

**1. Read about these animals then answers the questions below.**

The cheetah is the fast mammal in the world. Cheetahs can run at 100 km/h. They live in Africa. There are very few cheetahs in the world now. They were hunted for their fur. A long time ago there were cheetahs in India, too.

There are many types of whale. They are mammals but they spend all their lives in the sea. The blue whale is the largest animal that lives on earth. They can be up to 30 metres long. Whales travel great distances and can stay under water for 20 minutes without breathing.

There are two types of elephant. The African elephant has large ears and is bigger than the Indian elephant. Elephants have long trunks that are made of muscle only, with no bones. The elephant can use its nose to smell things in the air. Elephants can't jump but they can swim and run at 40 km/h.

The camel exists in both Asia and North Africa. They are used a lot in the desert as they can live for long periods without water. They have long eyelashes that protect their eyes from the sand. They can keep water in their stomachs. The camel is also a very strong animal. There are still nearly 20 million camels in the world.

1. Which animal can run at a 100 km/h? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which animals live in both Asia and North Africa? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which animal can live for many days without water? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which animal can swim under water for more than 20 minutes? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which animal cannot jump? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which animal has long eyelashes that protect it from the sand? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which animal used to live in India a long time ago? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which animal is the largest on the earth? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which animal has a nose that can smell things in the air? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Here are some facts about sharks. Write a short passage.**

- 340 different types
- Whale shark is the biggest
- White shark is dangerous
- Smell blood in the water
- Live in warm waters
- Some sharks are 15 metres long

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## Teacher's notes

**Language focus:** Animals and their features  
**Time (approx.):** 10-12 minutes  
**Preparation:** Photocopy one worksheet for each student

- Using the worksheet:**
- Students can do this worksheet in class or as homework. Students will probably need a dictionary.
  - In Exercise 1, students must read the passages and answer the questions. The passages may require the students to look for words in the dictionary.
  - In Exercise 2, students have to produce their own text about the shark. They can look at the four texts to give them some ideas.

### Answers:

#### Exercise 1

1. Cheetah
2. Camel
3. Camel
4. Whale
5. Elephant
6. Camel
7. Cheetah
8. Whale
9. Elephant

#### Exercise 2

Students' own answers, but check them or get other students to check them.

- Additional ideas:**
- Give students some more facts about other animals and get them to write some more short texts.
  - Once they have finished their text they should write five comprehension questions to go with the text. The students should then swap so that they read another students text and answer the questions.