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**Amazing Animals**

What is the weather like in the **desert? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Which animal would **not** be very well camouflaged in a desert? Circle the correct answer -

Meerkat Turkey Vulture Dorcas Gazelle

Why do you think it does not need camouflage?

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How are the bearded dragons adapted for the desert?

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This gallery is split into 4 different zones. **Polar**, **Temperate** (weather we have in Britain), **Tropica**l and **Desert**.

Can you find the different zones?

Look at the **polar** section (where the polar bear is).

Have a look at the big icy image.

How does it make you feel?

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Would you like to live here?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why/why not?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think most of the animals in the polar section are white?

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**Brilliant Beaks**

Tick the box when you find

a bird with a:

Flat and round beak

Long and thin beak

Small and sharp beak

Draw a picture of one of the beaks



Find the Ostrich and the 4 chicks.

How is the adult Ostrich different to the baby Ostriches? Write down

two things that are the same

1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And two things that are different

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**Guess the Animal**

You will need to work with a partner.

* Each person secretly chooses an animal.….ssshhh, don’t tell your partner what it is.
* Take your partner to the case or area where your animal is.
* Describe your animal to your partner and see how quickly they can work out which one it is.

In **temperate** zones, like Britain, the weather changes with the seasons.

Draw a picture of an animal that you could find in the wild in Britain.

What different things do animals in temperate

areas do in the winter to survive the cold?

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Visit the **tropica**l section. What is the

biggest animal you can see? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Find a patterned animal. Fill this box with the pattern (for example zebra stripes)

How does this pattern help the animal?

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