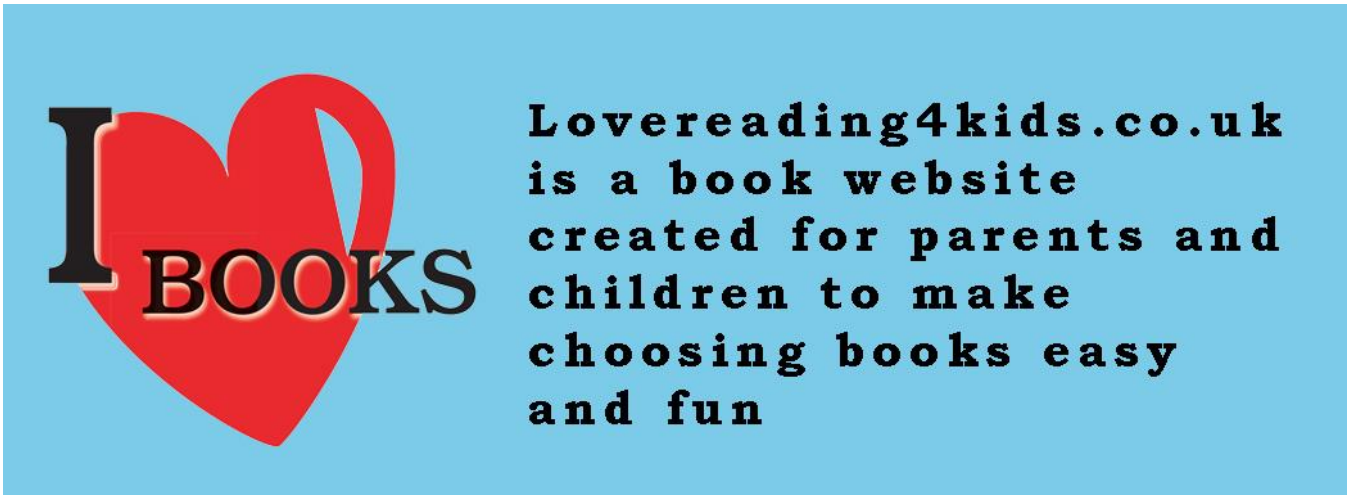



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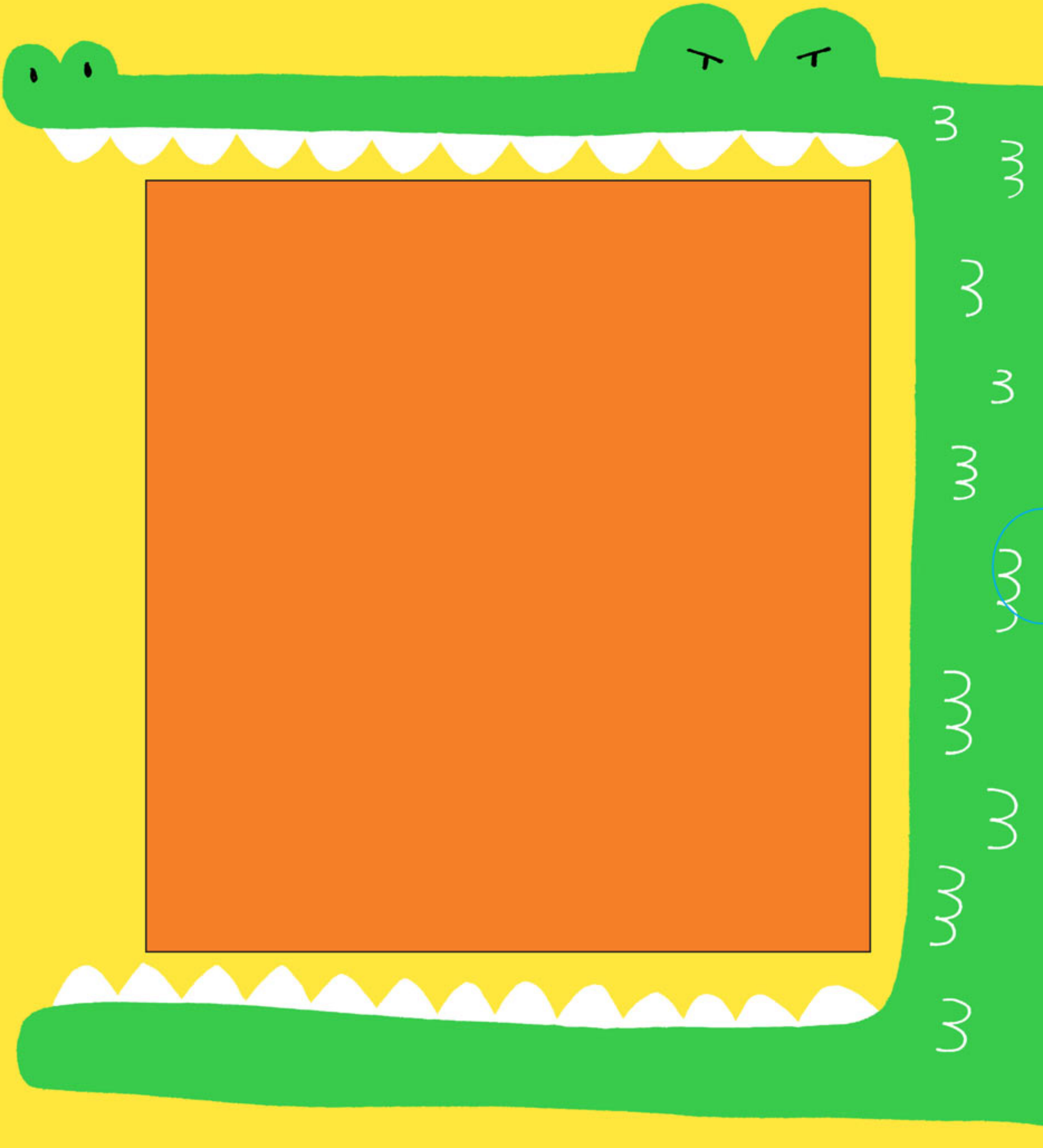
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# Animal tails

Tails come in all shapes and sizes,
and are useful in many different ways!



Cats signal with their tails.



A fox's tail keeps him warm.

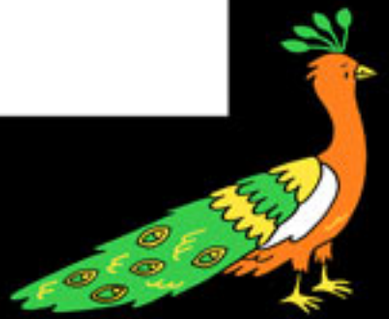
A squirrel's tail helps her to balance.





Raccoons store fat in their tails to keep them warm!

A peacock uses his tail to get noticed!





An anteater's tail helps him to balance when he stands on two legs.

Which of the animals on the opposite page
has a tail like this one?
Can you add the animal to the tail?



# Toes and hooses

Hooves, made of hard horn, protect animals' toes—just like boots protect yours!

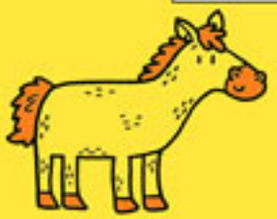


Camels' wide feet help them walk on sand.

Zebras' hooves, like horses' hooves, keep growing all their lives.

Horses' hooves are made of keratin—so are your fingernails!

Cows' toes spread when they walk so they don't sink into muddy fields!



A moose's hooves have two toes. These are called cloven hooves.





Can you draw one of the animals on the opposite page on the legs below?

# Bugs and leaves

Bugs love leaves. Some eat them, some lay eggs on them, and some use them to build homes!































Can you can draw each of the bugs on this leaf? Then lift the page and see them fly away!

# Burrowing animals

Lots of animals make their homes by digging a hole underground.



Badger



Rabbit



Mole



Puff in



Lizard



Prairie dog



Some snakes lay their eggs in underground nests.



Can you join up all the animals' tunnels? Then draw some more animals that live underground.



Prairie dog

Puff in



Lizard



Snake





Mole



Rabbit

Rabbits' tunnels have different entrances and exits—great for quick escapes!

# Butterfly life cycle

Before it grows into an adult, a butterfly goes through four different stages.

1. A butterfly starts life as an egg. The eggs are often laid on leaves.

2. A caterpillar hatches from the egg and eats the leaf.

3. Later the caterpillar turns into a pupa, which hangs off another leaf.

4. After 10-14 days, the butterfly breaks out of the pupa ...

... and flies away!

Can you complete the pattern on this butterfly's wing?

# Crocodile lunchtime

Crocodiles wait by the waterhole and snap up any animals that come too close!



Zebra



Cape buffalo





Fish



Stork

Lizard





Meerkat



Baby hippo



Frog



Antelope

Draw one of the animals on the opposite page in the crocodile's jaws!