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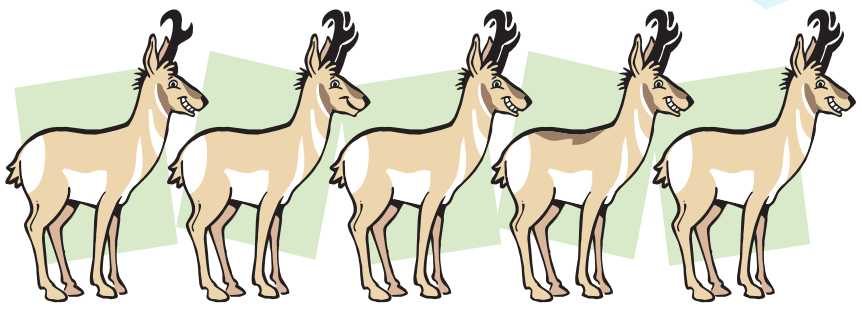
AMAZING ANIMAL ATHLETES

Who would win the medals if Mother Nature held Olympic Games for the other animals on this planet?

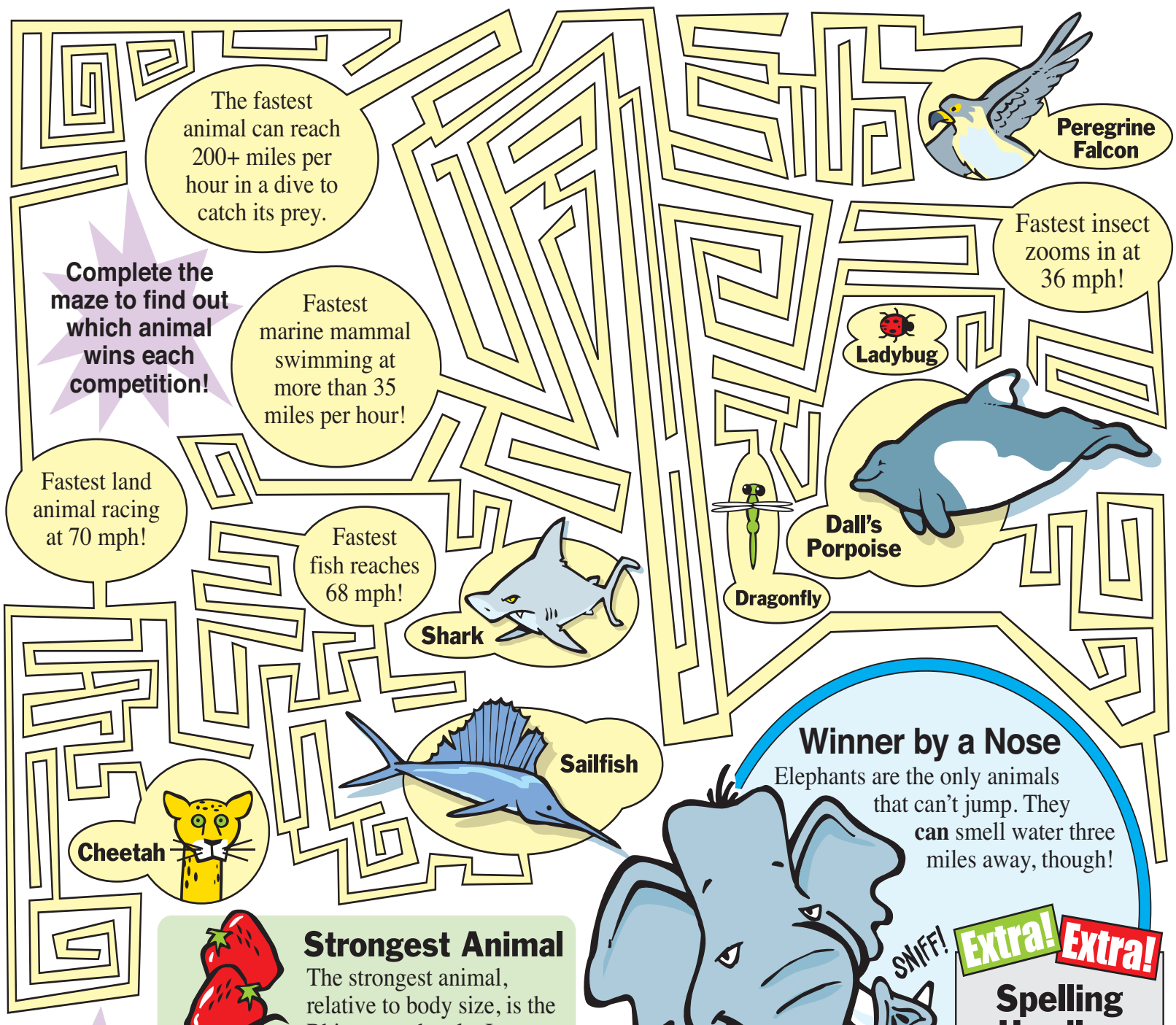
Speed and Endurance

The gold medal for long-distance running would have to go to the pronghorn antelope. It can maintain a steady speed of 35 mph (56 km/hr) for a distance of 3 miles (5 km). No other animal can run so far so fast.

Find the two identical pronghorn antelope.



Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.



Winner by a Nose

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump. They **can** smell water three miles away, though!

SNIFF!

Strongest Animal

The strongest animal, relative to body size, is the Rhinoceros beetle. It can support 850 times its own body weight on its back.

High Jump

The puma, a member of the cat family, holds the record for the highest-jumping mammal. It can leap up to 18 feet (6 meters) in the air from a standing start.

Long Jump

The common flea can cover 220 times the length of its body in one leap! If humans could do that, we would be able to complete the 800 meter race in just two leaps!

Traveling as fast as it can, without taking a rest, it would take a garden snail more than **eight days** to finish a 10,000 meter race!

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals meet their needs in different ways; animals inhabit different kinds of environments and have external features that help them survive and thrive in different kinds of places.

Extra! Extra! Spelling Hurdles

Race through the newspaper and find and cut out letters that spell the names of each of the following Olympic events:

- Equestrain
- Javelin
- Steeplechase
- Swim

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spelling: Spell a variety of grade level words correctly.

Quiz a Friend!

Quiz a friend or family member about the Olympics.

Olympic Trivia Challenge

1. What do the five rings of the Olympics mean?
- ❑ Five Cities
- ❑ Five Countries
- ❑ Five Continents

2. What does the Olympic Motto **"Citius, Altius, Fortius"** mean?
- ❑ Harder, Stronger, Faster
- ❑ Faster, Higher, Stronger
- ❑ Better, Bigger, Bolder

3. According to the Olympic Creed, the most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but …
- ❑ to play fair.
- ❑ to win big.
- ❑ to take part.

4. Where is the Olympic torch first lit?
- ❑ Athens
- ❑ Greece
- ❑ Olympia

5. Women were first allowed to compete in the Olympics in what year?
- ❑ 1800
- ❑ 1900
- ❑ 2000

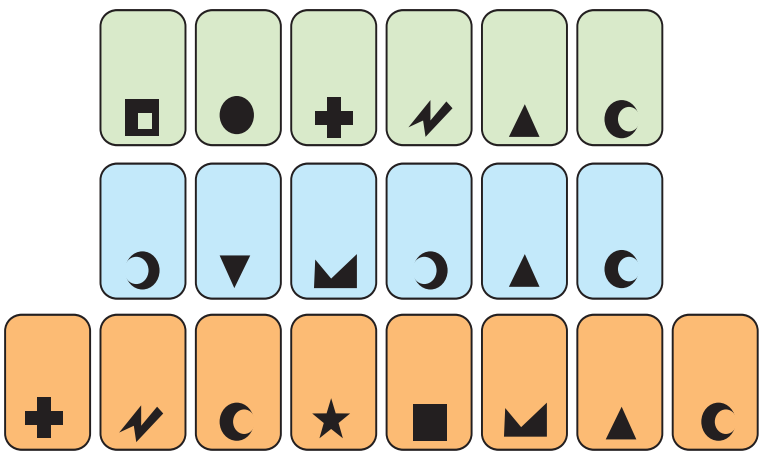
What a Character!™

A good sport …

… congratulates a winning opponent.

Crack the Code

What is the Olympic motto? Use the code to find out!



A = ● G = ◣ N = ■ S = ✚
E = ▲ H = ☽ O = ★ T = ⚡
F = ◘ I = ▼ R = ☾ U = ➢

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

WINNER
FLEA
RACE
SPEED
MAMMAL
FISH
ANIMAL
METER
LEAP
JUMP
GOLD
DISTANCE
NATURE
BODY
CAT
FALCON

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
COMPETE

The verb **compete** means to try and win a game, contest or sporting event that others are also trying to win.

Athletes around the world will **compete** in the Olympics in Brazil.

Try to use the word **compete** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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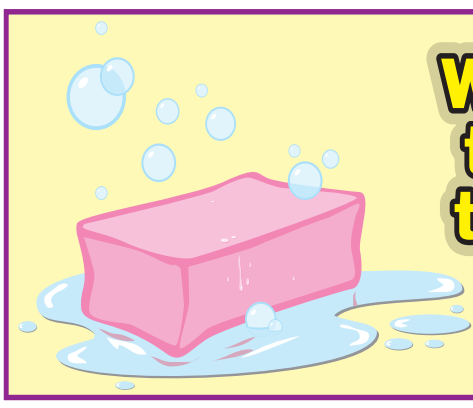
Long Distance Read-a-thon

Read parts of today's newspaper. Measure the length of each column you read. Add up all of the inches (or centimeters). Give yourself a reward if you read more than 100 inches or 254 cm!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read from a variety of texts including newspapers; Math: Measurement.



What happened to the cheetah who took a bath three times a day?

ANSWER: After a week, he was spotless!

Write On!

Fast Animal Report

Write three facts about your favorite fast animal.