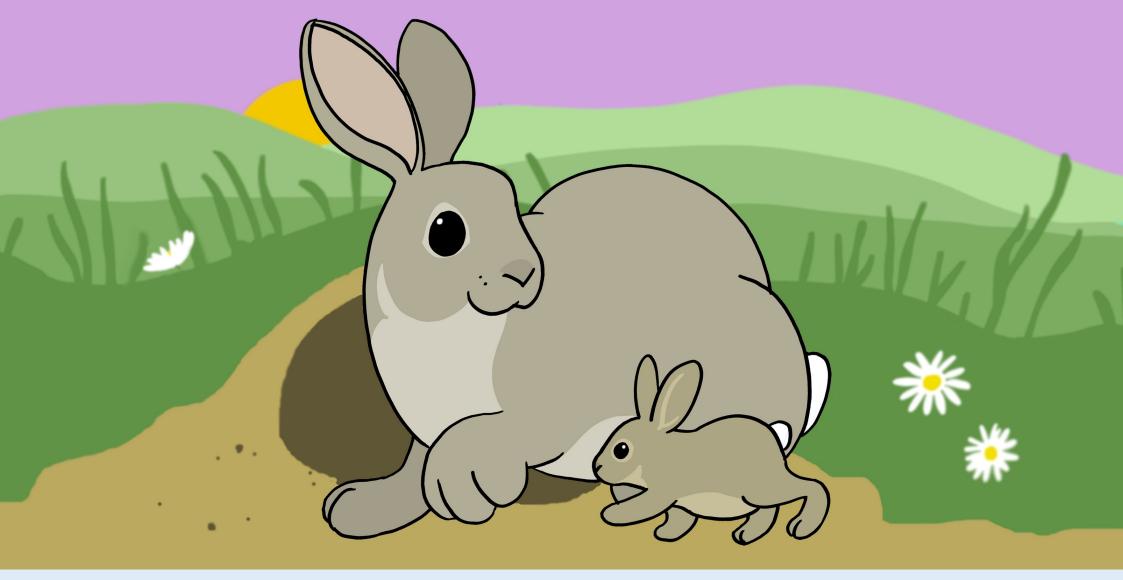




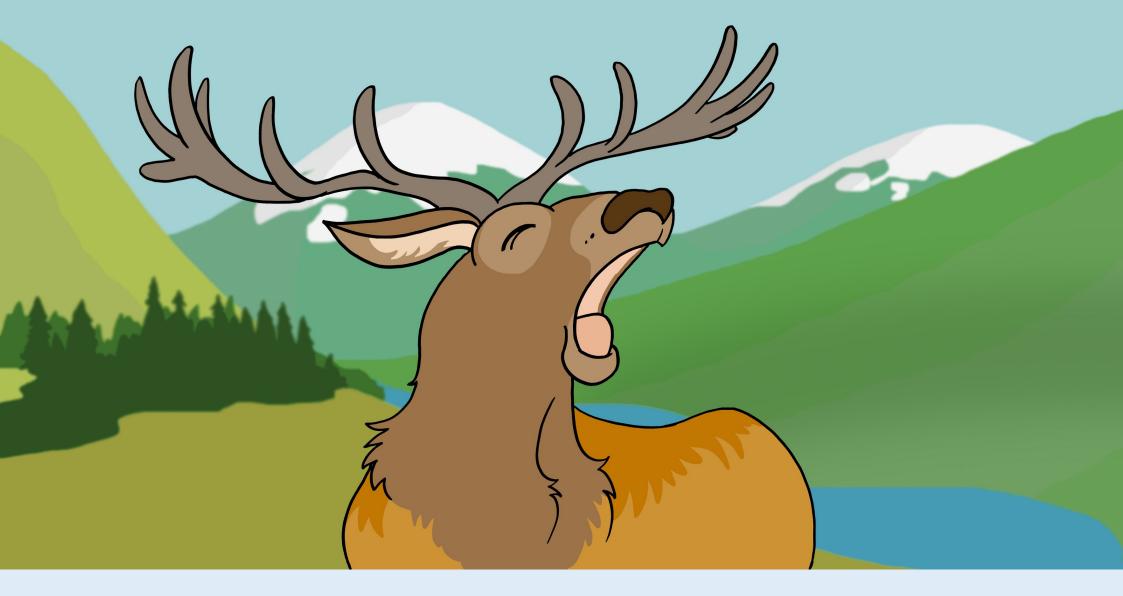
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Mammals are an amazing group that share certain features. Most have ear lobes, like this wild rabbit. Long ears not only detect signs of danger, but also control body temperature.



Most mammals are covered in hairs, like this otter, whose fur keeps it warm in the chilly water as it hunts for fish. Otters can be found in rivers and at the coast.



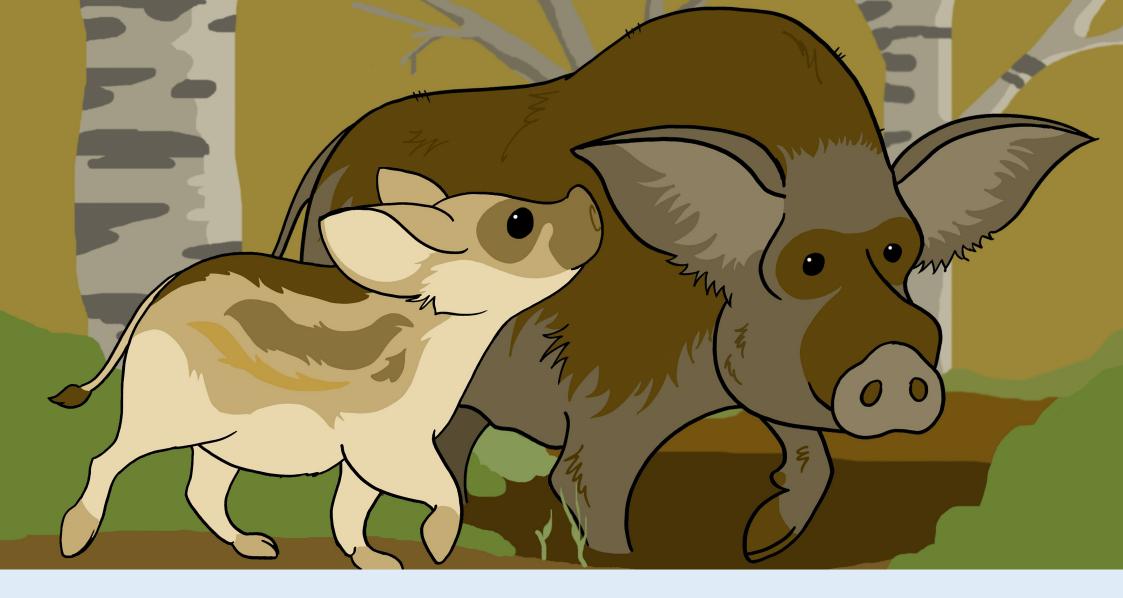
The red deer stag has huge antlers, which it will use to battle other males to see who is the strongest. They also make a loud bellowing noise to tell others to stags to stay away.



The harvest mouse feeds on seeds, fruits and sometimes, small bugs. They climb through crops, with a tail that wraps around and grips on to stems for added balance.



Swift and agile hunters, pine martens are most commonly found in the forests of Scotland. Their claws help them scamper up and along the tall trees in search of prey.



All mammals look after their young and are fed milk made by their mothers. With a stripy coat, to help it blend in to the woodland foliage, boar piglets are also called "humbugs".



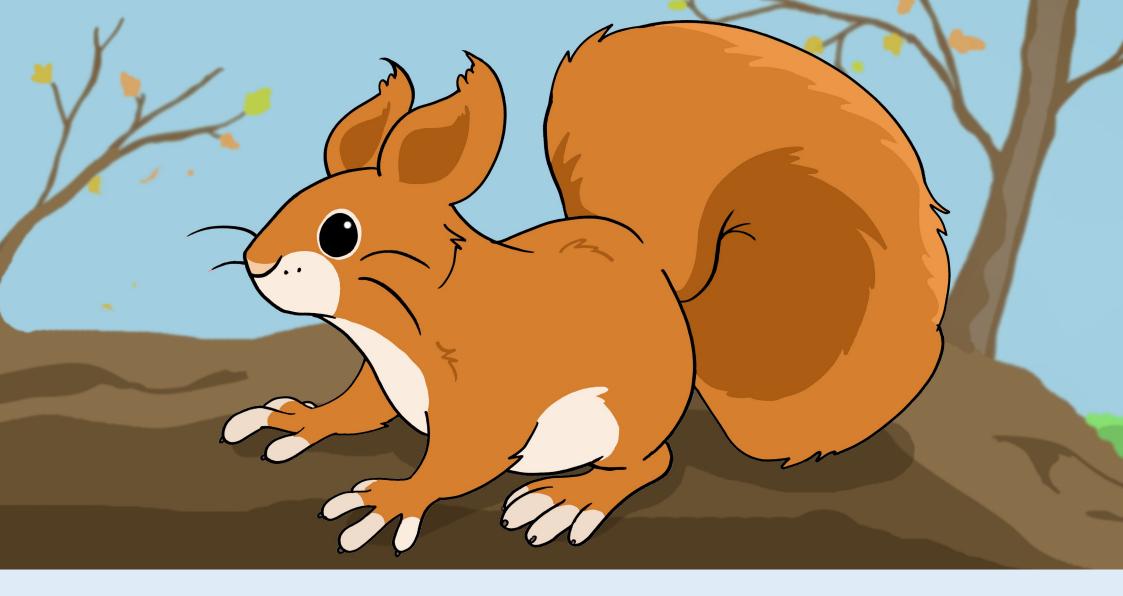
Some mammals are small, secretive and hard to spot. Bank voles are prey to many creatures, from foxes to birds of prey. Voles feed on seeds and fruits, like these blackberries.



Despite protection from their sharp spines, hedgehogs are highly endangered. Leaving large piles of leaves gives them a safe place to hibernate over winter.



Moles use shovel-like front legs to scrape through soil in search of juicy earthworms. The soil from the tunnels they make can be seen on the surface as molehills.



Did you enjoy learning about these marvelous mammals? *What can you remember?*

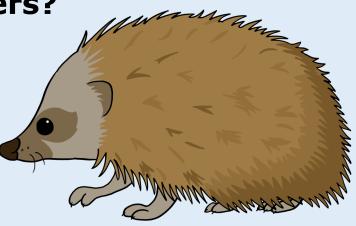
Questions

What do all mammals feed their young?

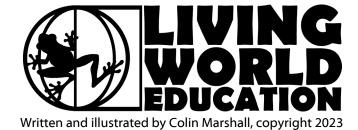
Many mammals have hair—which one is spiky?

Why is the tail of the harvest mouse so useful?

Can you name a mammal with antlers?



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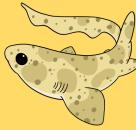








5. BADGER





BUTTERFLIES



12. MINIBEASTS

















