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Wild and Crazy Moms!

Which animal would you like to be **your** mom?

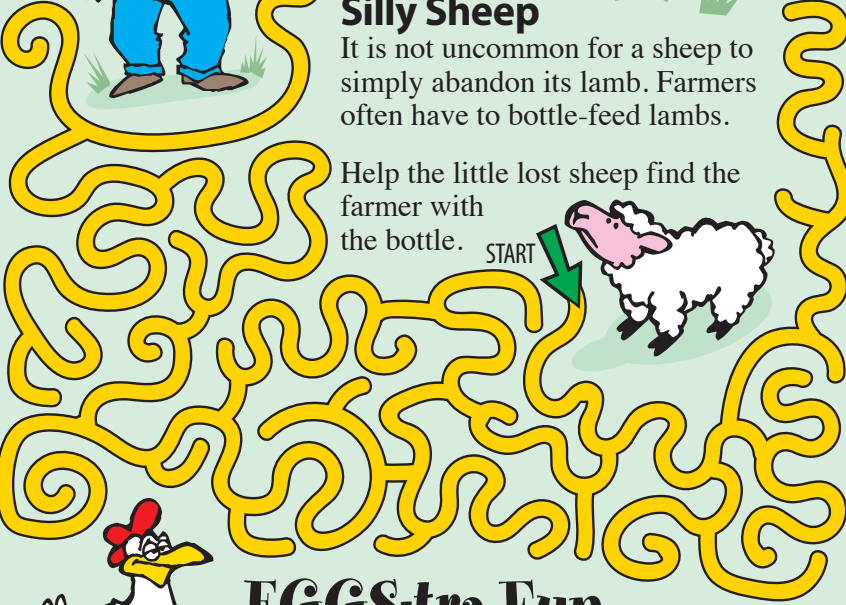
Motherhood means different things to different animals. Read about how these animal mothers care, or don't care for their young. Which animal mother would you like to have?



Silly Sheep

It is not uncommon for a sheep to simply abandon its lamb. Farmers often have to bottle-feed lambs.

Help the little lost sheep find the farmer with the bottle. **START**



FINISH



Donkey Devotion

A donkey's mother may be the most devoted of all. They will not let any other animal come between them and their babies. Even if a curious, little kitten comes close, a donkey mom will chase it away.

Strange Reflection

Find the differences between the mother donkey and its foal and their reflection in the pond.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Finding similarities and differences in common objects.



EGGS-tra Fun

Use the numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Make the top row of eggs equal 6.

Make the sum of the middle row of eggs equal 16.

Make the sum of the bottom row equal 17.

Standards Link: Math: Find the sum of whole numbers to 20; students use strategies, skills and concepts in finding solutions.

Animal Adoptions

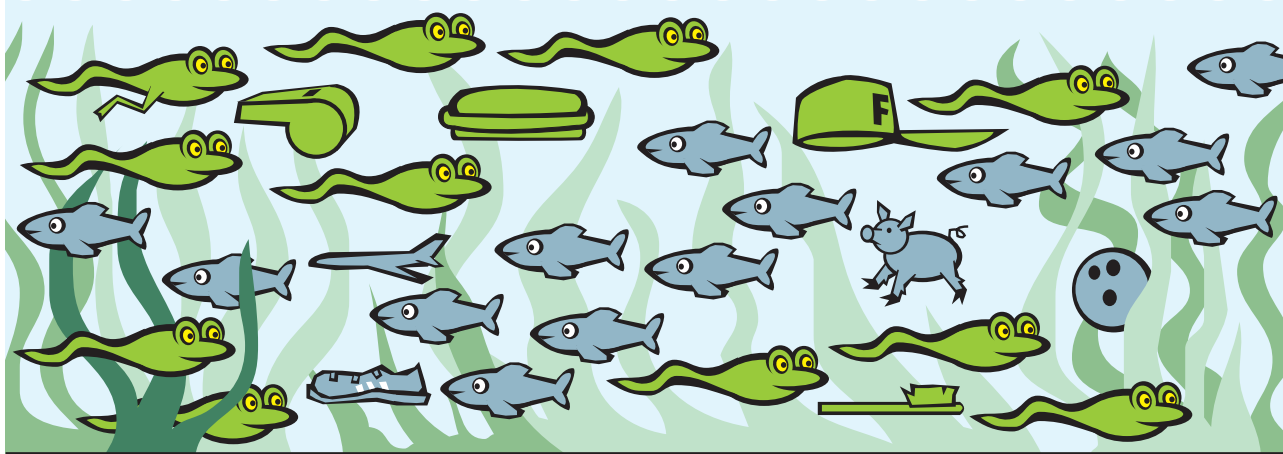
Sometimes a goat will abandon its kid. Usually a farmer does not have to bottle-feed the little critter because another nanny goat will step in and adopt it.

Adoptions can also be seen in the chicken coop. Some hens will sit on any eggs that happen to be around.

Standards Link: Life Science: Different animals inhabit the earth, reproduce and adapt in different ways to survive.

Underwater Moms

Frogs and fish moms generally lay their eggs and forget about them. Fortunately, once the eggs hatch, the tiny tadpoles and baby fish can survive on their own. In fact, one of the predators they have to watch out for is their own mom! Find 8 things in the pond that don't belong.



Standards Link: Life Science: Different animals reproduce and adapt in different ways to survive; classify objects.

Extra! Extra!

Mom Adjectives

Look through today's newspaper for adjectives that describe each of the animal mothers mentioned on today's *Kid Scoop* page.

Standards Link: English Language: Conventions: Grammar; identify adjectives.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

The mother Surinam toad cares for her eggs in one of the strangest ways. As the mother toad lays eggs, the male toad presses them one by one into the soft skin on the mother's back. After a while, each egg sinks into a little pocket that forms on the mother's back. Then a covering of skin grows over the pocket. The baby toads hatch and develop in these little pockets. A few weeks later, the mother rubs her back and the little toads swim free.



What did the mother Surinam toad say to her kids? Unscramble the answer:

“ETG FOF YM AKBC!”

G F C

Double Double Word Search

FARMER
EGGS
DONKEY
MOMS
SHEEP
FROGS
BOTTLE
TADPOLES
FISH
LAMB
POND
CHICKEN
CHASE
HATCH

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

C	H	I	C	K	E	N	O	R	F
H	T	G	M	D	L	A	M	B	I
A	A	F	R	O	G	S	E	O	S
S	D	A	H	N	M	O	U	T	H
E	P	R	A	K	G	S	P	T	U
Y	O	M	T	E	I	H	O	L	O
O	L	E	C	Y	F	E	N	E	M
U	E	R	H	K	R	E	G	G	S
P	S	A	M	B	C	P	O	N	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

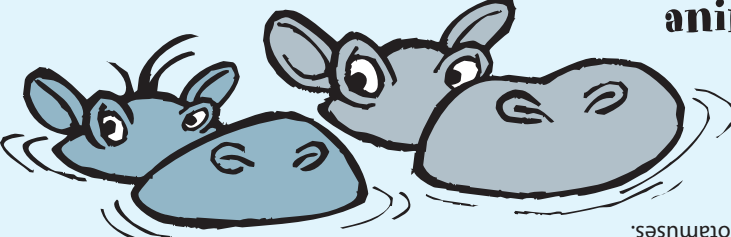
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Mom Jobs

Imagine you could fire your mom. Look through the newspaper to find all of the different people and companies you would need to hire to replace your mother. How much would it cost for one week? One year?

Standards Link: Career: Recognize different roles and jobs in society.

What do hippopotamuses have that no other animals have?



ANSWER: Baby hippopotamuses.

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