



HELLO, BEAUTIFUL!

Desert Animals

Desert Animals introduces some of the many kinds of animals that live in deserts around the world.

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. The animal that looks like a pet dog is ...
 - a. Coyote
 - b. Cactus wren
 - c. Mongolian gerbil
 - d. Striped hyena
2. The animal that shakes its tail to warn off other animals is ...
 - a. Gila monster (lizard)
 - b. Jack rabbit
 - c. Scorpion
 - d. Western diamondback rattlesnake
3. The animal that throws tiny, pointy hair into the air is ...
 - a. Cactus monster
 - b. Griffon vulture
 - c. Arizona blond tarantula
 - d. Dromedary (camel)
4. Father Francesco Lana de Terzi had an idea about ...
 - a. Mongolian gerbil
 - b. Burrowing owl
 - c. Striped hyena
 - d. Gila monster (lizard)
5. What is another name for a Mongolian gerbil?
6. What is the wingspan of the griffon vulture?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Jack rabbits are not rabbits. | _____ 4. Griffon vultures have bad eyesight and can't find animals to eat. |
| _____ 2. The striped hyena howl sounds like a person crying. | _____ 5. Scorpions have lots of eyes. |
| _____ 3. A camel can either have two humps or one. | _____ 6. Burrowing owls nest in holes that other animals made. |

ANSWERS

- 1. a. Coyote.** According to the section "Coyote" on page 8, we know that "You look like some pet dogs." So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. d. Western diamondback rattlesnake.** According to the section "Rattlesnake" on page 20, we know that "You shake your rattle to warn other animals to stay away!" So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. c. Arizona blond tarantula.** According to the section "Tarantula" on page 24, we know that "When you rub your back legs, you throw tiny, pointed hairs into the air!" So, the correct answer is C.
- 4. a. Mongolian gerbil.** According to the section "Gerbil" on page 10, we know that "You like to be with other gerbils." So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to page 30, the Mongolian gerbil is also called the Mongolian jird.
- 6.** According to page 31, the griffon vulture has a wingspread of about 7 1/2 to 9 feet (2.3 to 2.8 meters).

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to the section "Hare" on page 12, we know that "But you are not really a rabbit!" So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to the section "Hyena" on page 14, we know that "Your strange howl sounds like a person laughing!" So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to the section "Camel" on page 6, we know that "You have one hump on your back. Some of your camel cousins have two." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to the section "Vulture" on page 27, we know that "Your sharp eyes spot dead animals to eat." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to the section "Scorpion" on page 22, we know that "You have eight legs and a lot of eyes!" So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to the section "Owl" on page 18, we know that "You nest in holes dug by other animals." So, the correct answer is True.