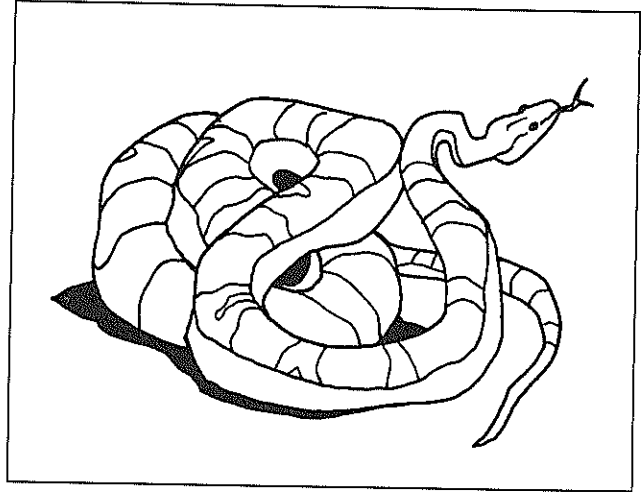


SNAKES

Snakes have no legs. Snakes have no eyelids. Snakes don't see well. They don't hear well either. Most snakes are harmless. Snakes have no legs.



Some snakes live in the water.

Some snakes live in trees. Some snakes live under the ground. Snakes have no legs. Snakes shed their skins. They shed their skins a lot when they are growing. Snakes have no legs.

Snakes are many colors. Snakes don't want to be seen by other animals. They don't want people to see them either. This is why tree snakes are green and brown. This is why desert snakes are yellow and light brown. Snakes have no legs.

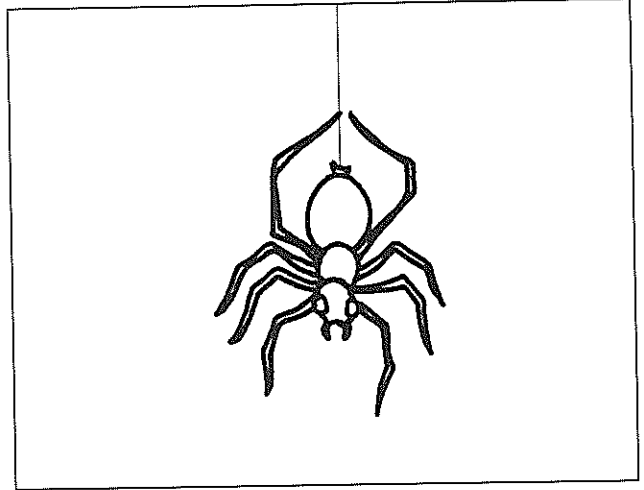
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Name two things that snakes don't have. _____
2. Name two places where snakes live. _____
3. When do snakes shed their skins the most? _____
4. Why are tree snakes green and brown? _____

Name _____

SPIDERS

Spiders have eight legs. Spiders spin webs. The webs are made of silk. Spiders spin webs so they can catch insects for food. Spiders have eight legs.



Spiders are called arachnids (a-rak-nids). They are not insects.

Insects have six legs. There are more than 30,000 kinds of spiders. Some are very, very small. Some are larger than a person's hand. Spiders have eight legs.

Spiders help people. They eat harmful insects, like grasshoppers and mosquitoes. Spiders can live anywhere they can find food. One kind of spider lives under the water. One kind of spider lives on Mount Everest, the world's largest mountain. Spiders have eight legs.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. How many legs do spiders have? _____
2. What are spiders' webs made of? _____
3. What are spiders called? _____
4. What do spiders do to help people? _____

BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

Butterflies and moths seem the same, but they're not. They both taste with their feet. They look alike, too. Butterflies and moths seem the same, but they're not.



Butterflies like to fly in the daytime; moths like to fly at night. When they are resting, most moths keep their wings open. Most butterflies rest with their wings closed. Butterflies have large wings and thin bodies; moths have smaller wings and larger bodies. Butterflies and moths seem the same, but they're not.

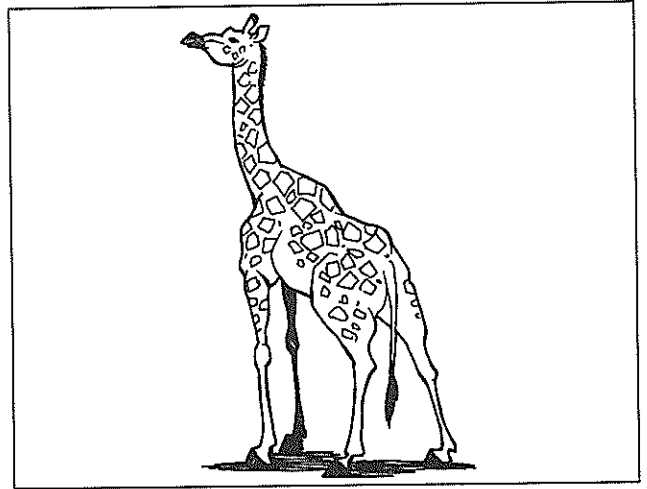
Butterflies and moths start life as tiny eggs. A caterpillar comes out of each egg. The caterpillar eats a lot and grows very fast. The caterpillar becomes a pupa (peu-pa). The pupa case hangs on a leaf. Inside the case, the pupa changes into a butterfly or moth. When the butterfly or moth is ready, the case breaks. The butterfly or moth comes out, and flies away. Butterflies and moths seem the same, but they're not.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What do butterflies and moths taste with? _____
2. When do moths like to fly? _____
3. What comes out of each egg? _____
4. What does the caterpillar become? _____

GIRAFFES

I like to see giraffes at the zoo.
Giraffes are so tall they can look over the tops of trees. Giraffes are so tall they can eat the leaves off the tops of trees. I like to see giraffes at the zoo.



Because giraffes are so tall, they have a hard time doing some things, like lying down. A giraffe has to tilt its body to one side, stretch one leg out, and tuck its other legs under its body. I like to see giraffes at the zoo.

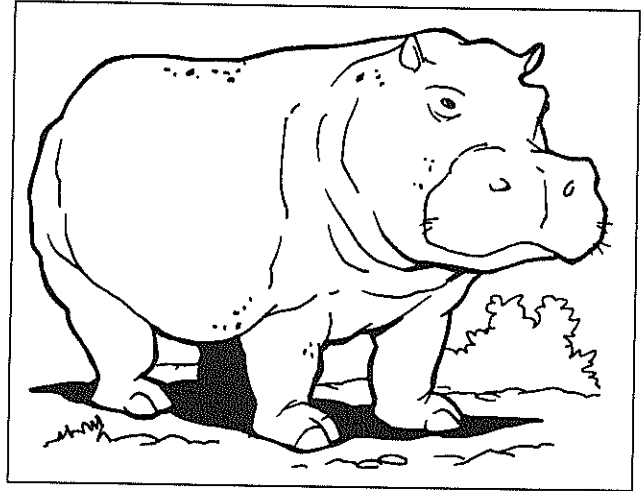
When a giraffe wants to stand up, this is hard, too. It pulls its neck back and then pushes it forward to get itself on its front knees. It jerks its neck again to push itself forward and raises its hind legs. It jerks its neck a third time, and it is able to stand up. It is sometimes hard work to be a giraffe. I like to see giraffes at the zoo.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What do giraffes like to eat? _____
2. What do giraffes have a hard time doing? _____
3. How do giraffes lie down? _____

HIPPOTAMUS

I like to see hippos at the zoo. Hippos look funny. They have small ears, small eyes, and big bodies. The hippos's mouth is wide and deep. Hippos have long teeth. Hippos have short legs. The hippopotamus (hipp-o-pot-a-mus) eats lots of plants. It eats so many, it can weigh as much as ten thousand pounds! I like to see hippos at the zoo.



Hippos eat on land, but the rest of the time they like to be in the water. The hippopotamus is a good swimmer. It can dive for five minutes at a time, and it can walk on river bottoms. I like to see hippos at the zoo.

Hippos like to live with other hippos, but they don't like people very much. This is why it is best for people not to get too close to them. I like to see hippos at the zoo.

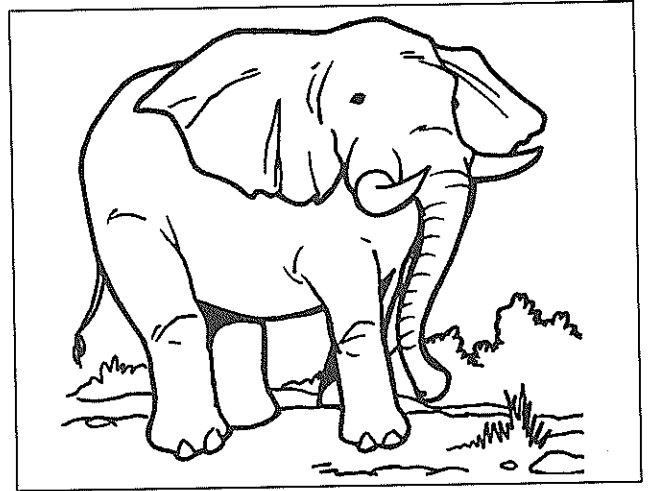
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. How much can hippos weigh? _____

2. Where do hippos really like to be? _____
3. What do hippos eat? _____

ELEPHANTS

I like to see elephants at the zoo. Elephants are the biggest animals that live on land. Elephants have trunks. Trunks are very long noses. I like to see elephants at the zoo.



Elephants can touch things with their trunks. They can push and pull things. They can use their trunks to pick up food. I like to see elephants at the zoo.

If an elephant thinks there is danger, it can sniff the air with its trunk. If an elephant is angry, it can send air out of its trunk. That makes a loud sound. I like to see elephants at the zoo.

Best of all, an elephant can use its trunk as a hose. It can suck up and spray out water. It can drink the water, or it can give itself a shower. I like to see elephants at the zoo.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What is the biggest land animal? _____
2. What is the 'trunk' of an elephant? _____
3. What does an elephant use its trunk for? _____
