

Primate, Cat, & Aquatics Scavenger Hunt Answers: Grades K-3

1. Fossa have 5 claws and you have 5 toes. Their ankles can turn around on their hind legs, which allows them to climb trees. Your ankles do not turn around. Fossa have pads on the bottom of their paws and fur on their legs. You do not have pads on the bottom of your feet, and you don't have fur on your legs.
2. Nocturnal animals are active at night and sleep during the day. Because our nocturnal animals are kept in a dark room, they think it is nighttime, so they are probably running around and playing. If you look closely you will see all sorts of toys and enrichment materials like boxes, ropes, jungle gyms, nets, and other materials the animals climb and play with. Playing keeps our animals happy and healthy.
3. Gorillas are some of our closest relatives. Gorillas have hands with four fingers and a thumb, just like us. They have unique faces and can make expressions almost like smiling or pouting. Gorilla also live in family groups, just like we do. Gorillas and humans both have hair, but gorilla have thick, dark hair all over their bodies. Although they can walk on two feet, like a human, they usually walk on all four.
4. We currently have three females (tan) and two males (black). We have one baby of undetermined gender; all babies are born tan but can turn black as they age if they are male.
5. Crowned lemurs are grey or brown with bright orange foreheads. Mongoose lemurs are the smallest of the lemurs; they have thicker fur and are mostly grey with some white or red fur. Ring-tailed lemurs have black and grey ringed tails and mostly grey bodies. The red ruffed lemur is mostly a rusty red color and has fluffy fur around the face; they are also one of the largest species of lemur.
6. When in danger, pufferfish puff themselves up. They grow into a big balloon with sharp spikes to protect themselves from getting eaten by a larger fish. You probably won't see our pufferfish puffed because he is safe from predators.
7. The Giant Pacific Octopus uses its suction cups to attach to walls or rocks. They use their suckers to hold and touch objects or food just like we use our fingers. They also have special cells on their suckers that can taste food like our tongues.
8. You'll have to look very closely, the stonefish blends in very well and looks just like a stone! Did you find him?
9. The Aldabra are tortoises. They live on land, though sometimes will soak in a freshwater pond.
10. Cheetahs need to be fast in order to catch their prey. Cheetah's favorite food is antelope, which are very fast, so cheetahs need to be even faster to catch them.