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Whale Species

There are many different species of whales that live in oceans all over the world. Use the resources in the library to complete the following research activities on some of these different species.

☉ Habitat

1. In what ocean conditions do sperm whales live? _____

☉ Description

2. Draw an illustration of a blue whale, labeling all the body parts. Give some information about the different body parts that are specially adapted to the whale's aquatic environment.



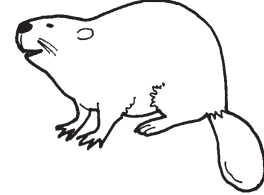
3. Draw diagrams to show the differences between the insides of the head of a toothed whale (such as a sperm whale) and a baleen whale.



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The Beaver

The beaver is a rodent that lives in rivers, streams, and the fresh-water lakes of North America. They are unusual because, unlike most animals, they continue to grow throughout their entire lives. Use the resources in the library to complete some research on beavers.



☼ Appearance

1. Describe the features below.

head: _____

feet: _____

teeth: _____

fur: _____

tail: _____

☼ Diet

2. What do beavers eat?

☼ Beaver Behavior

3. Describe how a beaver builds its lodge.

4. Draw a diagram of a beaver lodge.

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Bat Myths

Myths about bats create fear, dislike, and lead to the destruction and possible extinction of the animals.

☉ Use the resources in your library to find out if the following statements about bats are facts or myths.

1. It is said that a bat is blind, hence the saying "blind as a bat." _____
2. Is it true that bats get caught up in people's hair? _____
3. Bats are helpful to humans. _____
4. All bats suck blood from other animals. _____
5. Bats clean their fur the same way that cats do. _____
6. Bats are really flying mice! _____
7. All bats are dirty, and they carry rabies. _____
8. Without the bat some species of tropical plants would become extinct. _____
9. Some bats eat fish. _____
10. In Asia bats are considered to be bad luck. _____
11. A bat's skin is smooth. _____
12. Bats hibernate in winter. _____
13. Bats are solitary animals. _____
14. Vampire bats often bite humans. _____
15. Bats do not drink water. _____
16. Bats live on every continent. _____
17. Bats are harmless to humans. _____
18. A flying fox is not a bat. _____
19. Bats can be as small as bumble bees. _____
20. Some bat species do not walk at all. _____

Extra:

Find out about the bats that live in or near your area. Research information about their food, where they roost, and any other interesting facts that you can find.

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Echidna Quiz

The echidna is a fascinating Australian animal whose only natural enemy is humans.

- ☛ Use the resources in the library to answer the following quiz questions about the echidna. Write the names and authors of the resources you use at the bottom of the quiz.

True or False

1. The echidna lives only in Australia. _____
2. Echidnas have no nostrils. _____
3. An echidna uses its teeth to crush ants and termites. _____
4. The echidna is not a marsupial. _____
5. The spines of an echidna are hollow. _____
6. The life span of an echidna is about 15 years. _____
7. Echidnas like cold weather. _____
8. In the wild, echidnas have a varied diet. _____
9. The echidna only lays one egg at a time. _____
10. Echidnas have fewer spines if they live in cold weather. _____
11. Echidnas are social animals. _____
12. Echidnas are strong for their size. _____

- ☛ Fill in the words to make the statements correct.

1. The male echidnas have a _____ claw which releases a weak poison.
2. The echidna's tongue can be up to _____ long and is very _____.
3. The two genera of echidna are the _____ and the _____.
4. The outside of an echidna's egg is _____.
5. The word *monotreme* means _____.
(Hint: The answer is not egg-laying mammal.)

Resources used: _____