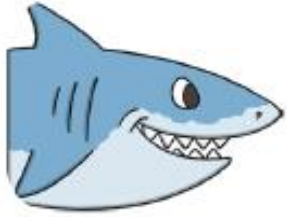


The structure of animals

Animals have
lots of different
types of body
parts to help
them live.

Look at the next page and go through each body part with an adult. Can you think of an animal which has that body part?

The Structure of Animals



gills



tentacles



scales



nose



spine



fur



leg



wings



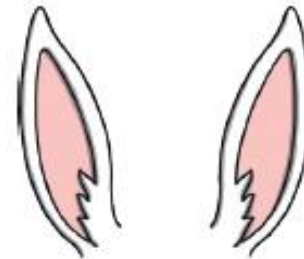
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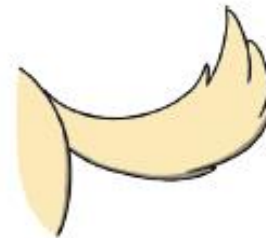
claw



eyes



ears



tail



tusks



fins



feathers



trunk

*Let an adult read
these fun facts to
you!*

Tusks



- Tusks are long, growing front teeth (usually in pairs) that stick out of the mouth.
- Tusks are curved.
- Tusks have a variety of uses depending on the animal.
- Males use their tusks when fighting to show they are the strongest.
- They are also used to attack.
- Elephants use their tusks for digging.
- Walruses use their tusks to grip on ice.

Claws



- A claw is a curved and pointed nail at the end of a toe or finger in most mammals, reptiles and birds.
- Claws are used to catch and hold prey (food) but they may also be used for things like digging and climbing trees.

Fins



- Fins are on the outside of animal bodies which live underwater.
- They are used to help these animals swim faster through the water.
- Some water animals have fins that are used to make them look prettier to other water animals.

Gills



Some animals have gills so they can breathe underwater.

Do humans have gills?

What do animals that live on land use to breathe?

Shells



- Shells help to protect animals from other animals trying to eat them!
- The shell protects their bodies.

Tentacles



- Most tentacles are used for holding onto things and feeding.
- Tentacles are useful for touching things, seeing things, smelling foods and knowing when there is danger.

Feathers



- Feathers help to keep birds warm from water and cold weather.
- They may also be plucked to keep the nest cosy and warm for eggs that are laid and young chicks.
- The feathers in the wings and tail help a bird to fly.
- Some feathers have coloured patterns which can be used to camouflage when there are other animals around.

What does camouflage mean?

Tails

- Fish use their tails to swim faster and move in the direction they are swimming.
- Many land animals use their tails to brush away flies.
- Kangaroos use their tails for balance.
- Monkeys use their tails to hold onto tree branches.
- Some deer show the white part underneath their tails to warn other nearby deer of danger.
- Some animals show how they are feeling through the movement of their tails.
- Some tails contain venom (poison).
- Some types of lizards can take their tails off from their bodies! This can help them to escape from predators (animals trying to eat them).
- The tails of most birds end in long feathers.
- These feathers are used to help the bird change direction when it is flying and it helps the bird to balance while it is perched (sitting).



Animal Odd One Out

Which animal is the odd one out and why?



snake



fish



bear



lizard



The bear is the odd one out because it has fur instead of scales.

Which animal is the odd one out and why?



snake



scorpion



crab



lobster



The snake is the odd one out because it does not have claws (pincers).

Which animal is the odd one out and why?





rabbit

The rabbit is the odd one out because it does not have horns.

Which animal is the odd one out and why?



koala



robin



parrot



toucan



koala

The koala is the odd one out because it is not a bird.

There are some really unusual animals in the world and we should help to keep them safe by doing lots of things like throwing rubbish in bins and recycling plastic.



Now have a look
at these animals
and the body parts
that they have.

Dog

tail

spine

2 ears

2 eyes

nose

4 legs

claws



Lizard

long tail

scaly skin

spine

2 eyes



4 legs

claws

Bird

2 eyes

feathers

beak

2 wings



tail

claws

2 legs

Shark

fin

2 eyes

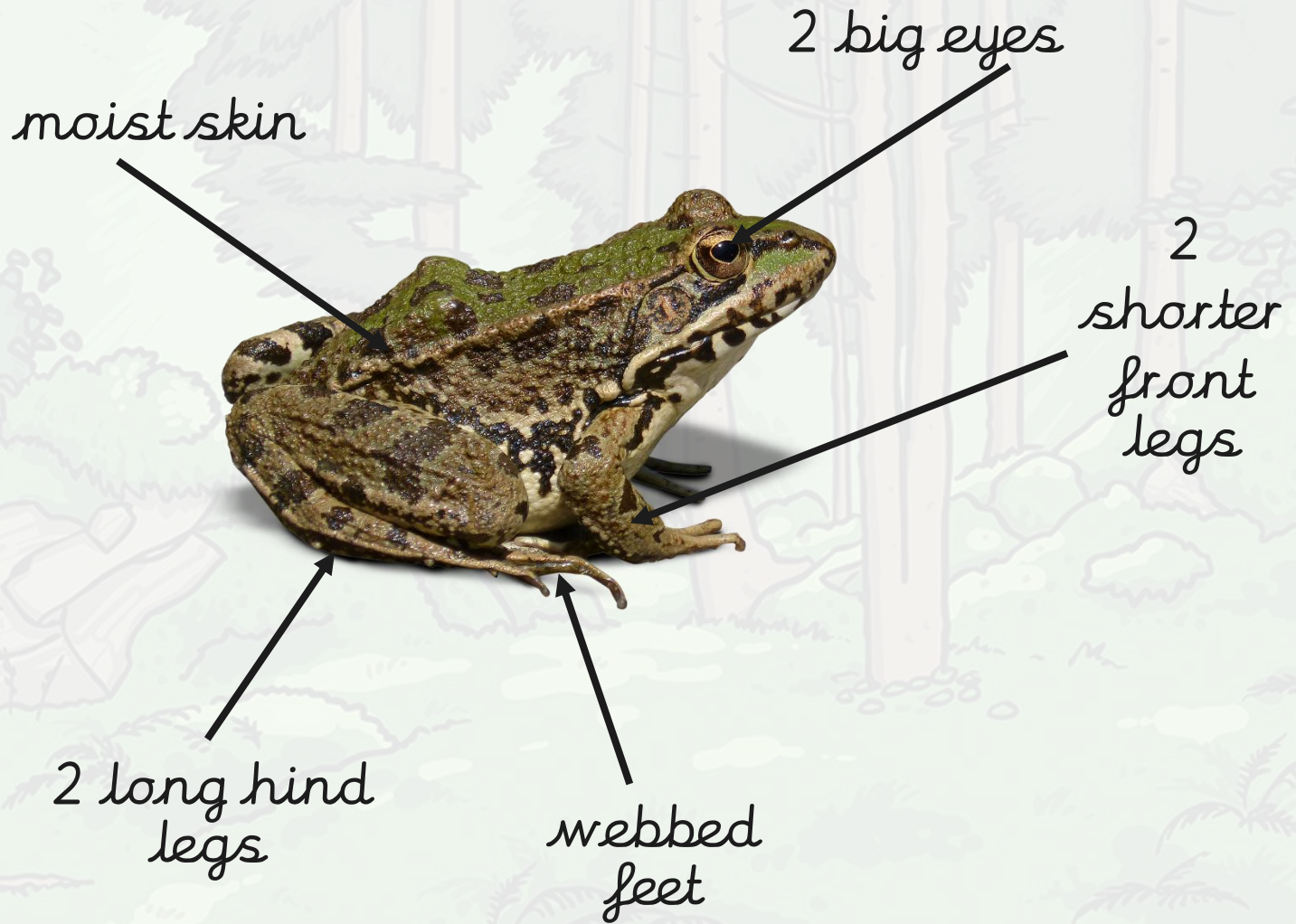


tail

gills

mouth

Frog



For your work, I would like you to label as many body parts as you can see on the animal. You can use the word mat on page 4 to help you and any words which aren't on there you can spell using your sounds. Remember to draw an arrow to each body part. You might have to make your writing smaller on the page.