

# Mammals

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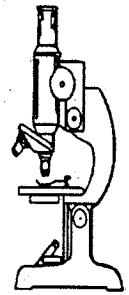
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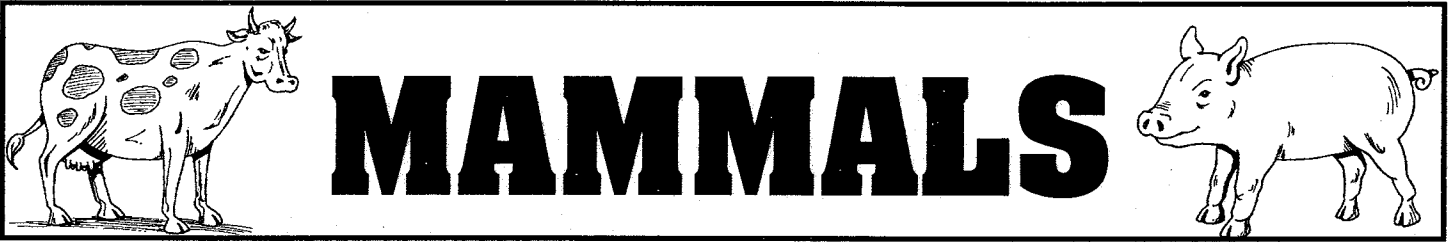
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# Word Study Activity One

## Using Compound Words

Compound words are made when two words are glued together to make one.

e.g. pole + cat = polecat

Complete each sentence with the correct compound word or words.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ rabbit likes to live in an \_\_\_\_\_ burrow.
2. Giraffes and antelopes can be seen roaming over the \_\_\_\_\_ of Africa.
3. Many types of monkeys live in the trees of the tropical \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Beaver and muskrat can be seen swimming in many \_\_\_\_\_ streams and lakes of North America.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ rabbit changes color during the winter months.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ whale lives in all the oceans and feeds on krill.
7. All mammals have a skeleton with a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The giant \_\_\_\_\_ rips open ant nests with its strong claws.



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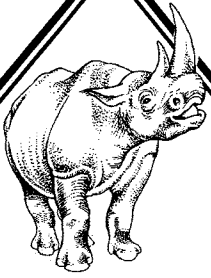


9. The \_\_\_\_\_ has short, sharp spines on its back and looks like a porcupine.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ opossum likes to eat \_\_\_\_\_ found in Australia.
11. Many small animals make their homes in a \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Gophers and \_\_\_\_\_ often make their homes in a farmer's field.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ coati has a long snout and often carries its long, ringed tail straight up.
14. Sometimes an owner will build a \_\_\_\_\_ for his pet dog.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ is not liked by farmers and ranchers because it likes to prey on chickens and sheep.

anteater	underground	Ringtail
Humpback	Snowshoe	groundhogs
freshwater	backbone	Brush-tail
grasslands	hedgehog	doghouse
Cottontail	woodlot	bobcat
rainforest	mistletoe	

# Word Study Activity Two

## Using Syllable Rules



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Read the rules for dividing words into syllables.

Rule 1: A one syllable word is never divided.

Rule 2: Divide a compound word between the words that make a compound word.

Rule 3: When a word has a suffix, divide the word between the root word and the suffix, if the suffix has a vowel sound.

Rule 4: When a word has a prefix divide the word between the prefix and the root word.

Rule 5: When two or more consonants come between two vowels in a word, the word is usually divided between the first two consonants. Be careful not to split blends or digraphs.

Divide the words below into syllables using a hyphen (-) or a slash (/). After each word write the number of the rule that you used.

1. deer

\_\_\_\_\_

2. groundhog

\_\_\_\_\_

3. longest

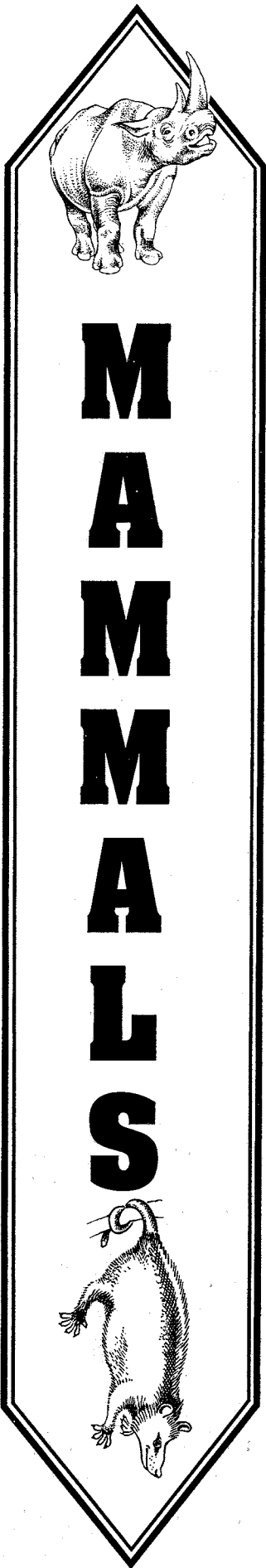
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4. possum

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5. dislike

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6. pig

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7. jumping

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8. asleep

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9. raccoon

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10. hedgehog

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11. shorter

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12. whales

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13. swiftly

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14. fox

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15. smelling

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16. cuscus

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17. bobcat

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18. undo

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19. inside

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20. wombat

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