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Animals

Across

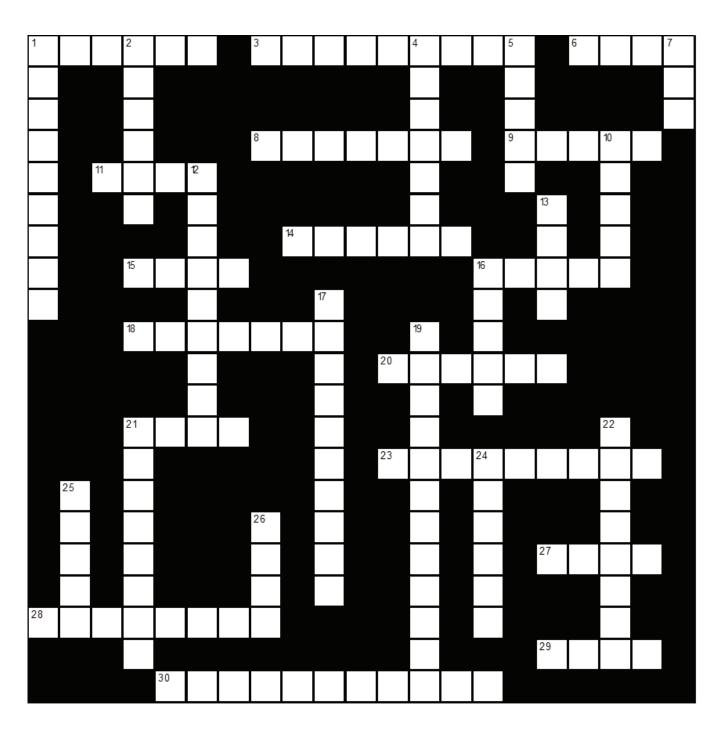
- a living thing that can move around and find food
- 3. living things such as plants or animals
- 6. a distinguishing feature of a mammal
- 8. a place that provides protection from weather or danger
- 9. organs in the body used to control breathing
- 11. Mammals are ____- blooded.
- 14. distinguishing features
- 15. any animal that lives in the water and has gills, fins, and a tail
- 16. body parts used by birds to fly
- a cold-blooded vertebrate with scales or plates on its skin
- 20. a very small animal with a hard covering over its body
- 21. Fish and reptiles are ____-blooded.
- 23. an example of an amphibian
- 27. thin, flat body parts of a fish used for swimming
- 28. a distinguishing feature of a bird
- 29. an animal with two wings, two feet, and a body covered with feathers
- 30. everything that surrounds living things and affects growth and health

Down

- a small animal that spends part of its life in the water and part on land
- any animal that has hair or fur on its body and feeds its babies with milk
- 4. to receive a trait from a parent
- 5. one of many hard, thin plates that cover fish, reptiles, and other animals
- 7. an example of a mammal
- 10. an organ used for breathing in the water
- 12. an animal with a pouch used to carry its young
- 13. Amphibians live both in the water and on _____.
- 16. fish live in the ____.
- 17. an animal with a backbone
- 19. an animal without a backbone
- 21. insects that make chirping noises at night
- 22. a flatfish that lives in the ocean
- 24. an example of a bird
- 25. a long, narrow reptile with scales but no legs
- 26. Robins lay blue ____.

Animals

shelter marsupial cold amphibian crocodile insect feathers reptile lungs eggs scale invertebrate flounder mammal wings rat traits snake water crickets organisms inherit animal canary hair vertebrate fish gills fins land bird environment warm



Vocabulary Lists

Animals (p. 3) amphibian animal bird canary cricket crocodile environment fin fish flounder gills inherit invertebrate lungs mammal marsupial organisms reptile scale shelter

reptile scale shelter traits vertebrate warm wings

Mammals (p. 5) adaptations balance burrow camouflage carnivores echolocation herbivores hibernate

hibernate ibex jungle migration nocturnal omnivores platypus polar predators prey reproduce scavengers temporary territory

Birds (p. 7)
adapt
Antarctic
bill
cliff
coast
egrets
environment
hatch
hindlimb
hummingbird
imitate

launch

migrates

ostrich
pelican
penguin
pigeons
preening
protection
roadrunner
vertebrate
vulture
woodpeckers

Reptiles (p. 9)
American crocodile
backbone
bask
basking
bicycle lizard
blue-tongued skink
camouflage
chameleon

desert horned lizard fangs frilled lizard geckos green basilisk

scales lizards lungs komodo dragon

sea turtles
shedding
shells
spitting cobra
stinkpot
thorny devils
venom
vertebrate

Dinosaurs (p. 11) asteroid bipedal carnivore crest descendants

diplodocus
era
eruption
extinct
fossils
geological
geology
Jurassic
lava

paleontologist parasaurolofus prehistoric prey omnivore pterosaur Mesozoic nocturnal raptor reptile