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COLORS AND PATTERNS

The ladybug is red and spotted.

It is difficult to see one zebra in a crowd, because they all have stripes.

clip- clop

The giraffe has a pattern of patches on its body.

grroar!

Stripes make it hard to see the tiger in the long grass.

The panda has patches on its eyes.

chomp-chomp

Bright yellow cichlid fish cruise tropical waters.

swoosh!

Velvet-black bats swoop through the night air.

Vivid green katydids hide in the long grass.

kaatydid kaatydid

Red-bottomed baboons stand out in a crowd.

ribbit!

Iridescent blue poison arrow frogs croak in the jungle.

A peacock has eye patterns on its tail feathers. What a show-off!

proo-proo

cheep!

Birds come in all colors of the rainbow!

A walking stick is brownish green, just like a stick. How many walking sticks can you see?

POOP FACTS

Poop is the waste left over after an animal has eaten its food. Its real name is feces.

uh-uh-uh-uh

paarrpp!

Elephants make lots of poop.

boom boom boom boom

Dung beetles roll it away to lay their eggs in it, and they eat it!

A week's worth of elephant poop, called dung, weighs as much as 70 children!

creeeak

Whale poop sinks to the ocean floor.

splish-splash

Rabbits eat their poop to get the most nourishment from the grass they have eaten.

Earthworms eat soil to get out tiny bits of plants. They leave a curly cast behind.

Birds have whitish poop—unless they have been eating blackberries!

plip!

Birds do not pee.

pu-pu-pu

Insects leave a trail of very tiny poop.

plop plop plop

Hippos wag their tails when they are pooping. They leave a trail so they can find their way back to the river.

Cats are tidy and like to bury their poop.

scratch-scratch

BIGGEST AND SMALLEST

The biggest animal in the world is the blue whale. It is as long as 39 people lying down head to toe.

swish-
swish

woooooouuuu

The biggest eye in the world belongs to the colossal squid. It is over 23.5 inches wide.

Giraffes are the tallest land animals. Six chimpanzees would have to stand on each other's shoulders to look a giraffe in the eye.

Tiny creatures in the sea called zooplankton are so small you have to use a microscope to see them.

flep-flep

The smallest mammal is the bumblebee bat. This is its real size.

The whale shark would need a fish tank as big as a public swimming pool.

The smallest bird is the bee hummingbird at about 2 inches.

cah-cah

The biggest bird is the ostrich. One of its eggs would make an omelet for 10 people!

huuuuum

praaaaap!

African elephants are the biggest and heaviest animals on land. One elephant weighs more than four million mice!

The biggest spider is the goliath bird-eating spider. It is as big as your dinner plate.