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## GUESS THE ANIMAL



### Lead-in activity

Look at one of the animal photographs from the book, *The Most Important Animal of All*. Ask the children to make a list of words, phrases and sentences to describe the animal. Include appearance, diet and animal classification.

### Main activity

Cut out and place the *Guess the Animal* cards in a bag. Invite one child at a time to choose a card and describe the animal to the class without saying the name or showing the picture. Key terms have been provided in the helpful hints box to promote the use of scientific vocabulary. The forbidden words increase the challenge.



### Extension activity

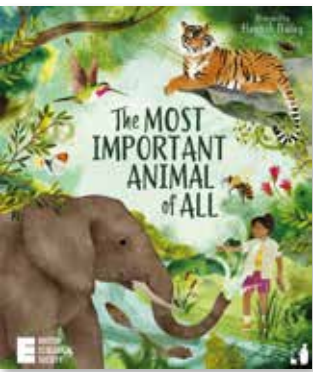
The blank cards are for children to draw and name their own animal, adding in helpful hints and forbidden words. Enjoy playing with a whole new collection of animals.



### English National Curriculum links:

- identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- give well-structured descriptions
- maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas

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## How to play

Cut out the cards to play a fun card game that develops an understanding of animal characteristics and classifications. All the animals are featured in *The Most Important Animal of All*.



**BEE**

### HELPFUL HINTS

insect  
hive  
pollen

### FORBIDDEN WORDS

honey  
buzz  
fly



**ELEPHANT**

### HELPFUL HINTS

mammal  
herd  
tusks

### FORBIDDEN WORDS

trunk  
grey  
big



**BEAVER**

### HELPFUL HINTS

rodent  
engineer  
waterproof fur

### FORBIDDEN WORDS

teeth  
dam  
build



**BAT**

### HELPFUL HINTS

mammal  
nocturnal  
sense of hearing

### FORBIDDEN WORDS

wings  
upside down  
brown



**KRILL**

### HELPFUL HINTS

crustacean  
transparent  
ocean

### FORBIDDEN WORDS

small  
shrimp  
pink



**SHARK**

### HELPFUL HINTS

fish  
predator  
sense of smell

### FORBIDDEN WORDS

bite  
swim  
fin



**BEAR**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

mammal  
carnivore  
cubs

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

paws  
fish  
growl



**TIGER**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

carnivore  
predator  
powerful paws

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

cat  
stripes  
orange



**WOLF**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

predator  
canine  
forests and mountains

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

howl  
moon  
dog



**PRAIRIE DOG**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

rodent  
burrow  
grassland

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

furry  
squeak  
dig



**EARTHWORM**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

burrow  
compost  
prey

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

dirt  
wriggly  
slimy



**SEA OTTER**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

mammal  
float  
shellfish

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

long tail  
small ears  
brown



**CORAL**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

tropical  
grow on rocks  
reef

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

colourful  
plants  
seaweed



**HUMMINGBIRD**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

nectar  
long beak  
fly backwards

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

colourful  
nest  
hum



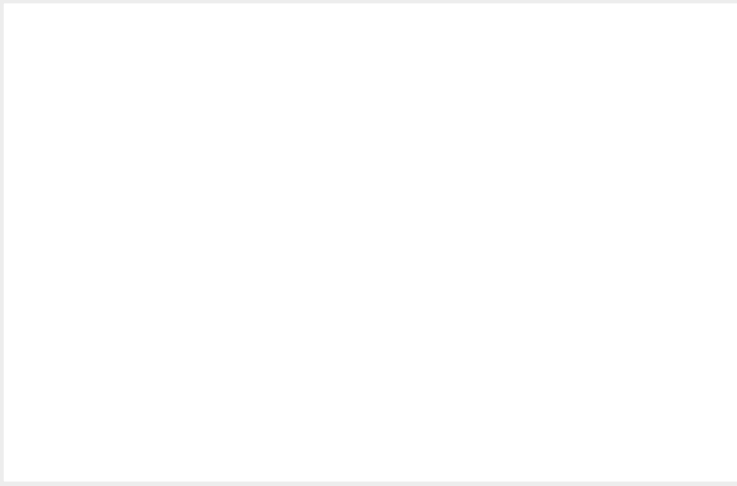
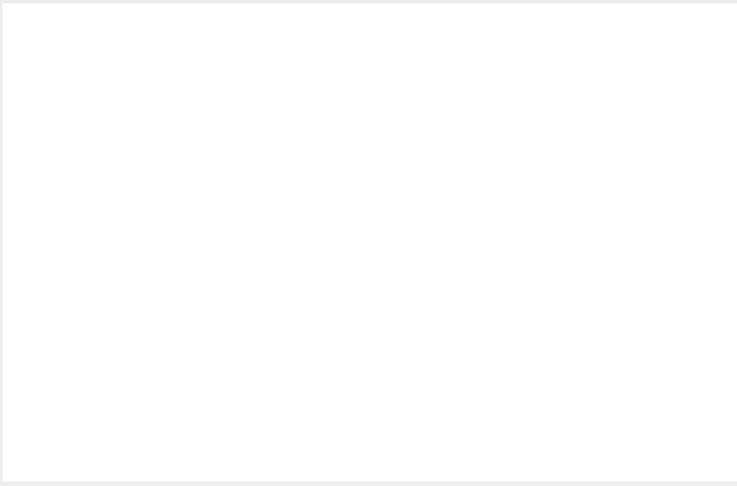
**SEA STAR**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

five (or more) arms  
suckers  
saltwater

**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

star  
crawl  
bright colours



**HELPFUL HINTS**



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**HELPFUL HINTS**



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**FORBIDDEN WORDS**

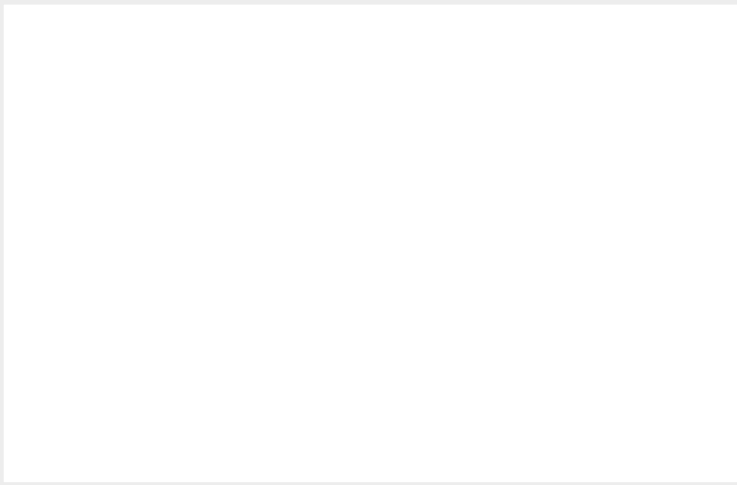
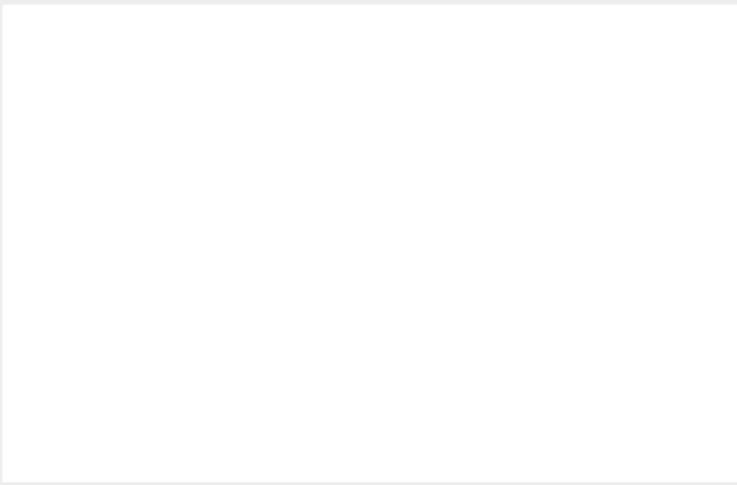


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