

# Which Animal Is the Weirdest in the World?



## Use the News

### Comprehension Check

Read each fact below. Which animal does each fact tell about? Write that animal's name on the line. Some animal names will be used two or three times.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Its bright yellow color must stand out in the ocean environment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Its large front claws can lift 50 pounds or more.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. This burrowing animal is rarely seen by people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. It catches insects by sensing nearby vibrations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. This "goosey" looking animal lives off the coast of Australia.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Cuba is home to this endangered animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. This animal can grow to be 20 inches long from its nose to its tail.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. It will climb trees for nuts and a cool place to stay.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Some people refer to this animal as the "furry lobster."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. This animal's funny face might be the reason it seems to frown.

### Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that best describes the *main idea* of this week's News for You story.

- The almiqui looks like a large, brown rat.
- Some animals are rarely seen because they live in the deep, deep ocean.
- Earth is home to lots of interesting -- and unusual -- species.
- Some of Earth's animals were just discovered in the past few years.

### Vocabulary Builder

Color the circle before the word that means almost the same as the bold word in each sentence.

1. The world is full of **unique** animals that play important parts in the life cycle.  
 a. old                       b. unusual                       c. similar                       d. quiet
2. One **characteristic** of the yeti crab is the stiff, colorful hairs that cover its legs.  
 a. claw                       b. example                       c. role                       d. feature
3. Some animals can sense **vibrations** a few minutes before an earthquake hits.  
 a. shaking                       b. voices                       c. insects                       d. smells
4. The coconut crab lined its nest with a soft bed of **nibbled** coconut shells.  
 a. stacked                       b. scribbled                       c. gnawed                       d. wrinkled