

Animals – Glossary

ant noun [countable]

a small insect that lives under the ground in large organized groups called *colonies*

backward adverb

in the opposite way or order from usual

banana noun [countable]

a long curved fruit with a yellow skin

beaver noun [countable]

a small North American animal that has a wide flat tail and thick fur. Beavers cut down trees with their teeth and build *dams* (walls) across streams.

butterfly noun [countable]

a flying insect with large colorful wings

chameleon noun [countable]

a type of small lizard with skin that changes color to match the colors around it

crocodile noun [countable]

a large reptile that lives in water in hot countries. It has a long body and a long mouth with many sharp teeth.

dolphin noun [countable]

a large ocean animal, similar to a fish, with a long nose. Dolphins are known for being intelligent and friendly.

giraffe noun [countable]

a tall African animal that has a very long neck and legs

grizzly (bear) noun [countable]

a very large bear with brown fur that lives in the mountains of the north-western USA

hen noun [countable]

a female chicken (a bird kept for its eggs and meat)

hummingbird noun [countable]

a very small brightly colored bird that makes a low continuous noise when it moves its wings

kangaroo noun [countable]

a large Australian animal that moves by jumping, has strong back legs, and carries its baby in a *pouch* (pocket on the front of its body)

kitten noun [countable]

a young cat

lay verb [transitive]

if a female animal such as a bird or fish lays an egg, it produces the egg by pushing it from its body

million number

the number 1,000,000

mosquito noun [countable]

a small flying insect that bites the skin of people and animals in order to feed on their blood

mouse noun [countable]

a small furry animal with a long tail

multiple-choice adjective

giving you several answers from which you have to choose the one that you think is correct

newborn adjective

recently born

ostrich noun [countable]

a large African bird with a long neck and long legs that runs very fast but cannot fly. Many people think that ostriches hide from their enemies by putting their head in the sand, but this is not true.

panda noun [countable]

a large Chinese wild animal with black and white fur

polar bear noun [countable]

a large white bear that lives in areas near the North Pole

squid noun [countable]

an ocean animal like an octopus, but with ten arms instead of eight

stomach noun [countable]

the soft part at the front of your body between your chest and your legs

My stomach is getting fat.

tongue noun [countable]

the long soft piece of flesh fixed to the bottom of your mouth that you use for tasting, speaking, etc.
I burned my tongue on the hot coffee.