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# Animal Facts



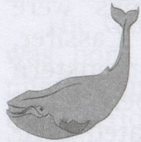
A Galapagos tortoise can grow up to 0.7m. These turtles are the world's tallest living reptiles.



An ostrich is the tallest living bird. It stands up to 2.7m. The female ostrich lays an egg as big as a melon.



A giraffe can grow up to 5.5m. Giraffes are now the tallest land animals. When a giraffe wants to drink, it has to spread its long front legs wide apart, so its head can reach the water.



The blue whale is the largest mammal and the biggest animal that has ever lived. It grows up to 35m long. It can weigh more than 30 elephants.



The smallest mammal is the Kitti's hog-nosed bat. It is the size and weight of a bumblebee.



Bats are the only mammals that can fly.



The fastest animal on land is the cheetah. Over short distances it can run up to 100km/h, the maximum speed for a car on the motorway. A cheetah has long, strong legs and a slim body. It uses its long tail for balance.



An insect needs oxygen from the air. But it breathes through tiny holes in its sides, which are called spiracles.



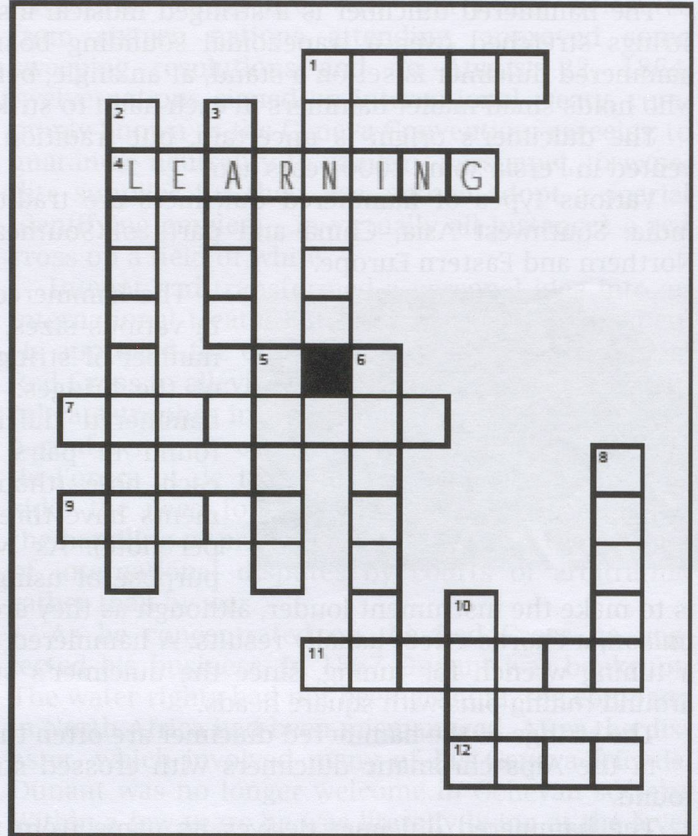
A female mosquito's mouth is made up of a long tube with a set of needles at the end. She uses the needles to pierce the skin of people and animals. Then she feeds on their blood. When she is really hungry she can suck up more than her own body weight in blood.



A flea has no wings, but it has strong back legs for jumping. It can leap up to 130 times its own height.



# Back to School Crossword



### Across

1. Write or draw on this
4. What school is all about
7. It has a keyboard and a screen
9. Please .... your name on your work
11. You play with your ... at break (recess)
12. Your teacher sits here

### Down

1. Do you need to sharpen yours?
2. You write on this with chalk
3. Use brushes and paper to make pictures
5. Draw straight lines with this.
6. She helps you learn new things
8. Read these at school and home
10. You ... a book

# Joke



- Q:** What do you say if you get in trouble for not doing your homework?
- A:** You can't tell me off for something I didn't do!