

Kits, Calves and Cubs

Learn about the physical characteristics and habitats of thirteen baby animals, including beavers, camels, opossums, porcupines, and kangaroos.

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS				
. When a baby mouse is born it has a. Gray fur b. Curly fur c. No fur d. Lots of fur	4. Elephants used their trunks toa. Smell and touchb. Sing and dancec. Heard. See			
•	5. Do penguins lay eggs?			
a. Tree fort b. Bridge c. Wall d. Dam	6. What is the name of a baby porcupine?			
Baby opossums are sometimes called a. Pouch young b. Pouch babies c. Pups d. Tiny opossums				
TRUE OR FALSE?				
1. All babies have a lot of growing up to do.	4. If danger is near, rabbits might hop away in a zigzag.			
 2. When a duckling is ready, its movement inside the egg leads to cracks in the shell. 3. Beaver kits are also called dogs. 	5. Baby raccoons can get stuck in trees.6. The mother penguin warms the egg by holding it on top of her			
3. Beaver kits are also called dogs.				



ANSWERS

- **1. c. No fur.** According to page 4, we know that "When a baby mouse is born, it cannot open its eyes and it has no fur." So, the correct answer is C.
- **2. d. Dam.** According to page 9, we know that "These busy beavers are making a dam." So, the correct answer is D.
- **3. a. Pouch young.** According to page 12, we know that "When baby opossums—sometimes called pouch young—are born, they are no bigger than honey bees." So, the correct answer is A.
- **4. a. Smell and touch.** According to page 29, we know that "Elephants use their trunks to smell and touch, and to get food and water." So, the correct answer is A.
- **5.** Yes. According to page 21, penguins lay eggs.
- **6.** According to page 17, baby porcupines are called *porcupettes*.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- **1. True.** According to page 3, we know that "All babies have one thing in common. They have a lot of growing up to do!" So, the correct answer is True.
- **2. True.** According to page 7, we know that "When the duckling is ready, its movement inside the egg leads to cracks in the shell." So, the correct answer is True.
- **3. False.** According to page 8, we know that "At birth beaver kits, or pups, look like their parents." So, the correct answer is False.

- **4. True.** According to page 10, we know that "If danger is near, they might hop away in a zigzag." So, the correct answer is True.
- **5. True.** According to page 14, we know that "Baby raccoons can get stuck in trees." So, the correct answer is True.
- **6. False.** According to page 21, we know that "Once the mother penguin lays an egg, the father warms it by holding it on top of his feet in a fold under his belly." So, the correct answer is False

