

60 Animal Trivia Questions for Kids

Mammals, ocean life, insects and birds, with a full answer key.

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Pets & Farm Animals

1. What is a baby sheep called?

2. Which pet purrs when it's happy?

3. What is a baby horse called?

4. Which farm bird lays the eggs we eat for breakfast?

5. What is a group of chickens called?

6. Which animal is famous for rolling in mud to keep cool?

7. What do you call a baby goat?

8. Which pet is known for wagging its tail when happy?

9. What is a female chicken called?

10. Which fluffy pet hops and has long ears?

Ocean Animals

11. What is the biggest animal in the ocean (and the world)?

12. How many arms does an octopus have?

13. Which ocean animal has a horn like a unicorn?

14. What do clownfish hide in to stay safe?

15. Are dolphins fish?

16. Which sea creature can grow a new arm if it loses one?

17. What is a group of fish called?

18. Which ocean animal is known as the fastest swimmer with a long pointy bill?

19. What do sea turtles lay on beaches?

20. Which shark is the largest fish in the sea — and only eats tiny plankton?

Jungle & Safari

21. Which big cat has stripes?

22. What is the largest land animal?

23. Which animal is the tallest in the world?

24. What do gorillas mostly eat — meat or plants?

25. Which black-and-white striped animal looks like a horse?

26. What is a group of lions called?

27. Which slow-moving animal hangs upside down in trees most of its life?

28. Which animal has the longest nose in the animal kingdom?

29. Which ape is known for being super smart and using tools?

30. Hippos spend most of their day doing what?

Birds

31. Which bird is a symbol of the United States?

32. Which bird can mimic human speech?

33. What is the smallest bird in the world?

34. Which bird is the fastest animal on Earth when diving?

35. Do penguins live at the North Pole or South Pole?

36. Which bird 'hoots' and hunts at night?

37. What do birds use to fly?

38. Which big pink bird stands on one leg?

39. Which bird lays the largest eggs in the world?

40. What do woodpeckers do to trees?

Bugs & Tiny Creatures

41. How many legs does an insect have?

42. Which insect lights up at night?

43. What does a caterpillar build around itself before becoming a butterfly?

44. Which tiny creature can lift many times its own body weight?

45. How many wings does a butterfly have?

46. Which red beetle with black spots is said to bring good luck?

47. What do spiders spin to catch their food?

48. Which insect is the only food source for making honey?

49. Do worms have legs?

50. Which noisy insect 'chirps' by rubbing its wings together?

Animal Record-Breakers (Hard Round)

51. What is the fastest land animal?

52. Which animal has the longest lifespan — some live over 180 years?

53. How many hearts does an octopus have?

54. Which animal sleeps the most — up to 20 hours a day?

55. What is the loudest animal for its size... actually one of the loudest on Earth?

56. Which bird migrates the farthest — pole to pole every year?

57. Which animal has the strongest bite of any land animal alive today?

58. What is the slowest mammal in the world?

59. Which animal's heart is the size of a small car?

60. Elephants are pregnant for how long — 9 months, 12 months, or 22 months?

Answer Key

Pets & Farm Animals

1. What is a baby sheep called? - A lamb.
2. Which pet purrs when it's happy? - The cat.
3. What is a baby horse called? - A foal.
4. Which farm bird lays the eggs we eat for breakfast? - The chicken (hen).
5. What is a group of chickens called? - A flock.
6. Which animal is famous for rolling in mud to keep cool? - The pig.
7. What do you call a baby goat? - A kid — really!
8. Which pet is known for wagging its tail when happy? - The dog.
9. What is a female chicken called? - A hen (a male is a rooster).
10. Which fluffy pet hops and has long ears? - The rabbit.

Ocean Animals

11. What is the biggest animal in the ocean (and the world)? - The blue whale.
12. How many arms does an octopus have? - Eight.
13. Which ocean animal has a horn like a unicorn? - The narwhal — the 'horn' is actually a long tooth!
14. What do clownfish hide in to stay safe? - Sea anemones — just like Nemo.
15. Are dolphins fish? - No — they're mammals. They breathe air and feed milk to their babies.
16. Which sea creature can grow a new arm if it loses one? - The starfish (sea star).
17. What is a group of fish called? - A school.
18. Which ocean animal is known as the fastest swimmer with a long pointy bill? - The sailfish — it can swim about 110 km/h (68 mph).
19. What do sea turtles lay on beaches? - Eggs — they bury them in the sand.
20. Which shark is the largest fish in the sea — and only eats tiny plankton? - The whale shark.

Jungle & Safari

21. Which big cat has stripes? - The tiger.
22. What is the largest land animal? - The African elephant.
23. Which animal is the tallest in the world? - The giraffe.
24. What do gorillas mostly eat — meat or plants? - Plants — they're mostly herbivores.
25. Which black-and-white striped animal looks like a horse? - The zebra.
26. What is a group of lions called? - A pride.
27. Which slow-moving animal hangs upside down in trees most of its life? - The sloth.
28. Which animal has the longest nose in the animal kingdom? - The elephant — its trunk can be 2 metres long.
29. Which ape is known for being super smart and using tools? - The chimpanzee.

30. Hippos spend most of their day doing what? - Staying in water to keep cool.

Birds

31. Which bird is a symbol of the United States? - The bald eagle.
32. Which bird can mimic human speech? - The parrot.
33. What is the smallest bird in the world? - The bee hummingbird — about the size of a real bee!
34. Which bird is the fastest animal on Earth when diving? - The peregrine falcon — over 300 km/h (186 mph) in a dive.
35. Do penguins live at the North Pole or South Pole? - The South Pole side (Antarctica and nearby) — there are no penguins in the Arctic.
36. Which bird 'hoots' and hunts at night? - The owl.
37. What do birds use to fly? - Their wings (and very light bones help too).
38. Which big pink bird stands on one leg? - The flamingo.
39. Which bird lays the largest eggs in the world? - The ostrich.
40. What do woodpeckers do to trees? - Peck holes in them — to find insects and make nests.

Bugs & Tiny Creatures

41. How many legs does an insect have? - Six.
42. Which insect lights up at night? - The firefly (lightning bug).
43. What does a caterpillar build around itself before becoming a butterfly? - A chrysalis (moths spin cocoons).
44. Which tiny creature can lift many times its own body weight? - The ant.
45. How many wings does a butterfly have? - Four.
46. Which red beetle with black spots is said to bring good luck? - The ladybug (ladybird).
47. What do spiders spin to catch their food? - Webs.
48. Which insect is the only food source for making honey? - The honeybee.
49. Do worms have legs? - No — they move by squeezing and stretching their bodies.
50. Which noisy insect 'chirps' by rubbing its wings together? - The cricket.

Animal Record-Breakers (Hard Round)

51. What is the fastest land animal? - The cheetah — about 110 km/h (70 mph) in short bursts.
52. Which animal has the longest lifespan — some live over 180 years? - The Greenland shark (giant tortoises can pass 150 too).
53. How many hearts does an octopus have? - Three.
54. Which animal sleeps the most — up to 20 hours a day? - The koala (sloths and cats are close behind).

55. What is the loudest animal for its size...
actually one of the loudest on Earth? - The blue whale — its calls can be louder than a jet engine. The tiny pistol shrimp's snap is also famously one of the loudest sounds in the ocean.
56. Which bird migrates the farthest — pole to pole every year? - The Arctic tern.
57. Which animal has the strongest bite of any land animal alive today? - The saltwater crocodile.
58. What is the slowest mammal in the world? - The three-toed sloth.
59. Which animal's heart is the size of a small car? - The blue whale's.
60. Elephants are pregnant for how long — 9 months, 12 months, or 22 months? - About 22 months — almost two years, the longest of any land animal.