**ANIMALS**

**TASK 1 – Reading comprehension**

**Read the text and complete the gaps with the words from the box:**

anthropologists temperature species scales organisms habitats

blooded feather marine creature limbed popular

**THE FANTASTIC WORLD OF ANIMALS**

(Adapted from: <http://www.animalsworlds.com/>.)

The article discusses the scientific classification of different animals and their basic physical characteristics. This knowledge about the animals is a must for those who are interested in the wild life.

The beauty, courage and tenderness of animals teach us something new in our day-to-day life. Ecologists learn about the human life in the fragile web of life by studying about the animals that share our world. By studying about the animal habitat, anatomy and relatives psychologists and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ learn about human development.

The website Animals Worlds acts as an information bank that can be used by students and teachers to learn about them and their habitat in the world.

Animals are multicellular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that belong to the class Animalia. Animals have a fixed body plan as they develop and later in their life, they might undergo the process called Metamorphosis. Animals in the world are motile, meaning they are capable of independent movement. The fossil records show that the animals appeared over 542 million years ago.

Mostly all the animals have different stages in their life cycle.



Source: <http://www.animalsworlds.com/>

*AMPHIBIANS*



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The word amphibian means two-lives. Amphibians spend their lives in water and on land. The cold-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animals like frogs, toads, salamanders, newts, and caecilians metamorphose or transform from a juvenile, water breathing form to an adult, air breathing form. Amphibians are four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animals. They lay their eggs in water, just like their ancestors, the fish. They are similar to the reptiles. Amphibians are the animals with a backbone that existed on the earth. They belong to the kingdom Animalia and class vertebrates (meaning that they have a backbone or spine). Amphibians are further classified into three orders.

*BIRDS*



Source: <http://www.animalsworlds.com/>

Birds are the beautiful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that can be seen all over the world. They can be seen in our houses and gardens nesting and feeding their young ones. It is so interesting to watch and observe the birds and to note their varying characteristics. Birds are warm-blooded; their body is streamlined and covered with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Their forelimbs are converted into wings. Today about 9,703 species of birds live all over the globe and they are divided into 23 orders, and 142 families.

*FISHES*



Source: <http://www.animalsworlds.com/>

Fishes are the oldest aquatic vertebrates found all over the world. Nearly 500 million years ago the first fish appeared on the earth and today fishes make up the largest group of vertebrates with 24,000 species. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are lakes, streams, oceans, and estuaries. In 1991, it was estimated that 2546 species of fishes populated the world. Fishes are cold-blooded and they can’t control their body temperature. They have a good sense of taste, sight and touch, and are capable of living in both fresh and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ water.

*REPTILES*



Source: <http://www.animalsworlds.com/>

The body of the reptile is covered with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or they have a bony external plate called shell. Since the animals have the ability to creep, they got the name Reptiles (meaning to creep). Today there are about 6500 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of reptiles recognised in the world. Those include crocodiles, snakes, lizards and turtles. The body structure of the reptiles is designed to make them adapt to survive both on land and in water. They are cold-blooded and can’t regulate their body temperature; they regulate it by adopting to the outside temperature. To keep them warm, they stay in the sun and to keep them cold, they stay in the water or hide under the ground or rock.

*MAMMALS*



Source: <http://www.animalsworlds.com/>

Of all the classes in the animal world, the mammals are considered to be the most advanced and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class. The animals in this class like cats, dogs, horses, and sheep have hair or fur and feed their young ones with the milk produced by the mothers. The human beings also belong to the class mammals.

Mammals have the capacity to adapt themselves to any type of environment including land, air and water. Mammals are warm-blooded animals; the presence of hair and fur on the body helps the mammals to maintain their body \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ constant, because they react immediately to any difference in the temperature.

**TASK 2 – Word formation**

**Read the text about the cat breeds and put the words in the brackets into the right form.**

**CAT BREEDS**

# (Adapted from: <https://www.catological.com/ultimate-guide-cat-breeds-100-breeds/>, <https://www.petcarerx.com/article/the-most-common-cat-breeds/1199>.)

Have you ever asked yourself exactly how many cat breeds are there?

With cross-breeding, new breeds coming up, and more, there are more than 100 types of cat breeds worldwide.

Whether exotic or plain, of long or short fur, of frisky or lazy temperament, there are a few cat breeds that are most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (common) found in households. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ([a](https://www.petcarerx.com/article/how-to-adopt-shelter-cats/926)dopt) and rescue are always recommended, and in most cases, your adopted kitty will not be purebred. If you do opt for a pedigreed cat, it is recommended that you look for a breed that matches your own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (person) and temperament.

You will find the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (present) of one of the most popular cat breeds in the world below.

**MAINE COON**

(Adapted from: <https://www.petcarerx.com/article/the-most-common-cat-breeds/1199>, <https://www.slideshare.net/apoorvagupta12/maine-coon-cat>.)

Behold the majestic [Maine Coon](https://www.catological.com/maine-coon-facts/). These gigantic furballs are native to the State of Maine and are one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (old) natural breeds in North America. They are second largest breed among cats. They have a large bone structure with rectangular body.

Main Coons are quite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (social) and amicable regardless of their looks. They are long-haired, with a distinctive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (appear).Thus, they’ve been dubbed as “gentle giants”.

Source: <https://cdn.petcarerx.com/LPPE/images/breedguidethumbs/Maine-Coon-cats-photo.jpg>

An adult male Maine Coon can weigh up to 8.2 kilograms, whereas females can reach up to 5.4 kilograms. Excellent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hunt), susceptible to training and overall healthy, these creatures are valued among cat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (own) from all over the world. Their sharp look makes them aggressive. They are vocal, playful and famous for getting along with other house pets, including canines. They love to spend a lot of time with their family. They cover their face with tail for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (warm) in winter. Last, but not least, they mature slowly than other breeds and may not reach their maximum size before the age of three. Large and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play), but gentle and intelligent, Maine Coons are great with both children and dogs. Popular on farms, Maine Coons tend to follow their people around both inside and [outdoors](https://www.petcarerx.com/article/supplies-for-keeping-outdoor-cats-safe-and-healthy/820). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (month) check-up should be done to avoid any type of disease. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (screen) method is the best way to avoid hip disease.

**TASK 3 – Listening and watching skills**

**Listen and watch the video clip on You Tube about Top 10 Domesticated Cat Breeds** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8RMv0tkwVk**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8RMv0tkwVk) **and decide what kind of feline friend you would have in your home.**

**Choose the one that you like best and explain something about its:**

* **behaviour,**
* **body type,**
* **popularity among people adopting it and**
* **the responsibility level of its owner.**

**TASK 4 – Comparing the pictures**

**Compare and contrast the following two pictures:**



Source: <https://vet-magazin.si/Znanost/mala-praksa/Sprehod-je-za-psa-veliko-vec-kot-le-zaposlitev.html>



Source: <http://www.triglavtek.si/Vsebovredu/home/druzina/po-psa-v-zavetisce>

**TASK 5 – Writing skills**

**Write an essay giving your opinion on the following statement:**

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| We must stop animal abuse. |

**How far do you agree with this statement? Support your opinion in 160–180 words.**

**WE MUST STOP ANIMAL ABUSE**

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