



## ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

# Cottontails and Their Relatives

What do cottontail rabbits like to eat? How far can a cottontail leap? Why are a jack rabbit's ears so big? Read *Cottontails and Their Relatives* to find out!

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

- A cottontail is a type of ...
  - Mouse
  - Squirrel
  - Bear
  - Rabbit
- A rabbit can leap ...
  - 10 feet in a single bound
  - 12 feet in a single bound
  - 14 feet in a single bound
  - 16 feet in a single bound
- The largest cottontail is the ...
  - Desert cottontail
  - Appalachian rabbit
  - Swamp rabbit
  - Eastern cottontail
- The snowshoe hare lives in the swamps and forests of ...
  - Canada
  - England
  - China
  - Japan
- What type of rabbit is this?
- What type of hare is this?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. The Arctic hare lives in the far North.                   | _____ 4. The pygmy rabbit only grows about 15 inches long. |
| _____ 2. Cottontails are omnivores.                                | _____ 5. A jack rabbit is actually a hare.                 |
| _____ 3. Cottontails may have as many as 25 kits in a single year. | _____ 6. The Angora rabbit originally came from Turkey.    |



## ANSWERS

- 1. d. Rabbit.** According to section "What Are Cottontails and Their Relatives?" on page 6, we know that "The animal you see here is a kind of rabbit. It is a cottontail." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. 10 feet in a single bound.** According to section "How Far Can a Cottontail Leap?" on page 20, we know that "This rabbit can leap 10 feet (3 meters) in a single bound." So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. c. Swamp rabbit.** According to section "Which Cottontail Is the Biggest?" on page 30, we know that "The largest is the swamp rabbit, which is found in the southern United States." So, the correct answer is C.
- 4. a. Canada.** According to section "Do Snowshoe Hares Wear Snowshoes?" on page 48, we know that "that's important because the snowshoe hare lives where it snows a lot. It makes its home in the forests and swamps of Canada and the northern United States." So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to page 57, this photo shows an Angora rabbit.
- 6.** According to page 49, this photo shows a snowshoe hare.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "Where in the World Do These Animals Live?" on page 8, we know that "The Arctic hare lives in the far North." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "What Do Cottontails Like to Eat?" on page 12, we know that "Like other rabbits, cottontails are herbivores." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "How Fast Do Cottontails Multiply?" on page 24, we know that "Do the math, and you'll find that a cottontail may have as many as 25 kits in a year." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section "How Small Is a Pygmy Rabbit?" on page 38, we know that "The pygmy rabbit is not a cottontail ... It grows only about 11 inches (28 centimeters) long." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "When Is a Rabbit Not a Rabbit?" on page 44, we know that "That's because a jack rabbit is actually a hare." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section "Which Rabbit Has the Softest Fur?" on page 56, we know that "The Angora rabbit is a kind of domestic rabbit that originally came from Turkey." So, the correct answer is True.