



Tail Trivia Clues

Virtual Classroom Extension

Clue #1

I use my tail like a boat rudder to help me steer and quickly change direction when I'm chasing my prey at top speed, up to 70mph! Who am I?

A: Cheetah

Clue #2

I can balance my entire body on my strong muscular tail. During a fight, this helps me use both feet and arms to punch and kick. Who is this balancing boxer?

A: Kangaroo

Clue #3

I use my powerful tail to propel through the water while swimming. I can even use it to jump out of the water and do flips. Who is this aquatic animal acrobat?

A: Dolphin and/or porpoise

Clue #4

My long thick tail blends in with my snowy habitat and is long enough to wrap around my body to help keep me warm. It also helps me balance on the rocky cliffs where I live, which comes in handy when I am hunting prey like wild goats.

A: Snow Leopard

Clue #5

I can fan out my very colorful and beautiful tail to attract possible mates. Which animal does this?

A: Peacock

Clue #6

I use my special prehensile (grasping) tail as a fifth arm when I swing from branch to branch in the trees. I can also support my full body weight with my tail. What animal belongs to this tail?

A: Monkey

Clue #7

I use my tail to display emotion. If my tail is hanging low it may mean that I am scared. If it is high and upright, I am showing that I am confident. Who am I?

A: Dog and/or cat

Clue #9

When faced with a predator, I create a diversion by breaking off my tail. My tail continues to jump and bobble around; creating the illusion of another animal while I make an escape! What animal can do this?

A: Gecko

Clue #10

I whip my tail around to get rid of mosquitoes and flies that are always trying to bite me. Who am I?

A: Horse and/or cow

Clue #11

When provoked, I don't face my opponents; instead I back into them, swinging my spiny tail around like a barbed mace. Which animal is this?

A: Porcupine

Clue #12

When alarmed, the white underside of my small tail flicks upward to act as a warning flag of danger for other animals as I'm running away.

A: White-tailed deer