fish, lives in the sea and breathes air through a hole at the top of its head.
- Wolf** /wʊlf/ A wild animal like a large dog.
- Worm** /wɜ:m/ A small creature with a long, thin, soft body and no legs.