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**Answer the following questions in your own words.**

1. Name a few mammals that swim in the oceans.
2. The only mammals that can fly are
3. Name a few features that make mammals different from other animals.
4. Which mammals are used as transport animals?
5. For which valuable material are elephants hunted ?
6. When did the first mammals evolve ?
7. Monotremes are mammals that
8. The largest group of mammals are the
9. Mammals use their body colour to
10. What are glands ?
11. Mammals can stand or walk because they have a
12. What is the digestive system ?

## MAMMALS – EXERCISES

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13. How do dolphins and whales breathe ?
  
14. How do bats navigate ?
  
15. What are primates ?
  
16. Name a few plant-eating mammals.
  
17. Name a few meat-eating mammals.
  
18. Which mammals spend most of their life underground ?
  
19. How do mammals reproduce ?
  
20. Where do most of the world's marsupials live ?
  
21. Why do some mammals hibernate ?
  
22. In which way do Arctic foxes change the color of their fur ?

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### Multiple Choice Test

Choose the correct answer for each question. Mark them.

**1. Omnivores are mammals that eat**

- a. only meat.
- b. plants and leaves.
- c. only plants.
- d. both meat and plants.

**2. Which animals use a special sound system to navigate ?**

- a. primates.
- b. bats and dolphins.
- c. whales and seals.
- d. kangaroos and wombats.

**3. What do glands produce?**

- a. eggs.
- b. sperm.
- c. hormones.
- d. red blood cells.

**4. When did the first mammals evolve?**

- a. when the Earth was created.
- b. during the last Ice Age.
- c. when dinosaurs roamed the Earth.
- d. during the Mesozoic period.

**5. Whales migrate to warmer water to**

- a. raise their body temperature.
- b. get away from whale hunters.
- c. find other whales.
- d. give birth to babies.

**6. What do poachers hunt elephants for?**

- a. fat.
- b. tusks.
- c. skin.
- d. trunk.

**7. Arctic foxes**

- a. defend themselves with needles.
- b. change the colour of their fur.
- c. hide in trees.
- d. spray a bad-smelling liquid towards their attackers.

**8. What do giant pandas eat?**

- a. rice and corn.
- b. meat.
- c. bamboo.
- d. insects.

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Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

<b>A</b>	poacher		the hard, smooth, yellow material from the teeth of elephants
<b>B</b>	weed		organ of the body that produces sweat, milk and hormones
<b>C</b>	domesticate		person who catches or shoots an animal illegally
<b>D</b>	ivory		to die out
<b>E</b>	fertilizer		to take air in with your lungs
<b>F</b>	pouch		the soft, thick hair that covers an animal
<b>G</b>	become extinct		gas that has no colour or smell and which we need to breathe
<b>H</b>	fur		the row of bones down the centre of the back
<b>I</b>	brain		pocket of skin in an animal
<b>J</b>	breathe		member of a group of animals that includes humans and monkeys
<b>K</b>	hoof		wild plant that prevents crops from growing the right way
<b>L</b>	spine		arm or leg
<b>M</b>	gland		hard foot of a cow, horse, or camel
<b>N</b>	primate		to train an animal so that it can work or be a pet
<b>O</b>	digest		substance that is put into the soil to make plants grow
<b>P</b>	oxygen		to change the food you have eaten into substances that the body can use
<b>Q</b>	limb		organ inside your head that controls the way you move, feel and think

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**TRUE or FALSE.** Decide if the sentences are True or False and tick them off (✓). If the sentence is false write a correct statement into the box on the right. The first TWO have been done for you.

	T	F	Correct Statement
1	Marsupials carry their babies in pouches	✓	
2	Bats use their sense of sight to navigate.	✓	<b>Bats have a special sound system that they use to navigate.</b>
3	Mammals have a large and well-developed brain.		
4	Mammals can change their body temperature depending on which climate zone they live in.		
5	The first mammals that appeared on earth were even larger than most dinosaurs.		
6	Whales belong to the group of primates.		
7	Carnivores are animals that eat other animals.		
8	Most mammals live on land.		
9	Only mammals with four legs have backbones.		
10	When an animal hibernates, their body temperature goes up.		
11	Elephants carry their unborn babies for almost two years.		
12	Plant-eating mammals have a complex digestive system		
13	Zebras and other wild animals do not migrate.		
14	Most female mammals lay eggs.		
15	Glands are organs that produce blood to survive.		

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**Facts about mammals. Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box.**

**backbone - bats - digestive - domesticated - extinct - fertilizer - glands - herbivores - hibernate - hoofs - marsupials - Mesozoic - migrate - omnivores - poachers - primates - reproduce - senses - sights - tail**

1. Some mammals like squirrels \_\_\_\_\_ during the winter months
2. The first mammals emerged during the \_\_\_\_\_ period.
3. As time went on, many mammals were \_\_\_\_\_ and helped humans with their work.
4. Animals that eat plants are called \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Humans, apes and monkeys belong to a species of mammals called \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Female mammals have \_\_\_\_\_ that produce milk.
7. Mammals that raise their young ones in pouches are called \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. \_\_\_\_\_ are hunters who hunt animals illegally and sell their body parts
9. \_\_\_\_\_ are the only mammals that can fly
10. The waste of mammals is used as \_\_\_\_\_ that improves the quality of the soil.
11. Mammals have five \_\_\_\_\_ that tell them what is happening in the world around them.
12. Some mammals have horns, claws and \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. The woolly mammoth is a mammal that became \_\_\_\_\_ during the Ice Age.
14. Mammals swallow food and chew it before it gets into the \_\_\_\_\_ system.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ allows a mammal to walk.
16. Kangaroos hop around and use their \_\_\_\_\_ for balancing.
17. Bats have a poorly developed sense of \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. \_\_\_\_\_ , like humans, are mammals that eat plants and meat.
19. Mammals \_\_\_\_\_ when male sperm connects with a female egg
20. Many mammals \_\_\_\_\_ to other places at different times of the year

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**Crossword 2**

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**Mammals – Find the Words.**

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Complete the text by filling in the missing words from the box.

Mammals are animals that feed their young ones with (1) \_\_\_\_\_. They live in all regions of the world. Mammals are different from other creatures in many ways. They have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ or hair-like skin and their body temperature always stays the same. Mammals, especially (3) \_\_\_\_\_, have a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that is well-developed. They protect their babies and prepare them for future life.

Through the ages, many mammals have been (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Some are kept as pets, others are used to doing heavy work, like ploughing the fields or transporting goods. Some mammals are hunted by (6) \_\_\_\_\_ who sell their valuable body parts.

Female mammals carry babies in their bodies until they are born. After birth, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ produce milk to feed the small ones. In some cases, newly born mammals can walk or run alone shortly after birth.

Plant-eating mammals, or (8) \_\_\_\_\_, have a complicated digestive system with long (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Meat-eaters do not chew so much. The food passes through their body more quickly.

Mammals have a widely developed range of (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Bats, for example, use their hearing sense to find their way around. Humans and apes can see very well. Cats have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ with which they feel through darkness.

Marsupials are Australian mammals that carry their babies in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in their skin until they are ready to live alone. Kangaroos and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ belong to this group. Only few mammals lay eggs, from which babies (14) \_\_\_\_\_. The (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and echidna belong to this group.

Some mammals, like squirrels, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ during the cold part of the year because they cannot get enough food during the wintertime. Others (17) \_\_\_\_\_ to other areas in order to survive. Arctic whales, for example, travel to the warm waters of the Californian coast to have babies, because they would not be able to (18) \_\_\_\_\_ in the cold waters of the north.

The first mammals appeared during the Mesozoic era. They were small at first. After the (19) \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaurs died out about 65 million years ago mammals became bigger and bigger and ruled the continents. During the Ice Age many mammals, like the (20) \_\_\_\_\_, became extinct.

milk  
fur  
primates  
brain  
domesticated  
poachers  
glands  
herbivores  
intestines  
senses  
whiskers  
pouches  
wombats  
hatch  
playtpus  
hibernate  
migrate  
survive  
dominant  
mammoth

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Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

### Why mammals stopped growing

After the age of dinosaurs had ended about 65 million years ago mammals became the largest animals to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the earth. Rhinos and elephants however were much larger than they are today. Huge mammals weighed almost 17 tons. The biggest mammal of our (2) \_\_\_\_\_, the African elephant, by comparison, weighs only about 6.5 tons.

When dinosaurs were on earth mammals were small (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that stayed the same in size for over 150 million years. The journal Science (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that after dinosaurs had become (5) \_\_\_\_\_, mammals became larger and larger but then stopped growing.

In the 1990s, a French team (6) \_\_\_\_\_ prehistoric fossils in Baluchistan, the area between Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The fossils belonged to an extinct hornless rhinoceros, the Baluchitherium, which lived about 40 million years ago. It was 5 meters tall and had the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of three elephants.

Scientists are not sure how mammals got that big. During the age of dinosaurs, they often had to fight for food and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ as food for the giant reptiles themselves. When the dinosaurs (9) \_\_\_\_\_ nobody was there to eat the leaves of trees and plants. For the first time, mammals had plenty of food to eat.

Why mammals stopped growing is still a (10) \_\_\_\_\_. One theory claims that continents became smaller and there wasn't enough land (11) \_\_\_\_\_. According to other experts, a colder climate led to the death of dinosaurs. Mammals grow best in cold weather because bigger animals can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the heat better.