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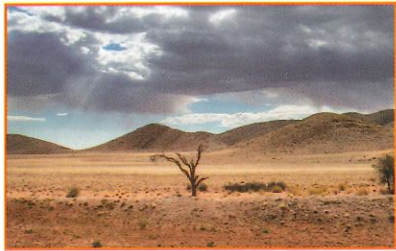
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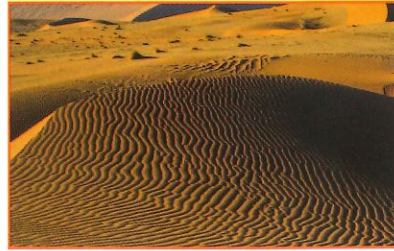
grasslands



forest



desert



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wet



dry



leaves



Komodo dragon



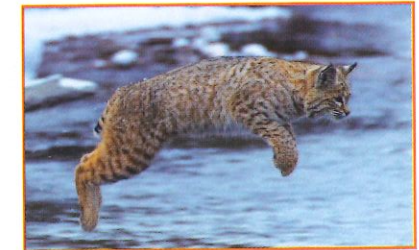
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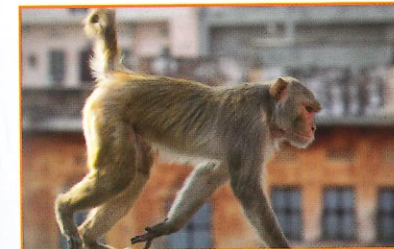
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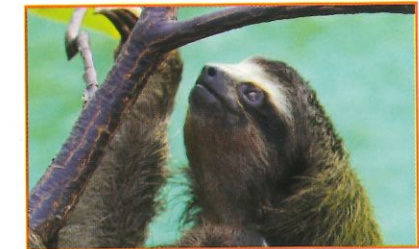
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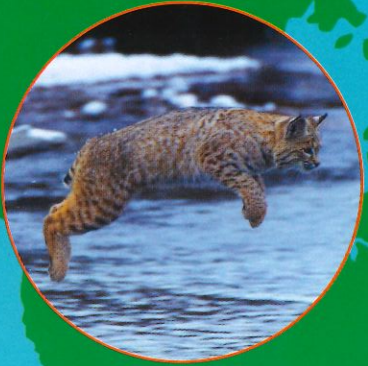
monkey



sloth

Animals of the world

North
America



Europe



Central
and South
America



Africa



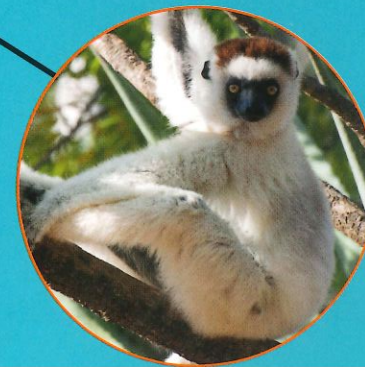
India



Asia



Madagascar



Big animals

Some animals are big, and some animals are small.

This big lizard is a Komodo dragon. Komodo dragons live in Asia.



Komodo dragons are big, but they only need to eat every four weeks!



This Komodo dragon is not eating.



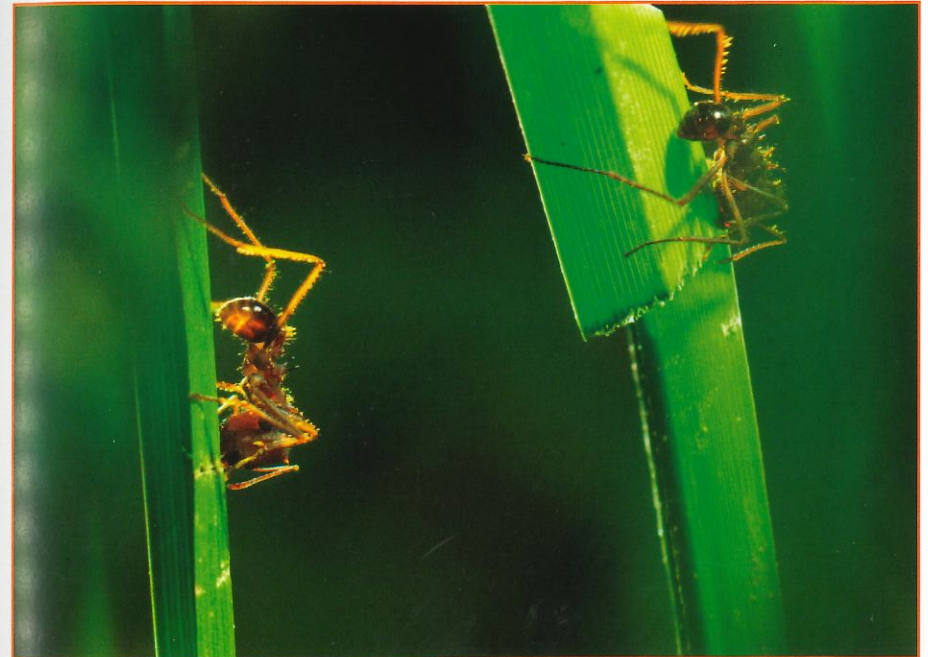
These Komodo dragons are hungry!

Small animals

Mice are small. This mouse lives in the grasslands in Europe. She is making her home in the grass.



Small insects are good food for a mouse.



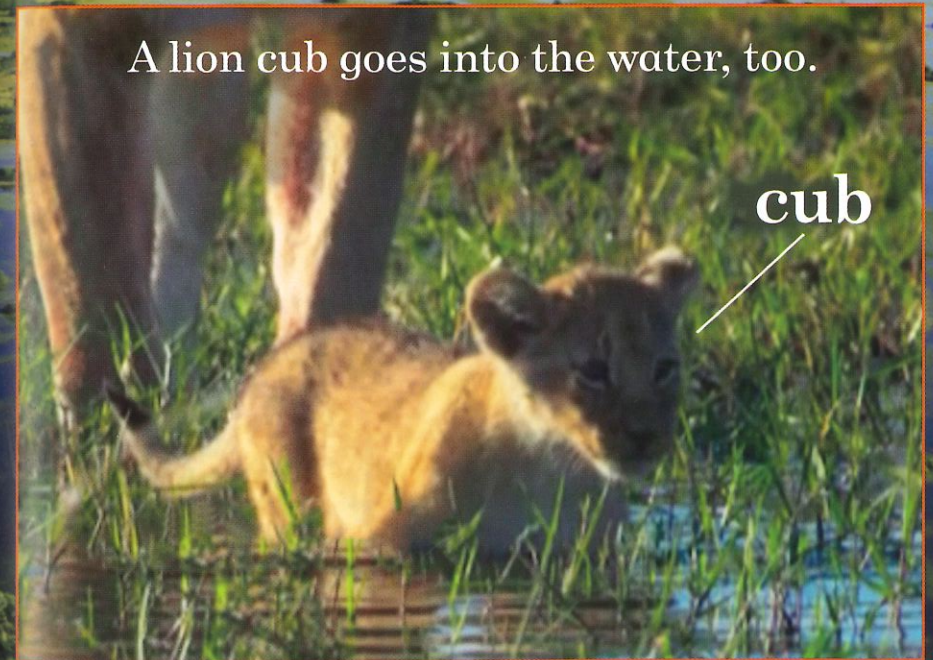
Wet grasslands

Some places are wet, and some places are dry.

It is sometimes wet in the grasslands in Africa.



This lion must catch animals in the water. It is not easy.

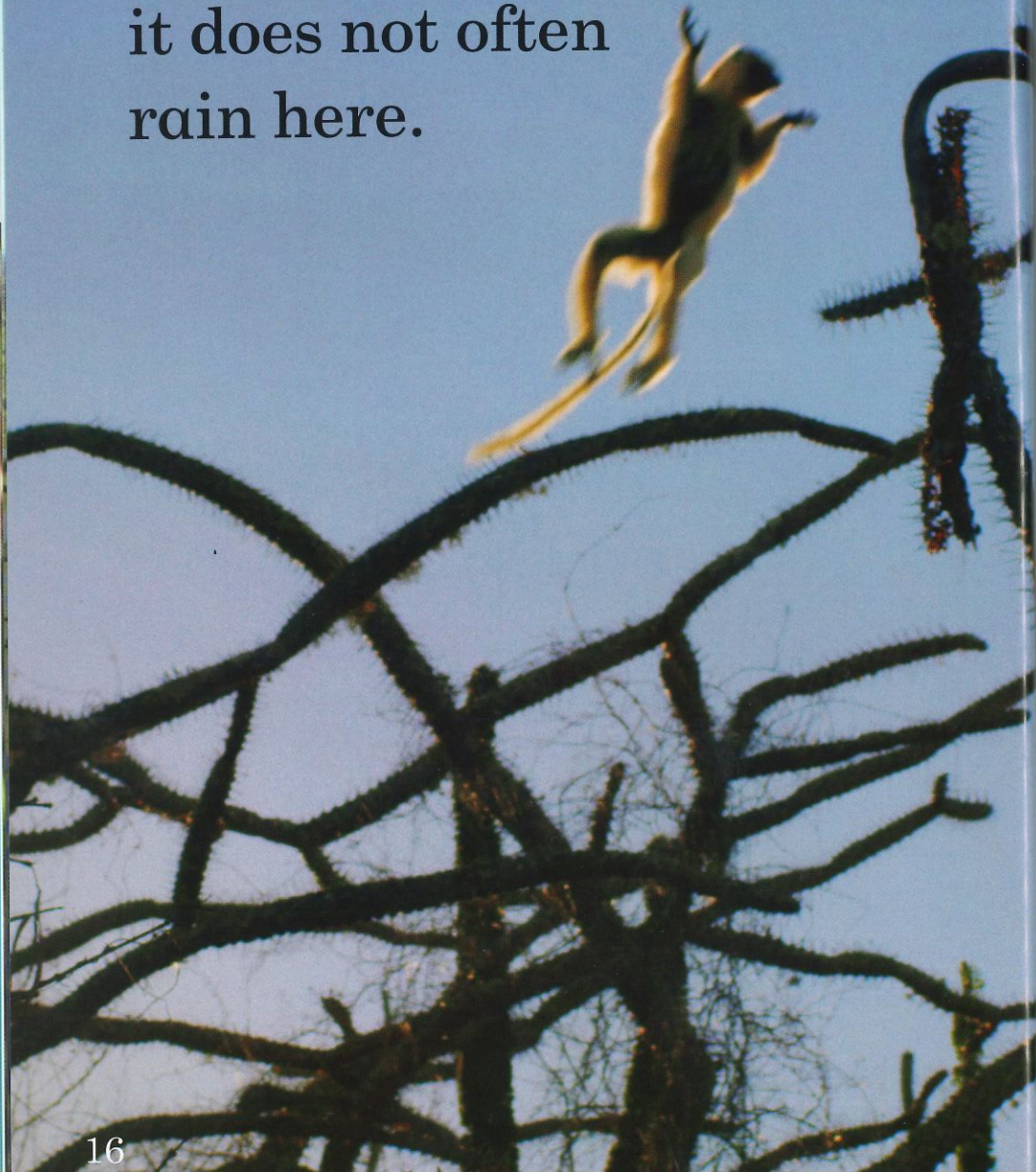


A lion cub goes into the water, too.

cub

Dry forests

This forest is in Madagascar.
It is very dry, because
it does not often
rain here.



Lemurs live in the forest.
There is not a lot of food
for them.



This baby lemur has some food.

Hot deserts

It is hot and dry in the desert in Africa.

This small lizard lives here.

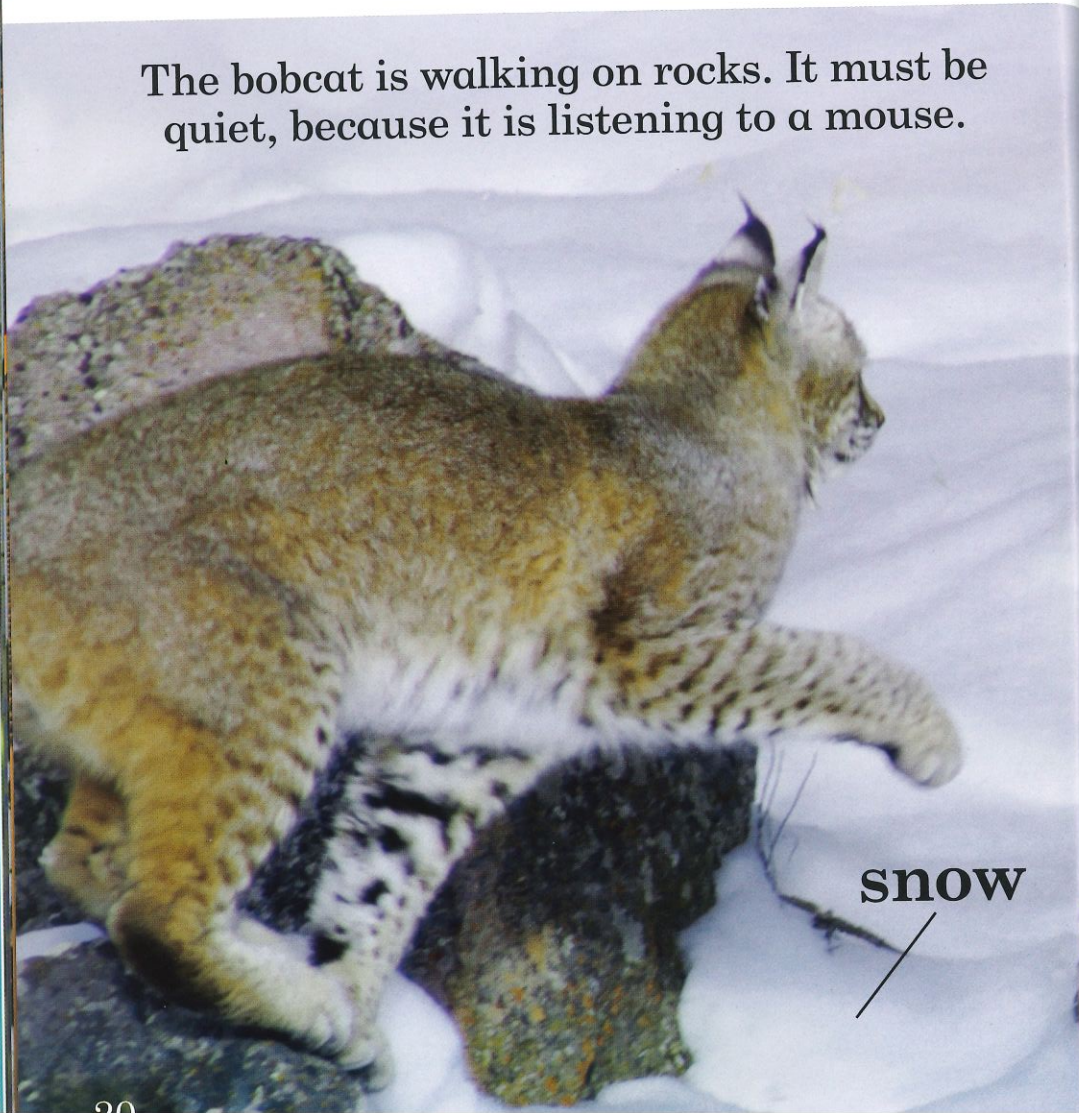


sand

Cold snow

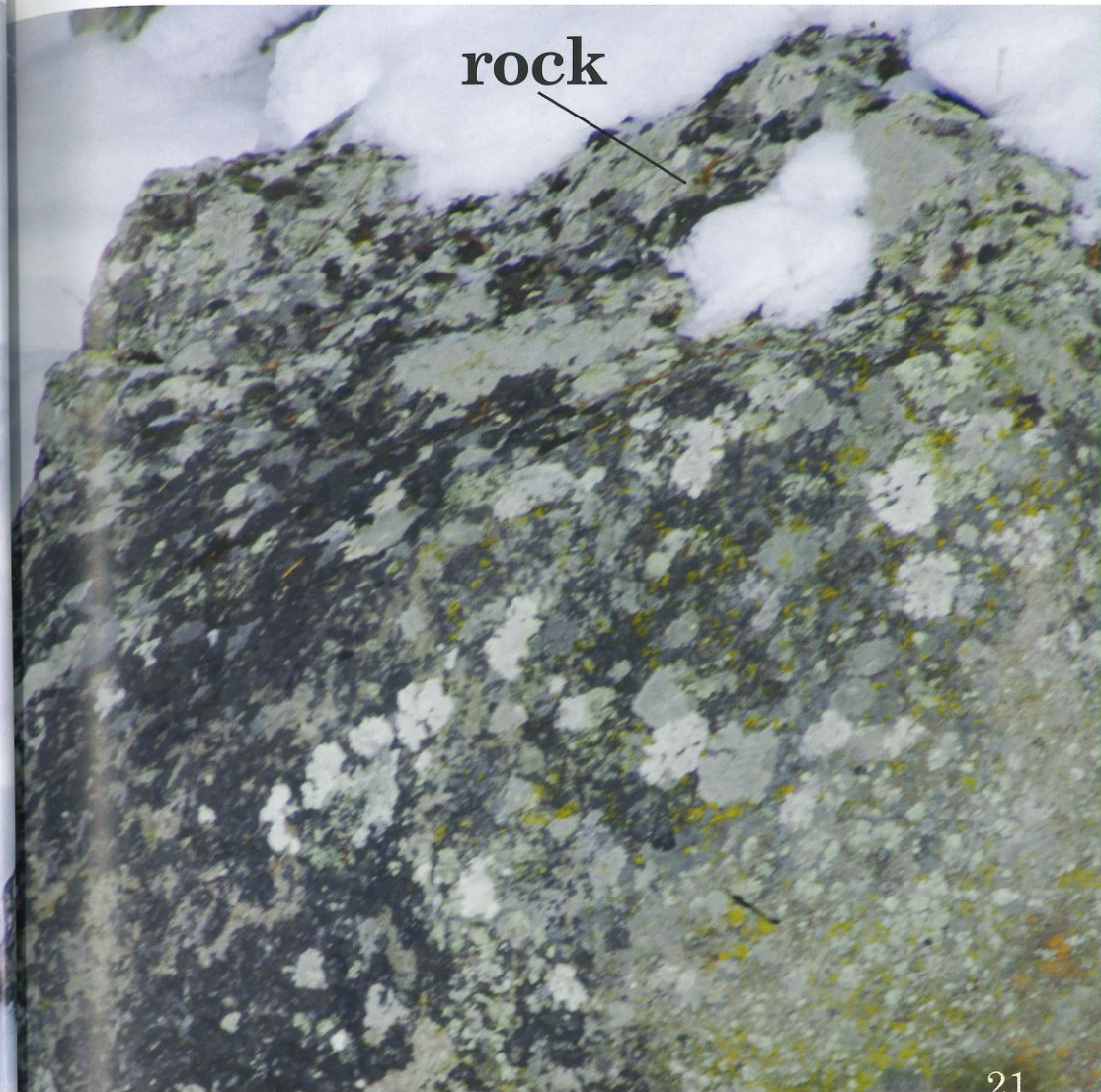
It is cold in winter
in North America.
This bobcat is hungry.

The bobcat is walking on rocks. It must be
quiet, because it is listening to a mouse.



snow

There is a mouse under
the snow. The bobcat
wants to eat it!



rock

Fast animals

Monkeys are fast! They can run and jump quickly, because they have long legs.



These monkeys live in a city in India.



Slow animals

These are sloths. Sloths live in Central and South America.

The sloths live in trees. They are very slow.



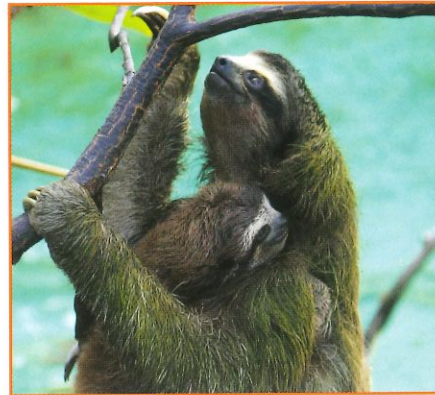
leaves

Sloths eat the leaves on the trees all day.

All animals are different!



This lemur lives in a dry forest.



These sloths live in a wet forest.



Sloths are slow.



Lizards and monkeys are fast.



This lizard and this monkey live in hot places.



This bobcat lives in a cold place.



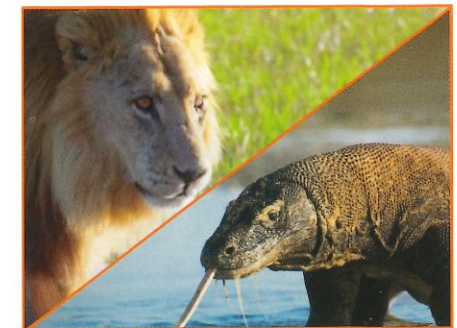
Bobcats eat mice.



Mice eat insects.



Mice and insects are small.



Lions and Komodo dragons are big.

Activities

The key below describes the skills practiced in each activity.



Spelling and writing



Reading



Speaking



Critical thinking



Preparation for the Cambridge Young Learners exams



1

Match the words to the pictures.

a



1 lizard

b



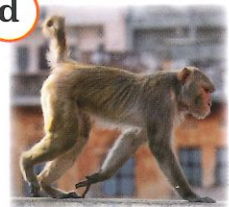
2 lemur

c



3 bobcat

d



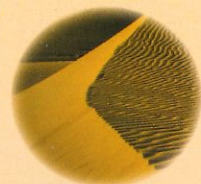
4 sloth

e



5 monkey

2 Look and read. Choose the correct words and write them on the lines.   



desert



grasslands



forest



leaves

1 This is a hot, dry place.

..... desert

2 Lots of animals live in these green places.

.....

3 These are green things on trees.

.....

4 There are lots of trees here.

.....

3 Talk to a friend about these animals. 



What animal is it?

It's a Komodo dragon.

Where is it from?

It's from Asia.

4 Look and read. Write *yes* or *no*.



Big animals

Some animals are big, and some animals are small.

This big lizard is a Komodo dragon. Komodo dragons live in Asia.



Komodo dragons are big, but they only need to eat every four weeks!

10



This Komodo dragon is not eating.



These Komodo dragons are hungry!

11

- 1 Komodo dragons are lizards. yes
- 2 Komodo dragons live in Europe. _____
- 3 They only need to eat every four weeks! _____
- 4 Komodo dragons are small. _____

5 Read the text. Choose the correct words and write them next to 1—5.



big hungry eat
eating lizard

Some animals are ¹ big,
and some animals are small. This big
² _____ is a Komodo dragon.

Komodo dragons live in Asia. Komodo
dragons are big, but they only need to
³ _____ every four weeks!

This Komodo dragon is not
⁴ _____ because it is not
⁵ _____.

6 Circle the correct sentences. 

1



a This big lizard is a Komodo dragon.

b This small dragon is a Komodo lizard.

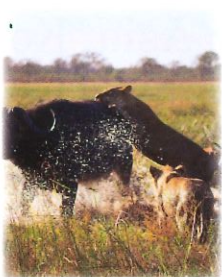
2



a This mouse makes her home in the sand.

b This mouse makes her home in the grass.

3



a This lion must catch animals in the water.

b This lion must catch animals under the water.

4



a A bobcat cub goes into the water, too.

b A lion cub goes into the water, too.

7 Complete the sentences.

Write a—d. 

1 Mice

d

2 This mouse lives

3 She is making her

4 Small insects are

a in the grasslands in Europe.


b home in the grass.


c good food for a mouse.


d are small animals.




8 Write *wet* or *dry*.  

1  It is hot and dry in the desert in Africa.

2  This forest in Madagascar is very, because it does not often rain here.

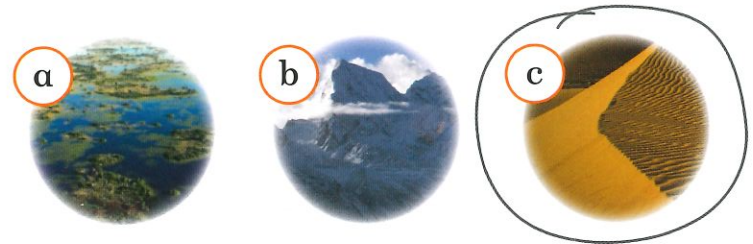
3  The lion cub is, because it is in the water.

4  This tree is very

5  It is sometimes in the grasslands in Africa.

9 Circle the correct pictures.  

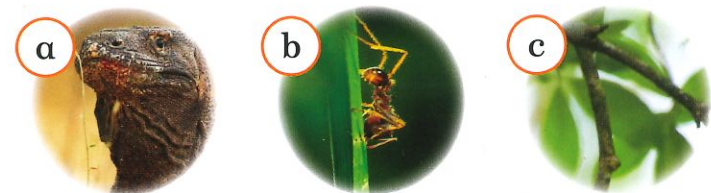
1 This place is dry and hot.



2 These animals can run and jump quickly.



3 Mice eat these.




4 It is wet.




10 Write *slow*, *quiet*, *long*, *fast*, or *cold*.  

1  It is cold in winter in North America.

2  The bobcat must be quiet, because it is listening to a mouse.

3  Monkeys are fast! They can run and jump quickly.

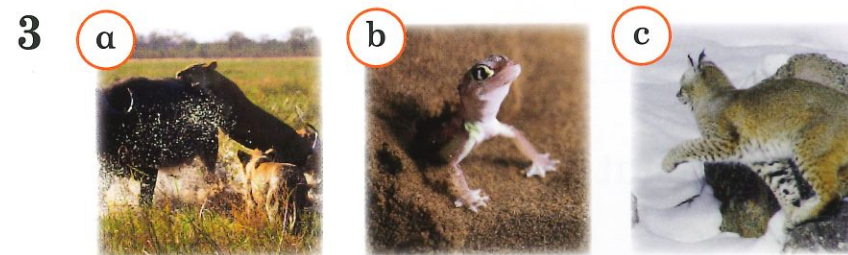
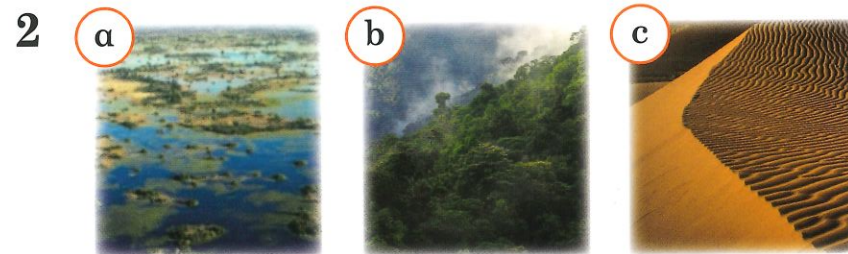
4  Monkeys have long legs.

5  Sloths are very slow. They eat the leaves on the trees all day.

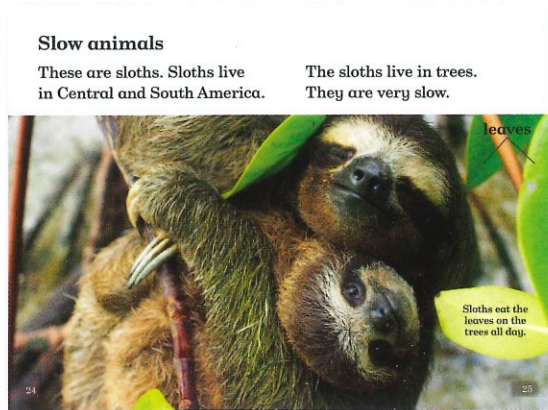
11 Talk with a friend about the pictures. One picture is different. How is it different?  



Picture c is different because the monkey is not a baby.



12 Look at the picture and read the questions. Write the answers.



1 What animals are these?

They are sloths.

2 Where do sloths live?

Sloths live in trees.

3 Are they fast?

No, they are very slow.

4 What do they eat?

They eat leaves.

13 Write the correct verbs.  



This lemur **(live)**
lives in a dry forest.



These sloths **(live)**
live in wet forests.



Lizards and monkeys **(be)**
are fast.



Mice **(eat)**
eat insects.



This Komodo dragon **(be)**
is big.

14 Circle the correct words. 



- 1 These monkeys live in a city / house in India.
- 2 They are very slow. / fast.
- 3 They have / do not have long legs.
- 4 They can swim / run and jump quickly.

15 Write the correct questions.  

1 do live dragons Where Komodo ?
Where do Komodo dragons live?

2 Komodo big dragons Are ?

3 is the Why dry forest ?

4 does the bobcat want to What
eat ?

5 animal quickly can Which run ?

16 Read the questions.

Write the answers.  



1 Where do these monkeys live?

In a city in India.

2 Where do these sloths live?

3 Do monkeys have long legs?

4 Can monkeys jump?

5 Which animals are very slow?

17 Put a by the places in this book.



1 city



2 desert



3 dry



4 forest



5 grass



6 wet



7 hot



8 leaves



9 sand



10 trees



11 water



12 grasslands



18 Write the missing letters. 

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1



m o n k e y

2



l e s

3



l r d

4





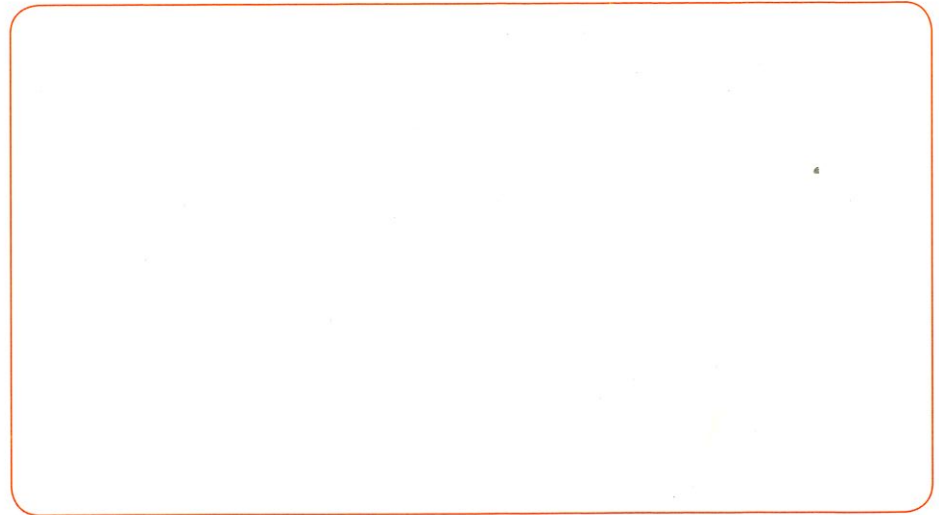
b a t

5



d r t

19 Draw a picture of your favorite animal. Then, read the questions and write the answers.  



1 What is your favorite animal?

.....

2 Where does it live?

.....

3 What does it eat?

.....