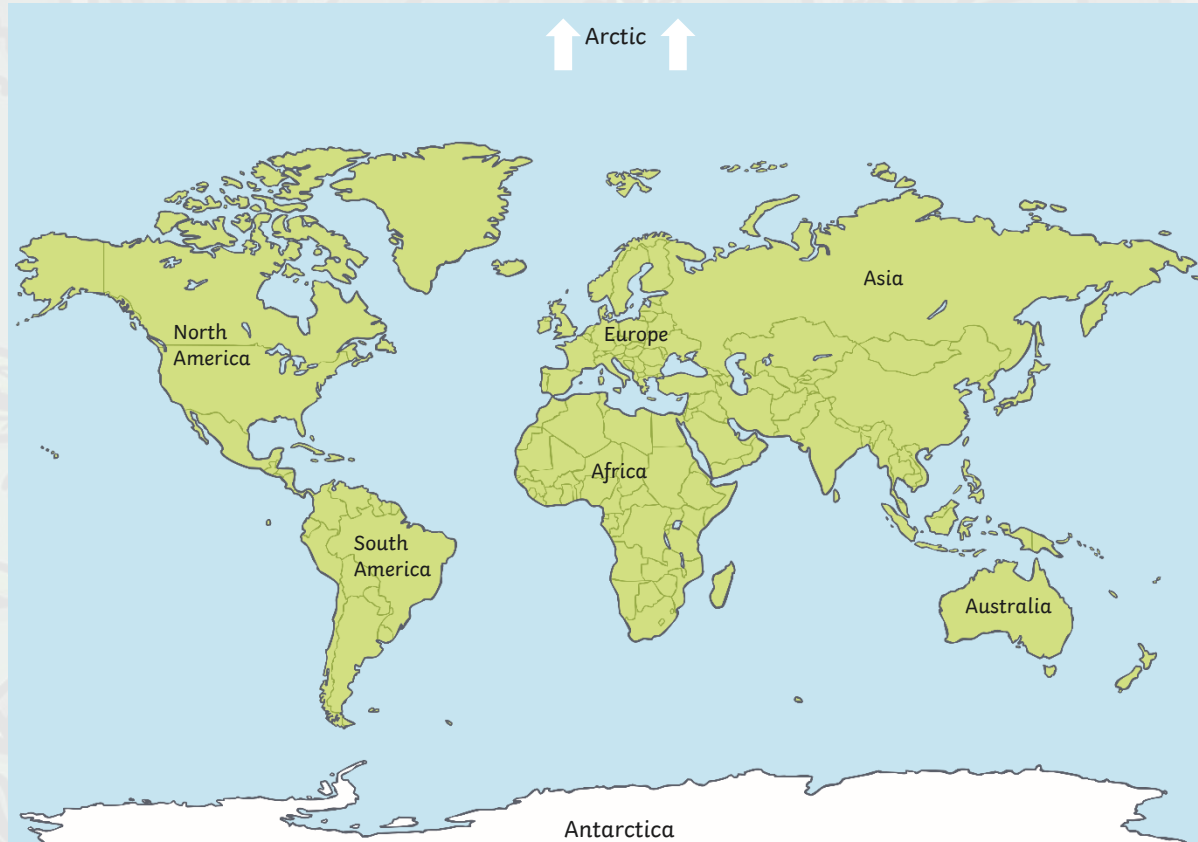




Animals of the World

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**Michael travels around the world.
Which animals could he encounter?**



Africa



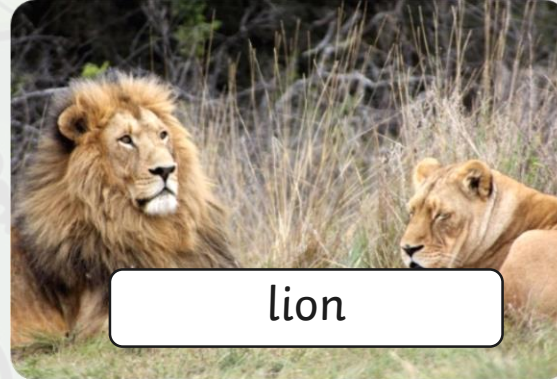
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African Elephant

- African elephants are the largest land mammals on Earth.
- A male elephant is called a bull, a female is called a cow and a baby elephant is called a calf.
- Elephants travel in herds of 10 or more.
- They eat grasses, leaves, shrubs, branches and fruit.
- Elephants love to swim.



- Elephants have long noses called trunks.

Hippo

- The full name for hippo is hippopotamus which means river horse.
- It is the third largest land mammal.
- A male hippo is called a bull, a female is called a cow and a baby hippo is called a calf.
- Hippos can be very aggressive, especially when they feel threatened.
- They are one of the most dangerous animals in Africa.



- They mostly eat grass.
- They rest in water to keep their bodies cool.

Zebra

- They are part of the horse family.
- Each zebra has a unique pattern of black and white stripes.
- They mostly eat grass and leaves.
- They are very nervous animals.
- They live in herds.
- When zebras are grouped together, their stripes make it hard for a lion or leopard to pick out one zebra to chase.



- They have excellent eyesight and hearing.

Lion

- They are the second largest big cat species in the world (after tigers).
- Lions can reach speeds of 50 miles an hour, but not for very long.
- The roar of a lion can be heard 5 miles away.
- Lionesses (female lions) are better hunters than males so do most of the hunting for the pride.
- The hair around a male lions head is called a mane.



- They eat meat and hunt animals such as antelope and zebra.
- They live in groups called prides.
- Lions rest for 20 hours a day.

Australia



kookaburra



wombat



koala



kangaroo

Kookaburra

- They are also known as the laughing kookaburra because their call sounds like a person laughing.
- They also tip their head back like a person laughing when they call.
- They live in big trees.
- Kookaburra eat insects, mice, lizards, other birds and snakes.



Wombat

- The wombat is a marsupial.
- The wombat is the largest burrowing animal in the world.
- They are solitary animals.
- They are nocturnal.
- They are rarely seen in the wild.
- They live in wet forested, sloping areas.
- They feed on grass, roots, bark and moss.



- Females have a pouch for their young.
- Baby wombats are called joeys.
- Their teeth grow constantly because they are worn down from eating.

Koala

- Koalas are not bears. They are marsupials.
- They eat eucalyptus leaves and almost nothing else.
- The closest relative to a koala is a wombat.
- They have sharp claws to help them climb trees.
- A baby koala is called a joey.



- Joeys live in their mothers pouch for 6 months and stay with the mother for 6 months after.

Kangaroo

- There are 4 types of kangaroo.
- Kangaroos are marsupials.
- The red kangaroo is the largest marsupial in the world.
- They hop around quickly on 2 legs or walk around slowly on 4.
- They have very powerful legs.
- They can jump very high.
- Most kangaroos eat grass.



- Female kangaroos have pouches to carry the baby kangaroo.
- Baby kangaroos are called joeys.
- The joey stays in its mothers pouch for 10 months before leaving the pouch for good.

Can you choose an animal from Africa and an animal from Australia and sketch them in your books?

Write three facts for each animal to tell me information about them. You can colour them in if you wish.

I look forward to seeing your drawings!