

## Fact and Opinion

**Facts** are pieces of information based upon things that can be measured, proven or seen by anyone.

**Opinions** describe how someone feels about a thing or event. They can vary from person to person.

Example: *The tiny lizard is cute* is an opinion. *The lizard is half an inch long* is a fact.

Write three **FACTS** about animals you found on today's Kid Scoop page:

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Write three **OPINIONS** about the animals on today's Kid Scoop page:

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### Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **TINY** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

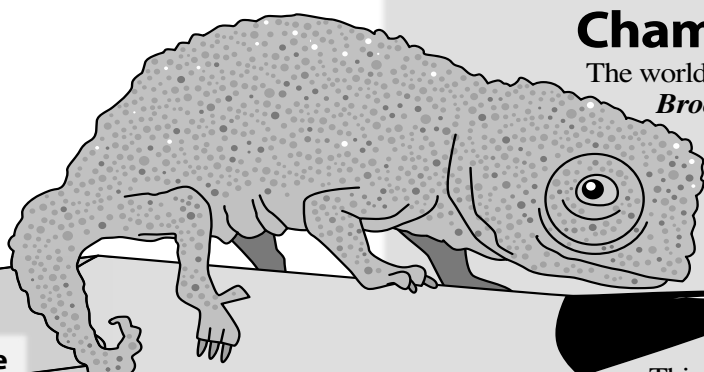
This week's word: **NOCTURNAL**

The adjective **nocturnal** means active at night.

Most owls are **nocturnal**, sleeping in daytime and hunting at night.

Use the word **nocturnal** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

# Tiny and Cute!



## Chameleon Cutie

The world's smallest chameleon, the *Brookesia micra* chameleon lives on the island of Madagascar.

Adult males grow to only about a half-inch (16 millimeters) from nose to tail.

This chameleon is so small that you might miss it if you don't look very closely. In fact, scientists did miss this tiny guy for a long time.

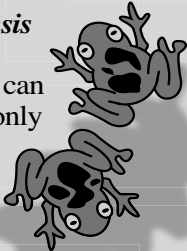
Circle every third number to discover the year the *Brookesia micra* chameleon was discovered.

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The world is full of tiny, adorable little animals. This week, meet some of them on Kid Scoop!

## A frog the size of a fly? Oh my!

The *Paedophryne amauensis* frog is about the size of a housefly. It is so tiny that it can fit on a grape. It measures only about a third of an inch or 7.7 millimeters long.



Can you find each frog's identical twin?

### How a Scientist Discovered the Tiny Frog

Christopher Austin is a **herpetologist** – a scientist that studies reptiles and amphibians.

He wanted to find the animal making an unusual "tink-tink-tink" sound in the tropical forest of Papua New Guinea.

He heard the noise coming from some dead leaves on the forest floor. He looked and looked but couldn't find any animals. He grabbed a clump of the leaves and put them into a bag. Back at his camp, he checked each of the hundreds of leaves in the bag.

Imagine his happy surprise when a tiny animal hopped off one of the leaves. It was a tiny frog that no one had ever seen before.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

### Royal Antelope

The **royal antelope** is the world's smallest antelope, measuring only ten inches tall and weighing less than seven pounds (3kg). This cute little creature lives in the rainforests of Ghana and Sierra Leone, but the chances of you seeing one are very slim because they're nocturnal.

How many words can you make with the letters in **Royal Antelope**?

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### Bee Hummingbird



It's the smallest bird in the world and weighs less than two ounces (57g). Don't let its size fool you! It's tiny but powerful. It can flap its little wings 80 times per second!

### Extra! Extra! Same But Different

*Tiny* and *small* are different words that mean the same thing. They are synonyms. Look through the newspaper for some examples of synonyms. Can you find five?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Dwarf Three-toed Jerboa

The **dwarf three-toed jerboa** is the world's smallest rodent. It weighs less than an ounce and is about 1.7 inches tall. Jerboas live in deserts and dry areas in North Africa and Asia, where they dig underground burrows.



Some people compare its little body to a:

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Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- ADORABLE
- ANIMALS
- PRIMATE
- FINGERS
- SIMILAR
- ISLAND
- LEAVES
- SMALL
- SOUND
- NOISE
- LEMUR
- TINY
- FROG
- CAMP
- FIVE

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

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

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Measuring the News

Newspapers provide loads of measuring opportunities. Have students measure and compare the width, height and area of photos in the paper. Which photos are the biggest? Why do they think that might be?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Where do mice park their boats?

ANSWER: At the hickory dickory dock.

### Write On!

#### When I Grow Up

What do you want to be when you grow up? Write a paragraph about the job you would like to have one day and why you would be good at it.

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