

Amazing Animals

Wild About Animals

These animals can do amazing things.



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Chameleons Are Reptiles

A **reptile** is an animal that has hard, dry skin. Reptiles are **cold-blooded**. Their body temperature changes as the temperature of the air or water they live in changes.

Amazing facts: Chameleons can move their eyes separately and look in two different directions at the same time! Chameleons can also change colors. They might be green one moment and brown 20 seconds later.

Cheetahs Are Mammals

A **mammal** is an animal that has hair on its body. Mammals are **warm-blooded**. Their bodies stay about the same warm temperature in both hot and cold weather.



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Amazing facts: Cheetahs are the world's fastest land animals. They can run as fast as 70 miles per hour. That is faster than most cars driving on a highway! Cheetahs can reach highway speeds in just a few seconds. However, they can run fast for only a short time.

Frogs Are Amphibians (am-FIH-bee-uhnz)

An **amphibian** is an animal that lives part of its life in water and part on land. Amphibians are cold-blooded. Most have smooth, wet skin.

Amazing facts: The American bullfrog is the largest frog in North America. It can grow up to eight inches long. How did this frog get its name? The frog's call sounds like a cow. A **bull** is a male cow.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Answer the following four questions based on the information in the passage.

1. What is the largest frog in North America?

2. What animal discussed in the passage can move each of its eyes separately?

3. Based on the passage, what might the skin of a chameleon feel like?

4. What is this passage mostly about?

Directions: Please read the sentence below and then write the word or phrase that best answers the questions. The first answer has been provided for you.

Chameleons can change colors to hide from predators when they sense danger.

What? chameleons

5. (can) What?

6. Why?

7. When?

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The largest frog in North America is called a bullfrog _____ it sounds like a male cow.

- A but
- B because
- C so

Directions: Read the vocabulary word and definition below. Then answer questions 9 and 10.

Vocabulary Word: **temperature** (tem · per · a · ture): a measure of how hot or cold something is.

9. Read the sentences below and underline all forms of the word **temperature**.
- a. The temperature of the pool was perfect, so I was happy to dive right in without dipping my feet in the water first.
 - b. I was feeling very hot, so my mom took my temperature and found out I had a fever.
 - c. In most places, the temperature of the air during the winter is much colder than in the summer.
 - d. The temperature of cold-blooded reptiles' bodies changes as the air or water around them changes.
 - e. The temperature outside is 100 degrees, so I am going to stay inside in the air conditioning.

10. Which picture below shows a place with cold temperatures?

