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Another quiz to test your vocabulary



Introduction Transcript

Hello listeners,

How are you doing? I hope you're doing fine.

Animals. What do you know about animals?

Do you know how to talk about animals in English?

Do you know the various bits of vocabulary that we use to talk about these creatures that we share our world with?

For example,

What does a male lion have around its neck?

What kind of feet does a deer or a horse have?

What kind of animal is a frog, or a newt?

What sound does a frog make in English?

Where do wolves, foxes and lions sleep?

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What about bees? Where do we keep them?

What do snakes and fish have on their skin?

What word describes animals that come out at night?

Could you answer questions like that?

And do you think you know as much animal vocabulary as my 6-year-old daughter?

In this episode you can learn over 60 items of vocabulary related to animals.

And since we're talking about animals, this episode also features a conversation with my daughter.

At the time of the recording (late last year) she was 6 years old. Long term listeners will probably already be familiar with her a bit, because she has been on the podcast a few times before - with little clips that I have played during rambling episodes over the last few years.

In fact, she was first on the podcast just a few days after her birth. You can hear her making little noises in the background of some episodes, including 502 "The Birth of my Daughter" and then she has also appeared at various times since then and if you've been listening, you've been able to track the development of her English.

She is bilingual (French and English) and now that she is 6 (actually she is 7 now) it is wonderful because we can have full conversations. She is able to express herself really well. She knows quite a lot about the world around her and has plenty of vocabulary now. Her brother on the other hand is only 18 months old and his

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vocabulary limited to the words car, ball, poopoo and things like that.

So, I was looking for a way to include my daughter in another episode and I thought that the subject of animals would be a good one.

Kids love animals and seem to know quite a lot about them. She has books about animals, watches some animal documentaries on TV (we watch the David Attenborough ones) and generally is interested in a lot of animal related things.

So, I thought we could talk about animals, and specifically I wanted to explore various bits of vocabulary relating to animals.

I thought of this because in one of my English lessons the other day, a question came up about the different words we have for animals' feet.

Which animals have feet, which animals have paws, and which animals have hooves? Also, what about talons, flippers and fins?

This made me think that there is quite a lot of specific vocabulary relating to animals, so that's what we could focus on.

So what you are going to hear is my daughter and me taking an animal vocabulary quiz, with various questions about different words for animals, animal parts, where they live, what they do, the sounds they make, words for groups of animals and plenty more.

I am sure there is a lot of vocabulary for you to pick up from this. In fact there are over 60 items of vocab for you to learn. Some of

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them, no doubt, you will know already. In that case, good for you. But do you know them all? And crucially, do you know more than a 6-year-old child?

If you don't, and she gets more questions right than you, then don't worry! I have been training her quite hard in the ways of the English language. She is my protoge or padawn learner.

We recorded this one afternoon when she was off school. She was at home because she was a bit ill with flu. She was fine, but not really ready to go back to class, so I was staying at home with her and we decided we could do this quiz as a way to entertain ourselves and record a podcast at the same time. You might hear that she has a slightly blocked up nose - apologies if that is obvious, and you hear the occasional sniff or snuffle from her.

You will find all the questions and answers to this quiz on the episode page on my website by the way. Also, keep listening because I will sum-up a lot of the vocabulary that you'll hear during this conversation at the end of the episode. I'll do another mini quiz as a vocabulary review, so you can check what you remember.

If you are watching the video version of this episode on YouTube you will see that there is no video for the part with my daughter. We just recorded audio. But you will see text and pictures on the screen.

If you are just listening to the audio version, on the page for this episode on my website you will find all the quiz questions, their answers, a list of all the vocabulary in my vocabulary review at the end, some pictures to help you, and a vocabulary quiz with

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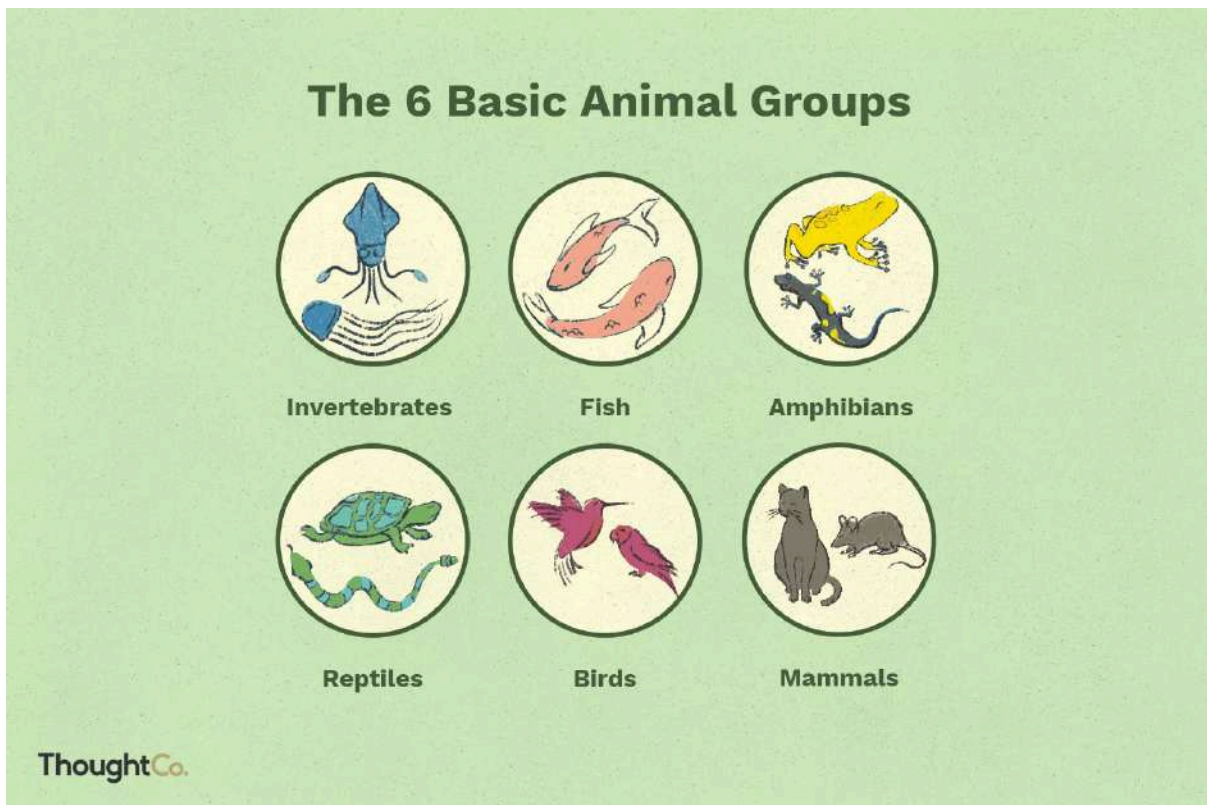
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answers so you can see what you have learned in this episode. Actually, I think it will all be on a PDF. There is a link in the description.

So, without further ado, let's get into this animal vocabulary quiz and conversation with my daughter. And here we go...

Quiz Questions (answers below)

Animal Vocabulary Quiz Round 1



Part 1: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer.

1. Which of these animals is an amphibian?
 - a) Dolphin
 - b) Frog

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- c) Owl
 - d) Lizard
2. What do you call the hard outer covering of a crab or a tortoise?
- a) Fur
 - b) Shell
 - c) Scales
 - d) Hoof
3. Which of the following is a term for a group of lions?
- a) Pack
 - b) Herd
 - c) Pride
 - d) Swarm
4. What is the name of the part of a bird used for flying?
- a) Fins
 - b) Wings
 - c) Talons
 - d) Antlers
5. What is a herbivore?
- a) An animal that eats meat
 - b) An animal that eats plants
 - c) An animal that eats both plants and meat
 - d) An animal that only eats insects

Part 2: Match the Animal to Its Group Name

Match the animals on the left to their collective nouns on the right.

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Animal	Group Name
Bees	Herd
Elephants	Swarm
Fish	Pod
Dolphins	Flock
Sheep	School / shoal

Part 3: Fill in the Blank

Complete the sentences with the correct animal-related word.

1. A kangaroo carries its baby in a _____.
 2. Owls have sharp claws called _____.
 3. A snake's skin is covered in _____.
 4. A baby dog is called a _____.
 5. The mane of a lion is found around its _____.
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Part 4: Odd One Out

Choose the word that doesn't belong in each group.

1. Fur – Feather – Fin – Bark
 2. Cow – Whale – Dolphin – Shark
 3. Antlers – Horns – Wings – Hooves
 4. Hive – Nest – Den – Web
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Answers to Round 1

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. b) Frog
2. b) Shell
3. c) Pride
4. b) Wings
5. b) An animal that eats plants

Part 2: Match the Animal to Its Group Name

Animal	Group Name
Bees	Swarm
Elephants	Herd
Fish	School
Dolphins	Pod
Sheep	Flock

Part 3: Fill in the Blank

1. Pouch
2. Talons
3. Scales
4. Puppy
5. Neck

Part 4: Odd One Out

1. Bark (not a body covering)
2. Cow (not aquatic)
3. Wings (not a hard structure like horns, antlers or hooves)
4. Web (not a place animals typically live in groups)

Animal Vocabulary Quiz: Round 2

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. What do you call animals that are active at night?
 - a) Nocturnal
 - b) Diurnal
 - c) Arboreal
 - d) Aquatic

2. What is the term for a baby horse?
 - a) Foal
 - b) Calf
 - c) Kitten
 - d) Chick

3. Which of these animals is a carnivore?
 - a) Cow
 - b) Lion
 - c) Rabbit
 - d) Sheep

4. What do you call the tail feathers of a peacock?
 - a) Crest
 - b) Plumage
 - c) Scales
 - d) Fur

5. Which of these animals can hibernate?
 - a) Hedgehog

- b) Camel
 - c) Giraffe
 - d) Dolphin
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Part 2: Match the Animal to Its Sound

Animal	Sound
Cat	Bray
Frog	Roar
Cow	Croak
Lion	Moo
Donkey	Meow

Part 3: Fill in the Blank

1. Penguins live in large groups called a _____.
 2. The long nose of an elephant is called a _____.
 3. Birds use their _____ to eat and build nests.
 4. The soft, thick fur of a sheep is called _____.
 5. Insects like butterflies go through a life cycle called _____.
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Part 4: True or False

1. Bats are mammals.
2. Reptiles are warm-blooded animals.
3. The largest land animal is the African elephant.

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4. A group of wolves is called a pack.
 5. Octopuses have three hearts.
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Answers to Round 2

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. a) Nocturnal
 2. a) Foal
 3. b) Lion
 4. b) Plumage
 5. a) Hedgehog
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Part 2: Match the Animal to Its Sound

Animal	Sound
Cat	Meow
Frog	Croak
Cow	Moo
Lion	Roar
Donkey	Bray

Part 3: Fill in the Blank

1. Colony
2. Trunk

3. Beak
 4. Wool
 5. Metamorphosis
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Part 4: True or False

1. True (Bats are mammals.)
 2. False (Reptiles are cold-blooded.)
 3. True (The African elephant is the largest land animal.)
 4. True (A group of wolves is called a pack.)
 5. True (Octopuses have three hearts.)
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Ending Transcript

Thank you again to my daughter for taking part in this episode. I hope you all enjoyed listening to that and that you learned a thing or two about animals and the vocabulary we use to describe them.

I wonder how many of the questions you got right? Did you beat my daughter?

I have to say I am very impressed by her vocabulary. Perhaps I can get her back on the podcast again at some point for another vocabulary quiz because I think this was very nice and a good way to teach you some English words on a specific topic.

Actually, we didn't finish the full quiz. I have another couple of rounds of questions with answers that we could do together another time perhaps.

Vocabulary re-cap

What I am going to do now is re-cap a lot of the vocabulary that you heard there, to make sure you've got it.

There are over 60 items of vocabulary here to re-cap, so plenty to learn. I'll try to keep it fairly quick here, so this doesn't go on forever.

Of course you know some of these things already, but do you know them all?

Remember those questions from the start of the episode?

- What does a male lion have around its neck? (a mane)
- What kind of feet does a deer or horse have? (hooves)
- What kind of animal is a frog or newt? (an amphibian)
- What sound does a frog make? (they croak, or say "ribbit")
- Where do wolves, foxes and lions sleep? (in a den)
- What about bees? Where do we keep them? (in a bee hive)
- What do snakes and fish have on their skin? (scales)
- What do you call animals that come out at night? (nocturnal)

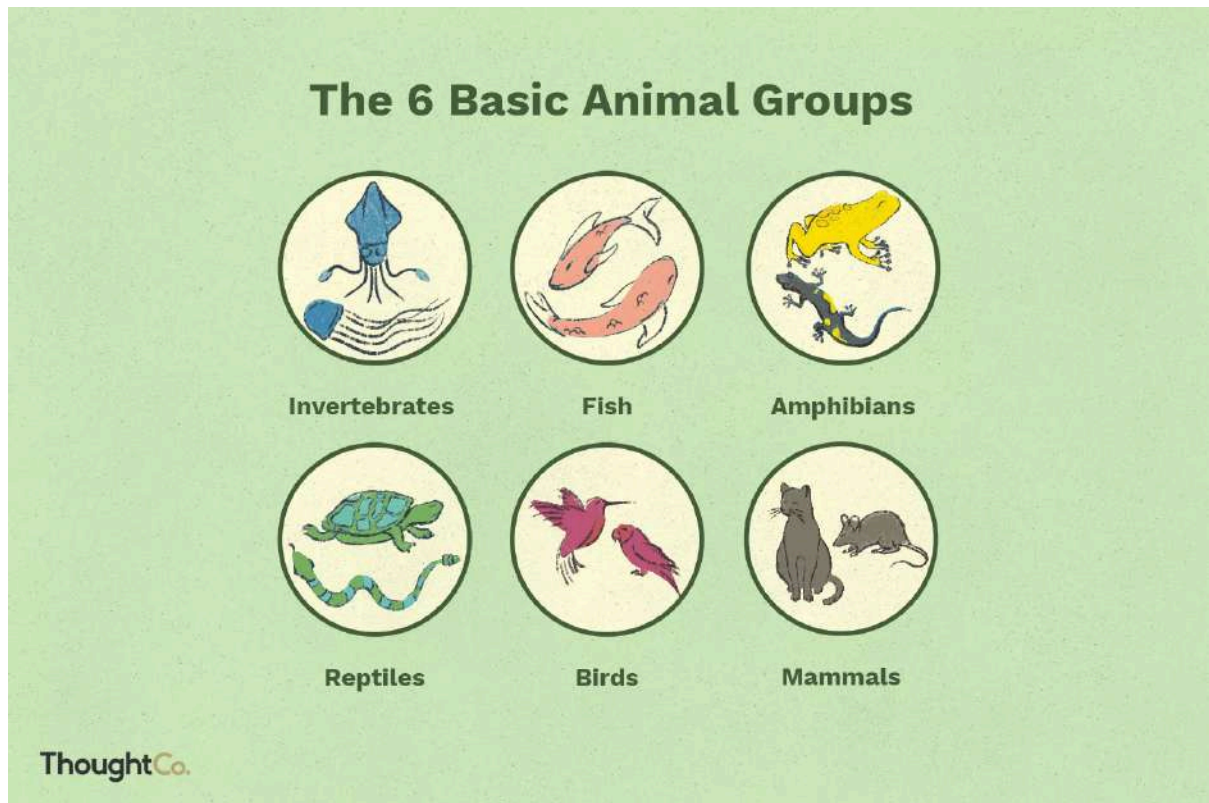
Let me re-cap all of that stuff with you now, as quickly as possible.

Check the episode PDF for the vocabulary list and also some vocabulary memory quiz questions to help you check you've understood it all.

Vocabulary Review

Here is a re-cap of the animal vocabulary in the episode.

Different types of animal



Mammals, reptiles, birds, invertebrates, amphibians and fish.

1. Mammals

- **Characteristics:**

- Warm-blooded vertebrates.
- Usually have hair or fur at some stage of their life.
- Females produce milk to feed their young (via mammary glands).



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- Typically give birth to live young (except monotremes like platypuses and echidnas, which lay eggs).
- **Examples:** Humans, lions, dolphins, and bats.
- **Identification:** Look for fur/hair and note if the animal nurtures its young with milk.

2. Reptiles

- **Characteristics:**
 - Cold-blooded vertebrates.
 - Have scaly, dry skin.
 - Lay soft-shelled eggs (though some give birth to live young).
 - Breathe through lungs.
- **Examples:** Snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocodiles.
- **Identification:** Check for scales, cold-blooded behavior (like stealing someone's girlfriend, or some James Bond stuff), and egg-laying (in most cases).



3. Birds

- **Characteristics:**
 - Warm-blooded vertebrates.
 - Have feathers and wings.
 - Lay hard-shelled eggs.
 - Most can fly (though some, like ostriches and penguins, cannot).
- **Examples:** Sparrows, eagles, parrots, and flamingos.
- **Identification:** Look for feathers, a beak, and wings.



4. Invertebrates



- **Characteristics:**
 - Do not have a backbone.
 - Often have exoskeletons (external skeletons).
 - Found in diverse environments.
- **Examples:** Insects, spiders, octopuses, snails and jellyfish.
- **Identification:** Lack of a backbone and a wide variety of body structures.

5. Amphibians

- **Characteristics:**
 - Cold-blooded vertebrates.
 - Live part of their life in water (as larvae) and part on land (as adults).
 - Have moist, permeable skin for gas exchange.
 - Lay eggs in water.
- **Examples:** Frogs, salamanders, and newts.
- **Identification:** Look for moist skin, a life cycle involving water, and eggs laid in aquatic environments.



6. Fish

- **Characteristics:**
 - Cold-blooded vertebrates.
 - Live in water and breathe through gills.
 - Have fins for movement.
 - Most lay eggs, though some give birth to live young.
- **Examples:** Trout, sharks, and clownfish.
- **Identification:** Presence of gills, fins, and a water-based habitat.



Different animals mentioned

Let's play a guessing game for this one. I'll describe an animal and you have to tell me what it is. It's easier if you're looking at the PDF because there are pictures.



7. Dolphin
8. Frog
9. Owl
10. Lizard
11. Cow
12. Whale
13. Shark
14. Hedgehog
15. Camel
16. Giraffe

Where animals live



17. Hive

18. Nest

19. Web

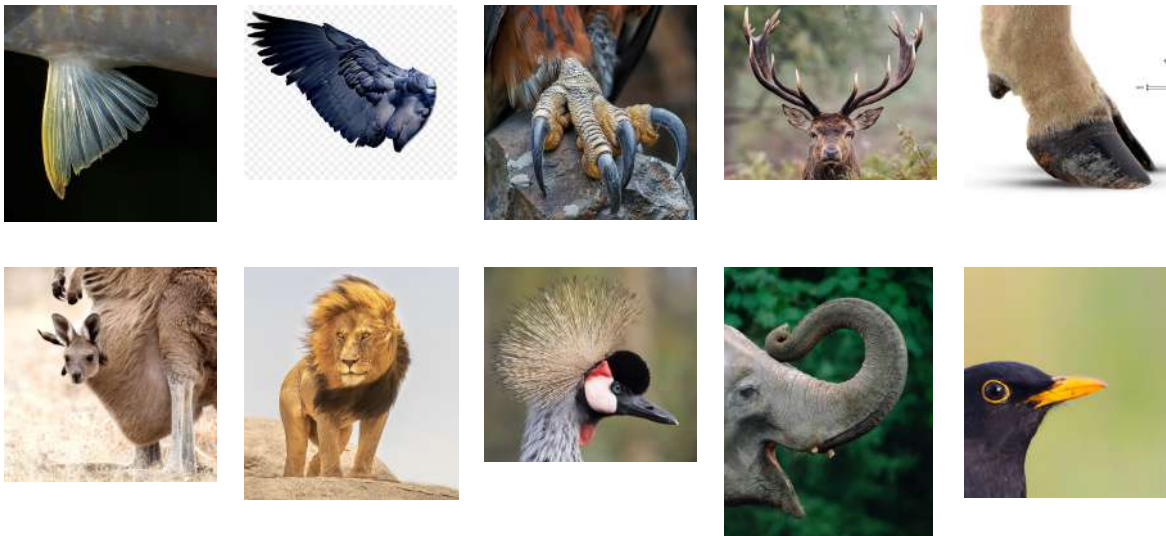
20. Den

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- **Description of a 'den':** A den is a sheltered space used by animals for resting, hiding, or raising their young.
- **Common Inhabitants:** Foxes, wolves, bears, and lions.
- **Key Features:** Found in caves, burrows, or dug into the ground; provides protection and warmth.

Animal body parts



21. Fins (fish, dolphins, whales, turtles)
22. Wings (birds)
23. Talons (birds of prey)
24. Antlers (deer)
25. Hoof (deer, horse, cow, giraffe, rhino, pig)
26. Pouch (kangaroos)
27. Mane (male lions)
28. Crest (birds usually, on top of their head)
29. Trunk (elephant)
30. Beak (birds, and some fish, octopus)

Covering an animal's body



31. Feathers / plumage

32. Fur

33. Shell

34. Scales

35. Wool

Groups of animals

Here's a description of each animal group with examples

36. Pack

- **Description:** A group of animals that live, hunt, or travel together, often with a hierarchical structure.
- **Examples:**
 - Wolves
 - African wild dogs
 - Coyotes
 - Hyenas

37. Herd

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- **Description:** A large group of animals that live and move together, often for grazing or protection.
- **Examples:**
 - Elephants
 - Cattle
 - Deer
 - Bison
 - Zebras

38. Pride

- **Description:** A social group of lions, typically consisting of related females, their offspring, and a few adult males.

39. Swarm

- **Description:** A large group of insects (or occasionally other animals) moving together, often for migration or feeding.
- **Examples:**
 - Bees
 - Locusts
 - Ants (during nuptial flights)
 - Mosquitoes

40. Pod

- **Description:** A social group of aquatic *mammals*, often for protection and cooperation.
- **Examples:**
 - Dolphins
 - Whales (e.g., orcas, sperm whales)
 - Seals (sometimes referred to as pods)

41. Flock

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- **Description:** A group of birds that travel or feed together.
- **Examples:**
 - Sparrows
 - Geese (in flight or on water)
 - Starlings (e.g., during murmuration)
 - Parrots
 - Gulls

42. School / Shoal

- **Description:** A group of fish swimming together, typically for protection or coordinated movement.
- **Examples:**
 - Sardines
 - Tuna
 - Herring
 - Mackerel

Eating

- 43. Herbivore (eats plants)
- 44. Omnivore (eats plants and meat)
- 45. Carnivore (eats meat)

Baby animals

- 46. Puppy (dog)
- 47. Kitten (kitten)
- 48. Foal (baby horse)
- 49. Calf (baby cows, but also camels, dolphins, elephants, giraffes, hippopotamuses, deer, rhinoceroses, porpoises, whales, walruses and larger seals)
- Chick (bird)

Animal sounds

- 50. Bray (donkey - “ee-orr”)
- 51. Roar
- 52. Croak (frog, toad, crow)
- 53. Moo
- 54. Meow (cat)
- 55. Bark (verb) / woof (sound)

Miscellaneous

- 56. Nocturnal (comes out at night)
 - 57. Diurnal (comes out during the day)
 - 58. Arboreal (lives in trees)
 - 59. Aquatic (lives in water)
 - 60. To hibernate (sleeps for a long period during the year)
 - 61. Warm-blooded
 - 62. Cold-blooded
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Vocabulary Quiz

Here is a vocabulary quiz based on the animal vocabulary review, featuring various question types, and an answer key (below).

Part 1: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer.

1. Which of the following animals is a mammal?
 - a) Lizard
 - b) Dolphin
 - c) Owl

- d) Frog
2. What is the primary characteristic of a bird?
- a) Scaly skin
 - b) Feathers
 - c) Gills
 - d) External skeleton
3. What do invertebrates lack?
- a) Wings
 - b) Gills
 - c) Backbone
 - d) Fur
4. Which group of animals is known to hibernate?
- a) Wolves
 - b) Bears
 - c) Eagles
 - d) Sharks
5. What term describes a group of lions?
- a) Pod
 - b) Pride
 - c) Herd
 - d) Flock
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Part 2: True or False

Write **T** for True or **F** for False.

6. Amphibians live their entire life in water.

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7. Reptiles are warm-blooded animals.
 8. A whale belongs to the group "Pod."
 9. Feathers and plumage are body coverings for birds.
 10. Herbivores eat both plants and meat.
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Part 3: Match the Terms

Match the animal to its body part.

11. Deer -
12. Bird of prey -
13. Elephant -
14. Kangaroo -
15. Fish -

- a) Trunk
 - b) Hoof
 - c) Talons
 - d) Pouch
 - e) Fins
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Part 4: Fill in the Blanks

Write the correct word(s) in the blank space.

16. A group of fish is called a _____ or _____.
17. _____ animals are active at night, while _____ animals are active during the day.
18. A den is a place where animals such as _____ and _____ rest or raise their young.

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19. A _____ is a baby cat, while a _____ is a baby dog.
 20. Animals that live in trees are called _____.
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Vocabulary Quiz: Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. b) Dolphin
2. b) Feathers
3. c) Backbone
4. b) Bears
5. b) Pride

Part 2: True or False

6. F
7. F
8. T
9. T
10. F

Part 3: Match the Terms

11. b) Hoof
12. c) Talons
13. a) Trunk
14. d) Pouch
15. e) Fins

Part 4: Fill in the Blanks

16. School; Shoal
17. Nocturnal; Diurnal

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18. Foxes; Bears
19. Kitten; Puppy
20. Arboreal