

- **ages** = a very long time
- **anteater** = an animal that has a very long nose and eats insects
- **apart** = into pieces
- **Arctic** = area around the North Pole
- **attach** = connect
- **attack** = here: when an animal wants to fight against others
- **balance** = to keep steady and not fall over
- **bamboo** = tall tropical plant with hollow stems
- **beat** = here: move
- **birth** = being born
- **blend in** = to have the same colour
- **brain** = organ inside your head that controls the way you feel, think and move
- **break down** = make into very small parts
- **breathe** = take in air through your lungs
- **breeding season** = time during which animals mate in order to have babies
- **chamber** = here: separate part
- **chew** = to bite food many times before you swallow it
- **claim** = here: show that something belongs to them
- **claw** = the sharp, curved nail of an animal
- **coast** = where land meets the sea
- **coat** = here: skin, fur
- **constant** = always
- **deer** = a large wild animal that can run very fast ; it eats grass and has horns
- **detect** = find, locate
- **develop** = grow
- **digest** = to change food that you have eaten into substances the body can use
- **digestive system** = the way food passes through your body
- **domesticate** = to train an animal so that it can work for people or be a pet
- **dominant** = number one
- **duck-billed** = with a mouth like a duck
- **enable** = to make something possible
- **enemy** = person or animal that hates you and wants to fight against you
- **escape** = get away in a dangerous situation
- **evolve** = develop, grow
- **exotic** = unusual, different
- **extinct** = die out
- **feature** = quality , characteristics
- **feed** = to give food to ...
- **female** = belonging to the sex that can lay eggs or give birth to babies
- **fertilize** = here: to make a new animal grow
- **fertilizer** = substance that is put on the soil to make plants grow
- **flesh** = meat
- **flipper** = flat part of the body of some sea animals that is used for swimming
- **fur** = thick, soft hair that covers the bodies of animals
- **gland** = organ of the body that produces material that the body needs , like hormones, sweat or milk
- **goods** = products of everyday life
- **gopher** = North and Central American animal, like a large rat, that lives in holes in the ground
- **grasp** = get hold of something with your hand
- **guinea pig** = small furry animal with short ears and no tail; it is often kept as a pet
- **harmful** = dangerous
- **hatch** = the egg breaks and a young animal comes out
- **hibernate** = to sleep during the whole winter
- **highly developed** = here: very strong and powerful
- **hippopotamus** = large grey African animal with a big head and mouth that lives near the water
- **hoof** = hard foot of a cow , horse or camel
- **hop** = jump
- **hormone** = chemical substance that the body produces; it influences how you grow and develop
- **human beings, humans** = people
- **Ice Age** = one of the long periods of time thousands of years ago when ice covered a large part of the northern continents
- **identify** = recognise, find
- **illegally** = against the law
- **improve** = to make better
- **including** = also
- **intestine** = long tube through which food passes after it leaves your stomach
- **ivory** = the hard, smooth, yellow material from the tusks of elephants
- **keep off** = here: defend themselves from ...
- **limb** = arm or leg
- **liquid** = something watery
- **mark** = show the position of something
- **marsupial** = animal that carries its baby in a pocket of skin
- **mate** = to have sex in order to produce

- babies
- **Mesozoic period** = the geologic middle ages of the earth
 - **migrate** = to travel regularly to another part of the world
 - **mole** = small, dark, furry animal that is almost blind; moles usually live underground
 - **most popular** = best known
 - **navigate** = travel or move around something
 - **nearly** = almost
 - **nurse** = feed with milk
 - **oxygen** = gas that has no colour or smell and which we need to breathe
 - **platypus** = a small, furry animal that has a mouth and feet like a duck
 - **plough** = turn over the earth so that seeds can be planted
 - **poacher** = someone who catches or shoots animals illegally
 - **pouch** = pocket of skin
 - **prefer** = like
 - **pregnancy** = when a female has a baby growing inside her
 - **prevent** = stop
 - **prey** = victim, target ; the animals that other animals want to eat
 - **primate** = member of a group of animals that includes humans and monkeys
 - **protect** = defend against enemies
 - **raise** = bring up
 - **reindeer** = a large deer with long horns that lives in northern, colder areas
 - **rely** = depend on, need
 - **reproduce** = to have babies
 - **reptile** = animal like a snake or lizard, whose body temperature changes depending on the temperature around it
 - **rodent** = small animal that has long, sharp front teeth, like a rat
 - **rule** = here: to be dominant; to have power over others
 - **scarce** = rare , not enough
 - **seal** = a large sea animal that eats fish and lives around the coast
 - **search** = look for
 - **sense of hearing** = the way an animal can hear
 - **senses** = natural powers
 - **share** = here: use with another animal
 - **sight** = vision, ability to see
 - **skeleton** = all the bones that make up the structure of a person or animal
 - **skull** = bones of a person's or animal's head
 - **skunk** = a black and white North American animal that produces a strong, bad smell when it is attacked
 - **snout** = long nose of an animal
 - **soil** = top layer of the earth on which plants grow
 - **species** = group of animals or plants that are alike and can produce young ones
 - **sperm** = a cell of a man or male animal that can produce new life
 - **spine** = the row of bones down the centre of your back
 - **spray** = a stream of very small drops
 - **spread** = to move from one place to another
 - **squirrel** = small animal with furry skin that climbs trees and eats nuts
 - **stretch** = to go from one place to another
 - **substance** = material
 - **surroundings** = the world around them
 - **survive** = here: stay alive
 - **sweat** = drops of salty liquid that come through your skin because it is hot, or you are doing exercise
 - **tail** = part that sticks out of the back of an animal
 - **territories** = land
 - **throat** = the passage from your mouth to the tubes that go to your stomach
 - **tiny** = very small
 - **tissue** = the material that forms cells
 - **trot** = to move quickly with each front leg moving at the same time as one of the back legs
 - **tusk** = long curved tooth of an elephant
 - **upside down** = with the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top
 - **useful** = helpful
 - **waste** = the material that animals leave behind after they digest food
 - **weak** = not strong
 - **weed** = wild plant that prevents crops or garden flowers from growing the right way
 - **well-developed** = very complex and something that works well
 - **whale** = very large mammal that swims in the sea
 - **whisker** = long hair that grows near the mouth of a cat or mouse