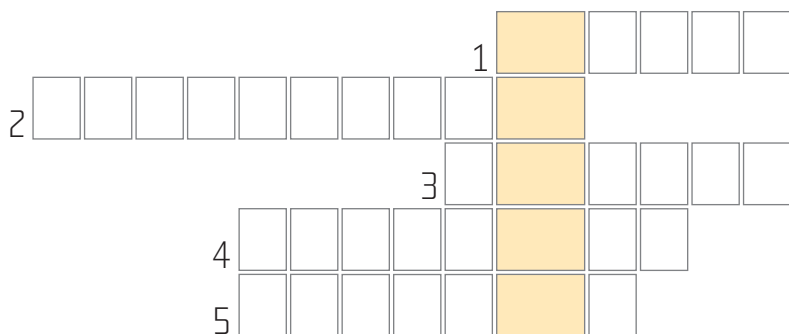


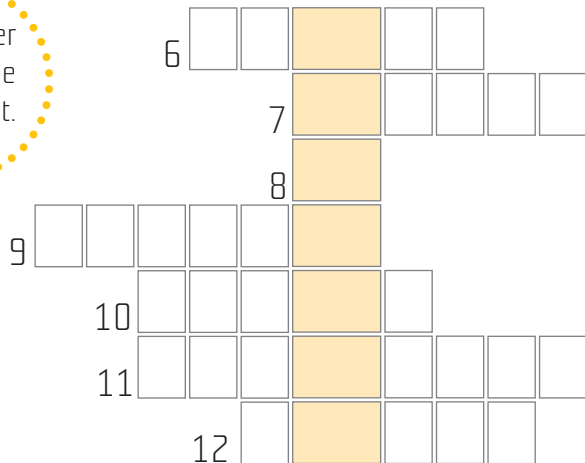
Introductory text: Who wouldn't want to escape to the tropics during a winter like this? If you come to Brno Zoo, you can take refuge in the warmth of the pavilions and enjoy the sight of exotic animals from different continents. Can you find which continent the following four animal groups belong to? Note that all the animals featured in the crossword puzzle live in that part of the world!



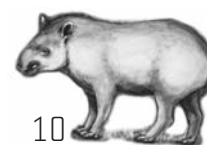
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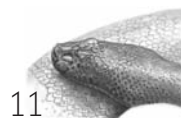
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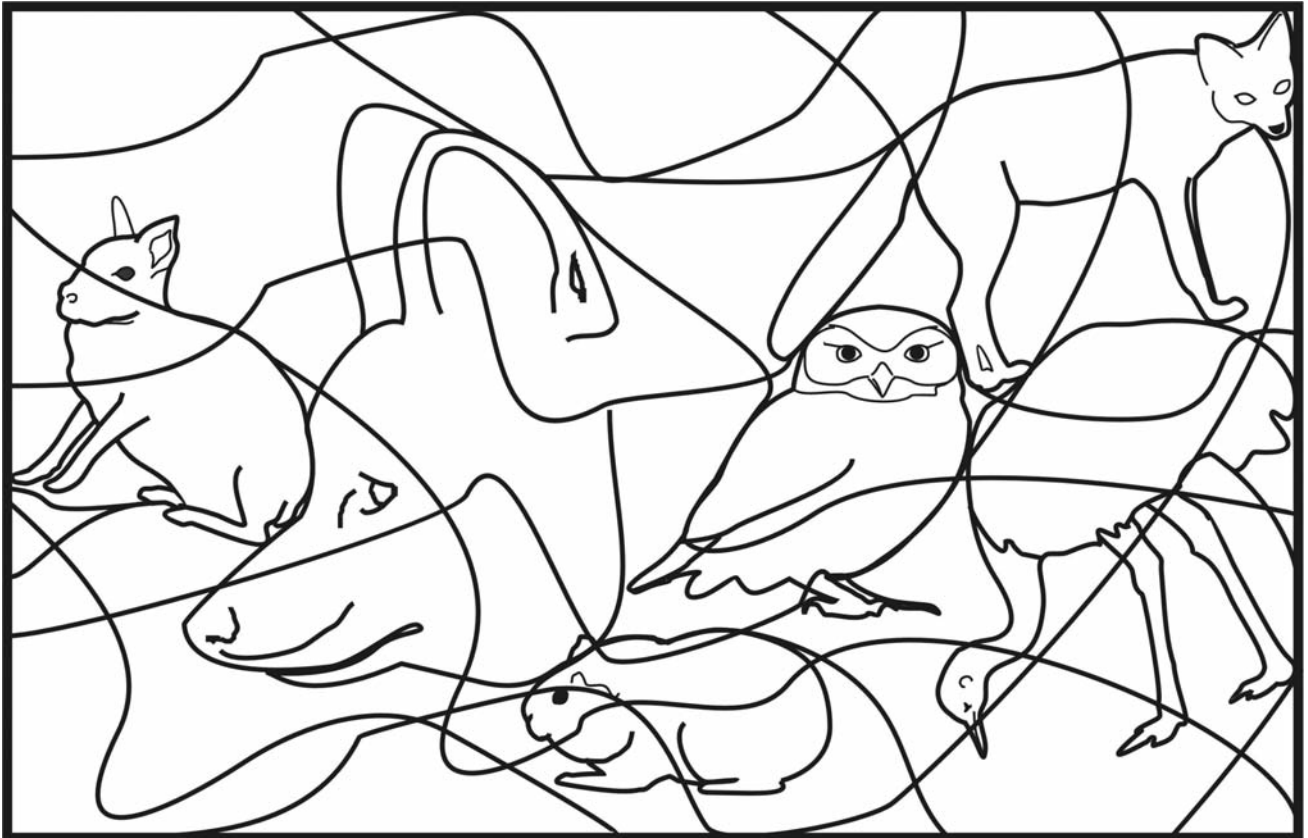
1. The slowest mammal in the world, it spends most of its life hanging in the tree tops or in the lianas, where it consumes leaves and sleeps.
2. It can curl up and protect itself from a predator's attack using very strong plates on its back.
3. One of the most commonly bred rodents. Perhaps you have one at home. It has a heavy body and lives mainly in the mountains of this continent. It is called a _____ pig
4. In the open pampas (grassy areas) lives a mammal which eats only termites and ants. It has a long sticky tongue and strong sharp claws with which it can dig in the ground so that it can reach the insects.
5. These bloodthirsty fish are well known because, if they are in a group, no prey is too large for them.

6. On the slopes and plateaus of the Andes live herds of herbivores. The natives have domesticated this species, and breed it not only for its nourishing milk but mostly for its very soft, warm wool.
7. The three largest species of flying parrots have this generic name. Their species names are: hyacinth, blue-and-yellow, and red-and-green.
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9. The _____ is the largest cat on the continent, but not in the world. Its coat is dark yellow with circular markings. It has the same name as a luxury car brand.
10. This big ungulate has an elongated nose that forms a short moving trunk. It lives mainly in forests. In adulthood, it is gray; but in its youth, it has striped colouring.
11. What is the largest snake in the world? It lives in large rivers.
12. This species of wolf is found on open pampas. From living in this environment, it developed long legs and big ears to hear where its prey is moving. It is called a _____ wolf.

Search and find! The camouflage colouring of animals, making it much harder for you to find them, is called mimicry. In the vast open pampas, where danger lurks everywhere, it is a big advantage.

How many of the six camouflaged animals can you find?

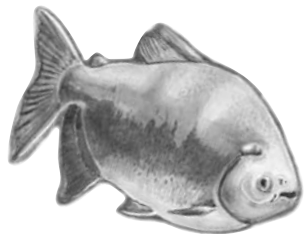
Help: Look for the Brazilian guinea pig, Chacoan mara, pampas fox, burrowing owl, maned wolf, and greater rhea.



In the previous picture, the animals were hidden in their natural environment. Because we are a magazine, we have hidden the names of South American animals among the letters. In this word search, you will learn the original names of the animals living there, which mostly originate from their indigenous names.

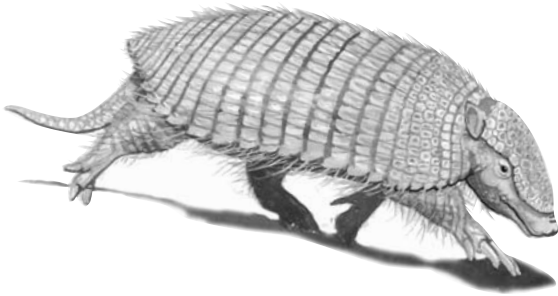
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- capybara
- kinkajou
- manatee
- margay
- agouti
- mara










THE ARMADILLO WHO LEARNED TO SING



Bolivian folk tale, edited






Behind the wide river, picturesque ponds, and seven old fallen trees lived a small . He loved music more than anything in the world, and his only wish was to learn how to sing as beautifully as the other animals did.


One evening he went to sit down by the pond and listened to the call of . “How I wish I could sing as deeply as you can! Could you teach me?” asked . The frogs burst into laughter: “Don’t be stupid! Everyone knows the  cannot sing!”

 wanted to put his head under the trees for a moment, listening to the symphonies of . After a moment he thought and asked: “, how I wish I could sing as you can! Could you teach me?”  started to laugh: “I’ve never heard of a singing . Everyone knows the  cannot sing!”

Poor little  went to the edge of the city, where he could hear the singing of the  and hummingbirds he loved so much. He could listen to them for hours, hoping one day to be able to sing as beautifully as they did.

Suddenly, a canary’s song from the local pet shop came to his ears and he followed the sound. He was amazed by the songs: “, what I’d do to be able to sing like you. Please, would you teach me how?” But he got the same scorn and disappointment as at the pond. He was almost in tears and about to leave when a famous musician stopped him. It was the owner of the canary: “Hold on for a moment,” he said. “I can help you, but you’ll have to wait a long time.”

 was so excited. Even though he was impatient, he felt he would endure anything just to be able to sing beautifully. The musician said, “I will help you. You will go into the world and sing the beautiful music you love the most. But you will have to wait until your death. You are a beautiful creature and it would be a pity to waste your whole life. Every day, listen and enjoy the sounds of nature, , hummingbirds, , and the other singers of the forest. Then, come back to me at the end of your life.”

The enchanted  talked at length to the musician. But he knew from that day that life should be lived, not survived. He enjoyed every moment he could, enjoying the beauty of songs and singing. He spent a happy and full life in the forest with a smile on his face.

When he felt that his life would not last much longer, he returned to the musician and died there. The musician, an honourable man, and a friend of 🐷, kept his promise. With the shell of the pásovice, he produced a small harp with a great sound. He travelled with it all over the world, performing in all the best places. He enchanted tens of thousands of people, but he mostly preferred to play at the pond under the trees, where he remembered his friend. On the harp he played the most beautiful tones he could. When they first heard the musician playing his harp, 🐸 and 🐛 were amazed and could not believe it: “🐷 really did learn to sing!” they said. When the musician played in front of the shop, even 🐦 flushed feverishly with envy: “🐷 sings the most beautifully of anyone in the whole wide world! Unbelievable, but so beautiful!” And so, 🐷, despite the adversity of his idols, achieved his wish and his voice was the most admired in the world.

