

# CITY ANIMALS

## Zooworks®



Juliana Mumaw, age 7



Addison Niles, age 7



Teddy Bekele, age 8



Autumn Riecke, age 5

There are plenty of cats  
 That we don't own  
 There are plenty of cats  
 That are unknown.

But those cats are helpful!  
 For example,  
 They eat so many mice and rats  
 That would be far too ample.

So please do not throw sticks and stones.  
 Please do not destroy their homes!  
 Because I like cats, I hope you do too.  
 Goodbye now, I am through.

Simon Villa, age 10



Tanner Riecke, age 7



Maranatha Butler, age 11

City animals are all around  
 Flying, jumping, crawling on the ground.  
 Live in nests, live in trees  
 Can't see no bears, but definitely bees!

Milo Willette, age 9



Liliana Niño, age 10



Wyatt SaintPierre, age 8



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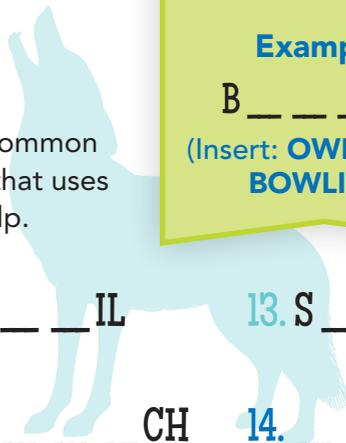


We want to see your original poem, story, or drawing by October 6, 2021 for "Animal All-stars" and November 10, 2021 for "Dolphins."

# Missing Animals

The blanks in each word below can be filled with the name of a common animal. Although there may be other answers, there is a solution that uses a different animal for each word. Use the **Word Bank** for help.

**Example:**  
B \_ \_ \_ \_ ING  
(Insert: **OWL** to spell **BOWLING**)



1. PR \_ \_ \_ ER

5. ST \_ \_ \_

9. \_ \_ \_ IL

13. S \_ \_ \_ \_

2. \_ \_ \_ TERY

6. HYP \_ \_ \_

10. SC \_ \_ \_ CH

14. \_ \_ \_ \_ WOOD

3. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ BACK

7. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ CH

11. S \_ \_ \_ \_ OT

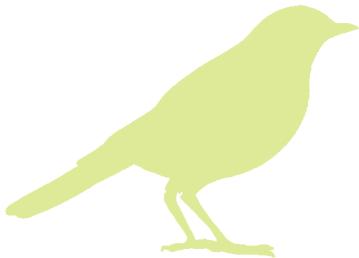
15. COOL \_ \_ \_ \_

4. FOR \_ \_ \_ \_ ANCE

8. F \_ \_ \_ \_ R

12. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ARD

16. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ CHER



## Word Bank

ANT	RAT	DOG	BAT	EEL	HEN
PIG	HORSE	PUP	HARE	OWL	BEAR
		EWE	WREN	COW	CAT

## Animal Homes

Animals, just like people, require different kinds of homes. Use the clues in the imaginary real estate ads to find out what kinds of homes might appeal to different animals. Remember more than one animal might be interested in the same place. Then, match the animal to the correct home by writing the number(s) of the animals in the boxes after the ad. **Good Luck!**

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|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Termites | 5. Fox         |
| 2. Bees     | 6. Woodpeckers |
| 3. Coyote   | 7. Badger      |
| 4. Beavers  | 8. Otter       |

## CLASSIFIED ADS/REAL ESTATE

### Apartment Complex

**A.** A good size mound with tunnels underground. No sunlight to bug you—dark 24 hours a day. You “mite” want to take a look.

### Homes for Sale

**B.** Cleverly built into a hillside slope. A hideaway that’s perfect for raising pups. Not too deep—just right for keeping an eye on things. Outfox other buyers and make a bid today.

**C.** Custom-designed home on the water with underwater entrance. Built with sticks and mud. Needs a few finishing touches—nothing an eager beaver couldn’t handle. A project you can really sink your teeth into.

### Condos

**D.** You’ll love this condo in the shelter of the treetops. It will move you up in the pecking order. A cozy little place and the kitchen comes complete with grub.

**E.** A honey of a deal! Cell construction and lots of storage. Beautiful flowers nearby. Swarm in and make a deal.

### Homes for Rent

**F.** Located near streams in the area. Lots of sleeping space. Lined with bits of grass and plants for comfort. We’ve been badgered with offers. You “otter” take a look.

**Answers:**

Animal Homes: A: 1, B: 5 & 3, C: 4, D: 6, E: 2, F: 7 & 8. Missing Animals: 1. Prowler, 2. Battery, 3. Horseback, 4. Forbearance, 5. Steel, 6. Hyphen, 7. Wrench, 8. Fever, 9. Pupil, 10. Scratch, 11. Spigot, 12. Coward, 13. Share, 14. Dogwood, 15. Coolant, 16. Catcher

# Neighborhood Naturalist

## You will need:

- a card table
- an old bed sheet (Be sure to ask permission)
- green and brown tempera paint
- binoculars
- a pencil and notebook
- a sponge
- scissors
- an old painting shirt

**W**hat is a naturalist and what do they study? A naturalist studies plants and animals in their surroundings. As a neighborhood naturalist you will observe the animals in your area. You will need patience and a sharp detective's eye.

1. Set up the card table outside.
2. Use the sponge to paint the sheet. Let it dry. The sheet should look like camouflage.



3. Place the sheet over the card table. Make slits in the sheet with the scissors to make a naturalist blind with a place for watching animals.
4. Leave the blind outdoors for a few days so the animals get used to it. Then begin watching your animal neighbors. Use the binoculars to view animals that are far away.
5. Write down names and interesting things about the animals you see.



**R**ecord and color the number of wild animals you've seen in your neighborhood on the chart below. The last column is blank. You can fill it in with any unusual wild animal you see around your home.

 Rabbits	 Bats	 Birds	 Raccoons	 Possums	 Coyotes	 Skunks	
							
							
							
							
							
							
							

# WILD Neighbors

Circle all the animals you find in the picture.

