

Title: Animal Babies

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

born	young	shell	amphibians	special
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1. One of these eggs has a cracked shell.
2. Once amphibians become adults, they only return to the water to lay eggs.
3. There are a lot of special things about my best friend that make me like her.
4. He is too young to get a job after school.
5. My twin brother was born first, so he's the oldest.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. All birds lay eggs. T / F
2. Some fish lay eggs, but some do not. T / F
3. Australia is home to many different kinds of marsupials. T / F
4. There is only one kind of opossum in the Americas. T / F
5. All mammals have lots of babies at one time. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Fish are born ready (to swim / to grow).
2. (Some / All) sharks have babies by laying eggs.
3. Mothers who are mammals make (eggs / milk) in their bodies.
4. Most mammals grow their babies inside their (pouches / bodies).
5. Animal babies are full of (surprises / eggs).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Where do amphibians live as adults?

- a. In water
- b. On land
- c. Under rocks
- d. In eggs

2. Which of the following types of fish does NOT lay eggs?

- a. Tuna
- b. Catfish
- c. Goldfish
- d. Seahorses

3. What is special about marsupials?

- a. They keep their young in a pouch.
- b. They lay eggs to give birth.
- c. They have babies born alive.
- d. They have babies at young age.

4. Which of the following is true about marsupial babies?

- a. They do not need milk.
- b. They are only born in Australia.
- c. They come out small and weak.
- d. They are not mammals.

5. Which of the following animals usually have one or two babies at a time?

- a. Mice
- b. Rabbits
- c. Horses
- d. Turtles

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

reptiles	marsupials	mammals	pouch	lay
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All animals have babies, but they can be born different ways. Some animals grow their babies inside them. Some animals lay eggs. These include birds and amphibians. Amphibians are animals that start their life in water, but move onto the land as adults. These include frogs. Most reptiles, such as alligators and snakes, also come from eggs. Different types of fish have different ways of being born. Some are born live and some come from eggs. Either way, they are born ready to swim. All mammals have hair. And almost all are born live. Also, their mothers make milk for them. One group of mammals, marsupials, have their babies quickly, so they are very small babies. They stay in their mother's pouch until they get bigger. Some mammals only have one or two babies at a time, like horses and humans. Their babies are bigger, too. Baby animals are full of surprises.