Welcome to the Animals Around the World Micro Library

Welcome to the Animals Around the World Micro Library! This special collection is all about amazing animals from different parts of our wonderful world.

You are seeing this because you have read, are reading, or will soon be able to read a story called *Priya's Animal Adventure*. This micro library will help you explore even more about the fascinating creatures Priya meets on her journey.

Remember to look carefully with an adult, talk together about what you discover, and take your time exploring. There's so much to learn and enjoy!



Animals in Hot Parts of the World



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Some animals live in hot parts of the world where the sun shines brightly and the weather stays warm for most of the year.

These incredible animals have special ways of living that help them feel comfortable in the heat.

Their bodies are clever!
They have adapted over many, many years to survive and thrive in these warm places.

Some have special skin, some have unusual habits, and some have found clever ways to stay cool.



Talk with an adult: What animals can you see in the picture?
Have you ever felt really hot on a sunny day?

What Does Hot Weather Feel Like?

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Hot weather can feel warm and pleasant, like a lovely summer's day. But sometimes it can feel very, very hot. Sometimes, it van feel so hot that you might want to find some shade or have a cool drink!

Some animals absolutely love this kind of weather. Unlike us, they don't need to wear sun cream or carry water bottles. Their bodies are perfectly designed for hot places.

When it's hot, the sun beats down strongly. The air feels warm when you breathe. The ground might feel hot under your feet. But for animals who live in hot parts of the world, this is just normal—it's their home!

Think About It

What might it feel like to live somewhere hot all year round?
Would you like it?

Hot Dry Parts of the World

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Some animals live in hot, dry parts of the world called deserts.
These are special places that don't get much rain at all.
sometimes only a few drops in an entire year!



In these places, you'll often see lots and lots of sand stretching far into the distance.
There might be rocky areas too.
Water is very hard to find, so it's extremely precious.
Plants are quite rare, and the ones that do grow there are tough and spiky.

Even though deserts might look empty, they're actually full of life!
Many amazing animals have made these dry places their home.

Talk with an adult: What do you notice about this desert place?
How is it different from where you live?

Animals That Live in Hot, Dry Places

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Camels

Camels are brilliant at living in deserts! They can go for days without drinking water. Their humps store fat that gives them energy. Their wide feet help them walk on sand without sinking.



Lizards

Lizards love to lie in the sun to warm up their bodies. They're quick and nimble, darting between rocks. Their scaly skin protects them from the heat and helps them save water.



Meerkats

Meerkats are small, curious animals that live in family groups. They dig burrows underground where it's cooler. They take turns standing guard whilst others look for food.

Talk with an adult: Which of these animals looks most interesting to you? Why do you think that?

How Animals Cope With the Heat

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Animals that live in hot parts of the world are very clever! They have special ways of coping with the heat so they don't get too hot or uncomfortable.

Resting in Shade

Many animals rest under rocks or bushes where it's cooler and shadier during the hottest part of the day.



Coming Out When Cool

Some animals sleep during the hot day and come out in the evening or early morning when it's much cooler.



Special Body Features

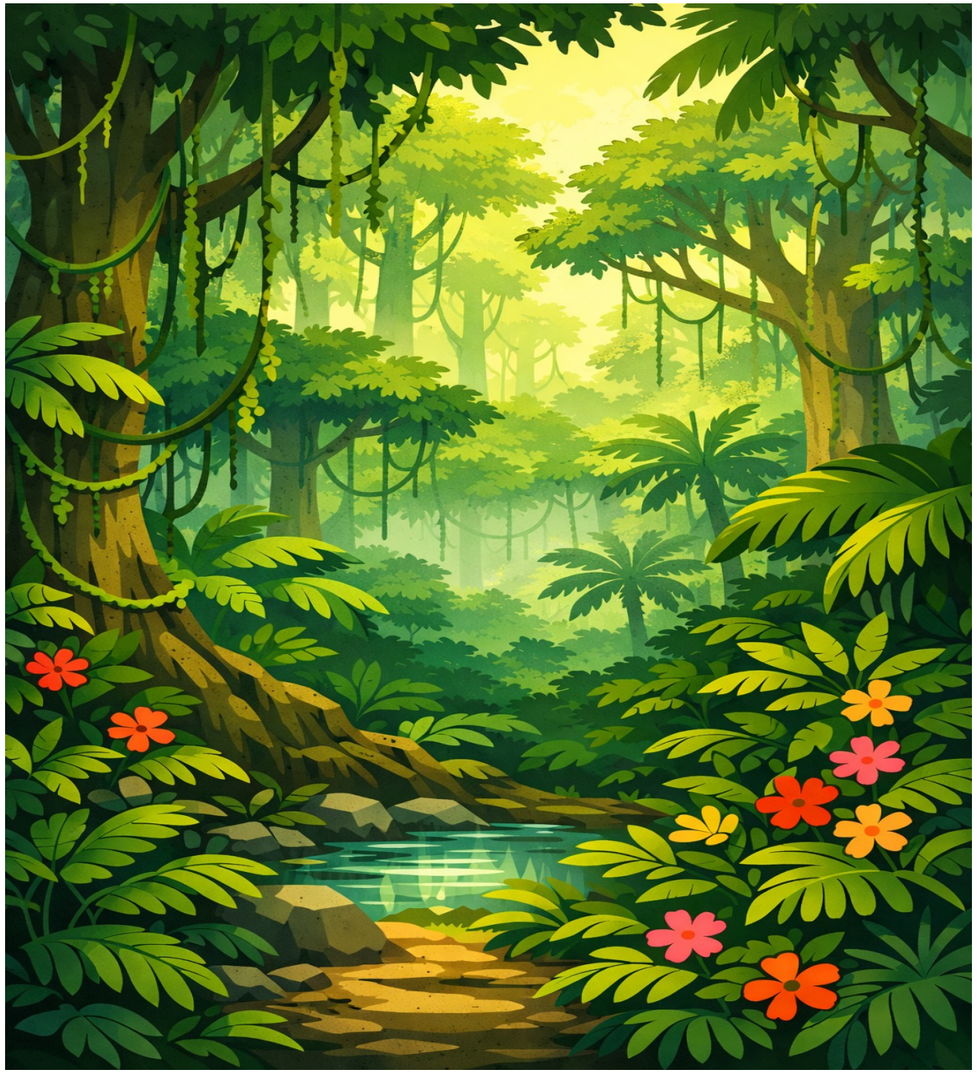
Some have big ears to help heat escape, light-colored fur to reflect sunshine, or ways to store water in their bodies.



Talk with an adult: Why might resting in the shade help an animal stay cool? What do you do when you feel too hot?

Hot, Wet Parts of the World

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Some animals live in parts of the world that are both hot *and* wet.

These places are called rainforests or jungles, and they're very different from deserts!

In rainforests, it rains nearly every day. Because of all this water and warmth, thousands and thousands of plants grow.

There are enormous trees that reach up to the sky, twisting vines that hang down,
and colorful flowers everywhere you look.

It's quite dark on the ground because the big tree leaves block out lots of sunlight. But high up in the trees, it's bright and sunny.

The air feels wet and warm, a bit like being in a steamy bathroom after a

Talk with an adult: What animals might live in a place with so many trees and plants?
Where could they hide?

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Monkeys

Monkeys are brilliant climbers who spend most of their time high up in the trees. They swing from branch to branch using their strong arms and tails. They eat fruits, leaves, and insects they find in the forest.





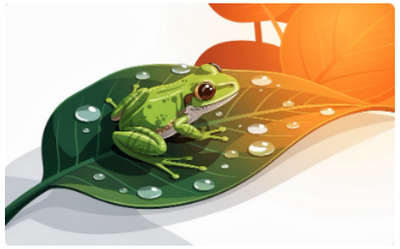


Parrots

Parrots are beautiful, colorful birds with bright feathers of red, blue, green, and yellow. They live in the treetops where they can fly freely. Their strong beaks help them crack open nuts and seeds.







Frogs

Frogs love wet places! They live near streams or on damp leaves. Their smooth, wet skin needs to stay moist. Some rainforest frogs are tiny, whilst others are quite big. Many have bright colors to warn other animals.

Talk with an adult: Where might these animals hide in the rainforest?
Why do you think frogs like wet places so much?

What All Animals Need

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Whether animals live in hot deserts, steamy rainforests, or right here where we live, all animals need the same important things to survive and be healthy. These are called their *basic needs*.

Food

Animals need food to give them energy to move, grow, and stay alive. Different animals eat different things—some eat plants, some eat other animals, and some eat both!



Water

All animals need water to drink. Water keeps their bodies working properly. Some animals get water from their food, whilst others need to drink from rivers, ponds, or waterholes.



Shelter

Animals need somewhere safe to rest and hide from danger. This might be a burrow underground, a nest in a tree, a den in rocks, or thick plants to hide in.



Talk with an adult: What else might an animal need to stay safe and healthy? How do pets get these things?

Thinking About Animals Around the World

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You've learned about so many wonderful animals today! You've discovered animals that live in hot, dry deserts and animals that live in hot, wet rainforests. You've seen how different they all are, but also how they all need the same basic things.

Now it's time to think about what you've learned and talk together about your favorite discoveries.

An Animal You'd Like to Learn About

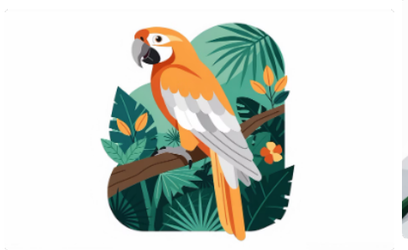
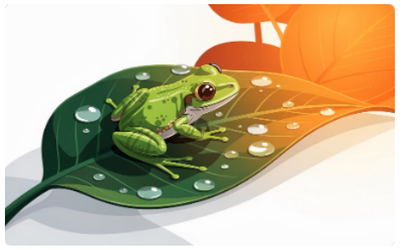
Is there an animal from today that you found really interesting?

Or perhaps another animal you'd love to know more about?

What would you like to discover?





You could say:

'I found the ..... really interesting'

'I would like to learn more about the ..... because .....'