

African Habitat

lion

Lion says, "rrrooaaaaaaaarrr." It's a lion. A lion resting. He has a tawny coat. Lions rest for many hours each day. Lion starts with /l/. Find /l/.

elephants

funny elephants It's three elephants. wrinkled elephants Elephants have long trunks. The tusk is used for digging for food and water. Elephants starts with /e/. Find /e/.

zebra

stripey zebra It's a zebra. dark and light stripes Some stripes are wide and some are narrow. The zebra's stripes help it hide. Zebra starts with /z/. Find /z/.

giraffe

lots of spots It's a giraffe. tall giraffe He must really stretch to get a drink. The giraffe does not bend his knees when he is drinking. Giraffe starts with /j/. Find /j/.

hippopotamus

roly poly hippo It's two hippopotami. in the water and on the land Hippopotamus skin looks smooth. These animals eat plants. Hippopotamus starts with /h/. Find /h/.

meerkats

One, two, three, four, five! It's five meerkats. a group of meerkats Some are tall and some are short. Meerkats stand up to look for enemies. Meerkats starts with /m/. Find /m/.

rhinoceros

Here comes rhino. It's a rhinoceros. powerful rhinoceros It has two horns on its snout. The rhinoceros uses mud to protect its skin from the sun. Rhinoceros starts with /r/. Find /r/.

cheetah

spotty cheetah It's a cheetah. runs so fast The cheetah has spots and long whiskers. It runs fast to catch its prey. Cheetah starts with /ch/. Find /ch/.

wildebeest

Hello, wildebeest! It's a wildebeest. curved pointed horns A herd of wildebeests is in the grass. The wildebeests can hide in the tall grass. Wildebeest starts with /w/. Find /w/.

crocodile

Watch out! It's a crocodile. on the bank The crocodile is lying on the river bank. He is getting warm in the sun. Crocodile starts with /k/. Find /k/.



Desert Habitat

snake

"Hiss, hiss." It's a snake. a desert snake His head is shaped like a triangle. This snake is poisonous. Snake starts with /s/. Find /s/.

camels

mama and baby It's two camels. one-hump camels Each camel has a large hump on its back. The hump stores water for the camel. Camels starts with /k/. Find /k/.

lizard

pretty lizard It's a lizard. colorful lizard The lizard has a pouch under its chin. A lizard is a type of reptile. Lizard starts with /l/. Find /l/.

desert tortoise

Moves so slowly. It's a desert tortoise. Carries his shell. His shell is thick and bony. The tortoise pulls into his shell for protection. Tortoise starts with /t/. Find /t/.

Gila monster

black and orange It's a Gila monster. long tail He likes to sun on the rocks. This reptile is poisonous. Gila monster starts with /h/. Find /h/.

roadrunner

He's not running! It's a roadrunner. Run, run roadrunner! He has a very long tail. He eats lizards and snakes. Roadrunner starts with /r/. Find /r/.

coyote

Coyote says, "owooooo." It's a coyote. small wolf The coyote stands at attention. His coloring makes a good camouflage. Coyote starts with /k/. Find /k/.

kit fox

three little ones It's three kit foxes. a small fox The foxes are alert. They live in the southwestern United States. Kit fox starts with /k/. Find /k/.

termite mound

small hills It's a termite mound. Where? The termites are under the ground. They build houses under the ground. Termite mound starts with /t/. Find /t/.

hyena

Look, hyena! It's a hyena. spotted fur The hyena is snarling. He is a scavenger. Hyena starts with /h/. Find /h/.

Wild, Woolly, Wonderful Critters Word List

Forest Habitat

bird

Bird says, "Caw, Caw." It's a bird. jay on a branch The jay is blue and black. It's called a Stellar's Jay. Bird starts with /b/. Find /b/.

wolf

Wolf howling. It's a wolf. Howling in the forest. The fur is thick around his neck. The wolf is a predator. Wolf starts with /w/. Find /w/.

cardinal

red bird It's a cardinal. A cardinal is a red bird. It has crimson feathers. The top of its head is called a crown. Cardinal starts with /k/. Find /k/.

porcupine

Don't touch! It's a porcupine. Porcupine is eating. The porcupine's quills are very sharp. She uses the quills for protection. Porcupine starts with /p/. Find /p/.

moose

huge moose It's a moose. Eat leaves. A moose eats bark, leaves and grass. He likes green vegetation. Moose starts with /m/. Find /m/.

bobcat

furry cat It's a bobcat. tufts on his ears Some of his fur is rust colored. The bobcat blends in with the background. Bobcat starts with /b/. Find /b/.

badger

lo o o o o o ng white stripe It's a badger. pointed nose He stops and listens. The badger digs a burrow. Badger starts with /b/. Find /b/.

great horned owl

Owl says, "Hoot, hoot." It's a great horned owl. night flyer The owl has yellow eyes. He uses his talons to grab prey. Great horned owl starts with /g/. Find /g/.

opossums

one, two, three 'possums' It's three opossums. black beady eyes They have long white faces and dark ears. Opossums live in trees. Opossum starts with /o/. Find /o/.

wild boar

dirty piggy It's a wild boar. stiff bristles The wild boar is covered with stiff bristles. He digs with his snout. Wild boar starts with /w/. Find /w/.

Wild, Woolly, Wonderful Critters Word List

House Habitat

dog

Panting dog. It's a dog. Sit dog. She can sit. Can you pant like a dog? Dog starts with /d/. Find /d/.

cat

kitty cat It's a cat. gray and white cat The cat has gray and white fur. The fur looks very soft. Cat starts with /k/. Find /k/.

rabbit

wiggle nose It's a rabbit. soft and fluffy I like to pet bunny rabbits. Be very gentle with a rabbit. Rabbit starts with /r/. Find /r/.

guinea pig

brown guinea pig It's a guinea pig. Which one? The guinea pig is brown. She is next to the stuffed rabbit. Guinea pig starts with /g/. Find /g/.

hamster

small hamster It's a hamster. He has tiny ears. A hamster could fit in my hand. He uses his nose to smell. Hamster starts with /h/. Find /h/.

mouse

Eek! A mouse! It's a mouse. I like my mouse. My mouse is a pet. A pet mouse lives at my house. Mouse starts with /m/. Find /m/.

bird

pretty bird It's a bird. Sing, bird sing! The bird has colorful feathers. This colorful bird is a lovebird. Bird starts with /b/. Find /b/.

fish

Swim fish. It's fish. They can swim. The goldfish swim in the bowl. When the fish are hungry they eat fish food. Fish starts with /f/. Find /f/.

lizard

big lizard It's a lizard. long tail It can run fast. The lizard eats bugs in the garden. Lizard starts with /l/. Find /l/.

snake

pet snake It's a snake. No legs! A snake does not have any legs. It wiggles its muscles to move. Snake starts with /s/. Find /s/.



Insect Habitat

bee

fuzzy bee It's a bee. yellow and black stripes This bee has transparent wings. The bee is pollinating a plant. Bee starts with /b/. Find /b/.

grasshopper

Hop, hop, grasshopper! It's a grasshopper. long hind legs The grasshopper has a long, shiny body. His hind legs are used for leaping. Grasshopper starts with /g/. Find /g/.

ladybug

shiny red bug It's a ladybug. brightly colored insect There are dark spots on the round body. The ladybug eats other insects. Ladybug starts with /l/. Find /l/.

butterfly

Pretty butterfly! It's a butterfly. swallowtail butterfly The butterfly has striking black and yellow wings. In the morning he spreads his wings to dry them. Butterfly starts with /b/. Find /b/.

moth

Munching moth. It's a moth. Moth eats. The moth flies at night. A moth is not as colorful as a butterfly. Moth starts with /m/. Find /m/.

caterpillar

Eat, eat, eat. It's a caterpillar. monarch caterpillar The caterpillar's job is to devour food. The caterpillar will turn into a butterfly. Caterpillar starts with /k/. Find /k/.

dragonfly

Ooooh, so pretty! It's a dragonfly. large insect Its wings are horizontal when it is resting. The dragonfly hatches from its egg as a nymph. Dragonfly starts with /d/. Find /d/.

mosquito

uh, oh, mosquito It's a mosquito. long proboscis This mosquito has a long proboscis. Mosquitos lay their eggs in water. Mosquito starts with /m/. Find /m/.

hornet

Long legs! It's a hornet. social insect The hornet is about to land on the flower. Another name for hornet is wasp. Hornet starts with /h/. Find /h/.

praying mantis

Funny bug! It's a praying mantis. gardeners' friend Its long front legs hold onto prey. The praying mantis eats other insects. Praying mantis starts with /p/. Find /p/.



Jungle Habitat

tiger

Tiger resting. It's a tiger. enormous cat It can be identified by its stripes. The tiger is a solitary hunter. Tiger starts with /t/. Find /t/.

gorilla

gorilla watching It's a gorilla. female gorilla She sits with her arms crossed. The gorilla is an omnivore. Gorilla starts with /g/. Find /g/.

chimpanzee

hairy chimp It's a chimpanzee. social animal He has a thoughtful look on his face. Chimpanzees communicate with their facial expressions. Chimpanzee starts with /ch/. Find /ch/.

parrot

Beautiful bird! It's a parrot. colorful plumage His beak is hooked and powerful. Another name for this parrot is macaw. Parrot starts with /p/. Find /p/.

peacock

Big tail! It's a peacock. amazing feathers He fans out his beautiful tail. The peacock is looking for a mate. Peacock starts with /p/. Find /p/.

iguana

Wanna iguana? It's an iguana. sun-loving lizard Its tail is longer than its body. This reptile lives in warm regions. Iguana starts with /i/. Find /i/.

orangutan

Silly ape! It's an orangutan. Eats fruit and leaves. The orangutan's hair is reddish-brown. The orangutan builds leafy nests in trees. Orangutan starts with /or/. Find /or/.

anteater

Sharp, don't touch! It's an anteater. toothless mammal The anteater's coat is covered with spines. Its long tongue helps the anteater catch ants. Anteater starts with /a/. Find /a/.

gecko

spotty lizard It's a gecko. nocturnal reptile The gecko's coloring is an effective camouflage. His toes can grip smooth surfaces. Gecko starts with /g/. Find /g/.

cockatoo

fancy feathers It's a cockatoo. scalloped layers The cockatoo has a thick curved beak. The cockatoo is a loud, showy bird. Cockatoo starts with /k/. Find /k/.



River or Lake Habitat

duck

Go for a swim! It's a duck. Swimming in the pond. This duck has a green head. The duck's webbed feet are like paddles. Duck starts with /d/. Find /d/.

frog

Where are his eyes? It's a frog. bright green frog A frog eats insects. Frogs usually live in moist climates. Frog starts with /f/. Find /f/.

beaver

Brrrrr-cold beaver! It's a beaver. large rodent The beaver is carrying a small log. He will use it in his beaver lodge. Beaver starts with /b/. Find /b/.

swan

big, white bird It's a swan. a Mute Swan The swan's neck is curved gracefully. It is called mute because its voice is rarely heard. Swan starts with /s/. Find /s/.

salmon

red fish It's a salmon. migratory fish There are many red salmon in this stream. Salmon can swim upstream to breed. Salmon starts with /s/. Find /s/.

goose

Goose says, "Honk, honk." It's a goose. large water bird A goose has a long neck. Geese migrate in a V-formation. Goose starts with /g/. Find /g/.

flamingo

long, curvy neck It's a flamingo. stilt-like legs The flamingo has rosy-white plumage. His thick bill is good for fishing. Flamingo starts with /f/. Find /f/.

river otter

Long whiskers! It's a river otter. graceful and powerful It has a silver gray throat and chest. The river otter is a very playful animal. River otter starts with /r/. Find /r/.

black bear

He's fishing. It's a black bear. baby bear He is very wet. The black bear will look for fish in the river. Black bear starts with /b/. Find /b/.

alligators

scaly gators It's alligators. a pile of alligators The snout of an alligator is wide and rounded. Alligators hunt by slapping the water with their tails. Alligators starts with /a/. Find /a/.



Mountain Habitat

squirrel

big furry ears It's a squirrel. Eats seeds and nuts. This squirrel is mostly gray. His tail helps him balance in the trees. Squirrel starts with /s/. Find /s/.

raccoon

Masked bandit! It's a raccoon. clever mammal The raccoon has a black face mask. The raccoon can turn doorknobs with its nimble fingers. Racoon starts with /r/. Find /r/.

grizzly bear

big shaggy bear It's a grizzly bear. slow, clumsy walk He has a hump above his shoulders. The grizzly bear is good at catching fish. Grizzly bear starts with /g/. Find /g/.

fox

bushy tail It's a fox. shy, cautious, and smart It has rusty red fur with a white chest. The fox can live in many different habitats. Fox starts with /f/. Find /f/.

eagle

Regal eagle! It's an eagle. bald eagle The bald eagle has a snowy white head. The eagle is noted for its strength and grace. Eagle starts with /ea/. Find /ea/.

cougar

one, two cougars It's cougars. They hide from humans. A cougar is tan with long, heavy legs. The cougar is a good climber and excellent jumper. Cougar starts with /k/. Find /k/.

deer

doe, a deer, a female deer It's a deer. a Mule Deer She is grazing on the hillside. She is called a Mule Deer because of her large ears. Deer starts with /d/. Find /d/.

bighorn sheep

in the snow It's a bighorn sheep. massive brown horns He is dark brown with a white nose and rump. The male bighorn sheep is called a ram. Bighorn sheep starts with /b/. Find /b/.

llamas

I see three llamas. It's llamas. camel's relative Two are in front and one is behind. We get wool from llamas. Llamas starts with /l/. Find /l/.

lynx

wild cat It's a lynx. Crouches in the snow. The lynx has tufted ears. The ear tufts are sensitive antennae. Lynx starts with /l/. Find /l/.



Ocean Habitat

seagull

Wading bird. It's a seagull. near the ocean A seagull flies in the sky but eats in the ocean. It searches for fish. Seagull starts with /s/. Find /s/.

crab

Pinch, pinch, crab It's a crab. jointed legs The crab has a hard outer skeleton. He lives in shallow water where food is plentiful. Crab starts with /k/. Find /k/.

dolphin

Look, teeth. It's a dolphin. an ocean mammal The dolphin has a long snout. He breathes through a hole in the top of his head. Dolphin starts with /d/. Find /d/.

sea star

one, two, three, four, five arms It's a sea star. spiny skin The sea star lies on the ocean floor. Its muscular arms pry open its prey. Sea star starts with /s/. Find /s/.

sea turtle

Turtle swimming. It's a sea turtle. protective shell The sea turtle has leathery skin. Air pockets in his shell allow him to float. Sea turtle starts with /s/. Find /s/.

sea otter

Otter floating It's a sea otter. tool user He floats on his back in the ocean. The sea otter uses a stone to break open a shell. Sea otter starts with /s/. Find /s/.

angelfish

fish with stripes It's an angelfish. brightly colored This angelfish has black, yellow, and white stripes. It lives in coral reefs. Angelfish starts with /ae/. Find /ae/.

elephant seal

Floppy nose! It's an elephant seal. covered with sand Its nose resembles an elephant's trunk. The elephant seal makes loud noises with its snout. Elephant seal starts with /e/. Find /e/.

whale

Swimming whale. It's a whale. It swims. The black and white whale is in the blue ocean. The Orca whale is a mammal. Whale starts with /wh/. Find /wh/.

sea anemone

water creature It's a sea anemone. no backbone The sea anemone has many tentacles. It catches and stings fish with its tentacles. Sea anemone starts with /s/. Find /s/.

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Wild, Woolly, Wonderful Critters Word List Prairie or Grasslands Habitat

prairie dog

Here's his nose! It's a prairie dog. burrow dweller This prairie dog is peeking out of his burrow. He hides in his burrow during rainstorms. Prairie dog starts with /p/. Find /p/.

hawk

Sharp beak! It's a hawk. small nostril A hawk has good eyesight. It spreads its wings and flies. Hawk starts with /h/. Find /h/.

kangaroo

Hop, hop. It's a kangaroo. big ears A kangaroo can jump. His tail helps him balance. Kangaroo starts with /k/. Find /k/.

bison

full grown bison It's a bison. It is heavy. A bison can weigh a ton! He munches on grasses. Bison starts with /b/. Find /b/.

bull elk

big antlers It's a bull elk. He's calling. The elk makes a bugling sound. This sound challenges other male elk. Bull elk starts with /b/. Find /b/.

deer

many spots It's a deer. spotted fawn Its big ears help it hear well. The baby waits for its mother. Deer starts with /d/. Find /d/.

ostrich

L o o o ng legs, l o o o o ng neck! It's an ostrich. flightless bird This tall bird runs across the grasslands. The ostrich is a scavenger. Ostrich starts with /o/. Find /o/.

antelope

How many horns? One...two. It's an antelope. plant eater He has a buff and white coat. The antelope runs swiftly on its hooves. Antelope starts with /a/. Find /a/.

cottontail

He's hiding. It's a cottontail. Lives in a warren. This rabbit has bright brown eyes. Rabbits have a keen sense of smell. Cottontail starts with /k/. Find /k/.

vulture

Strong bird! It's a vulture. sharp hooked bill The vulture's head and neck are bare. He grips prey in his sharp talons. Vulture starts with /v/. Find /v/.



Ranch or Farm Habitat

puppies

One, two, three, four, five puppies! It's puppies. Gathered in the doorway. They all have a white stripe down the forehead. There is a barrier to keep them in. Puppies starts with /p/. Find /p/.

cat

"Meow, meow!" It's a cat. green-eyed cat This plump cat has dark stripes. It is a good hunter. Cat starts with /k/. Find /k/.

cow

Cow says, "Moo!" It's a cow. dairy cow She has a full udder. Lots of people drink cows' milk. Cow starts with /k/. Find /k/.

pig

"Oink, oink." It's a pig. muddy pig She has a curly tail. Pigs roll in the mud to keep cool. Pig starts with /p/. Find /p/.

horse

new baby It's a horse. hungry foal The mare is dark and the foal is light. This pasture provides food for the mare. Horse starts with /h/. Find /h/.

sheep

Sheep say, "Baa-baa." It's sheep. a ewe and a lamb They have thick wool. Wool is used to make warm clothing. Sheep starts with /sh/. Find /sh/.

chicken

"Cluck, cluck," says the chicken. It's a chicken. hen and chicks The hen and her chicks are in their nest. She covers them with her body to keep them warm. Chicken starts with /ch/. Find /ch/.

goat

Hungry goat! It's a goat. Grazing goat. His horns curve toward his neck. Goats produce creamy milk. Goat starts with /g/. Find /g/.

duck

"Quack, quack." It's ducks. two white ducks They are walking side by side. Their feathers are waterproof. Duck starts with /d/. Find /d/.

rooster

"Cock-a-doodle-doo!" It's a rooster. colorful feathers His tail feathers are long and black. His bright colors attract a mate. Rooster starts with /r/. Find /r/.



Tundra or Arctic Habitat

polar bear

huge bear It's a polar bear. very small ears He has white fur and a black nose. The polar bear's fur blends in with the snow. Polar bear starts with /p/. Find /p/.

arctic fox

white fur It's an arctic fox. his winter coat This fox has a pure white coat in winter. He is hard to see in the snow. Arctic fox starts with /ar/. Find /ar/.

bighorn sheep

Curly horns! It's a bighorn sheep. white nose and rump His horns are large and heavy. He uses them when fighting. Bighorn sheep starts with /b/. Find /b/.

bobcat

big cat It's a bobcat. thick fur He is dark on top and light underneath. This cat is similar to the lynx. Bobcat starts with /b/. Find /b/.

mountain goat

Shaggy goat! It's a mountain goat. short horns and long face This goat has long, pure white hair. He lives in rugged steep terrain. Mountain goat starts with /m/. Find /m/.

muskox

Find his eye. It's a muskox. arctic dweller This bull's horns cover his forehead. He uses his horns to fight other bulls. Muskox starts with /m/. Find /m/.

snowy owl

yellow eyes It's a snowy owl. small pointed beak Most of his head feathers are white. This bird is silent when it hunts. Snowy owl starts with /s/. Find /s/.

ground squirrel

Sitting up! It's a ground squirrel. long strong claws It has a blunt nose and round ears. He hibernates for about eight months. Ground squirrel starts with /g/. Find /g/.

harp seal

soft, soft fur It's a harp seal. young harp seal It has black eyes, nose, and whiskers. The young seal is camouflaged by its white fur. Harp seal starts with /h/. Find /h/.

ptarmigan

spotted head It's a ptarmigan. nests on the ground Its feathers are red, black, and white. This bird is related to the grouse. Ptarmigan starts with /t/. Find /t/.