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Introduce your students to the wonders of evolutionary science with our Consider the Platypus event kit!

Learn about the evolution of the world's weirdest animals (like axolotls, aye-ayes, and bonobos!) through geography matching games, charades, and more!

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Where in the world would you find these evolutionary outliers? Draw a line and match the evolutionary oddball to its geographic location.





Armadillo

Madagascar

Little Brown Bat

East Africa

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Naked Mole Rat

Northern US & Canada

Aye-Aye







The Arctic

Geography Matching Game!

Answer Key:

Armadillo - Latin America
Little Brown Bat - Northern US & Canada
Polar Bear - The Arctic
Naked Mole Rat - East Africa
Aye-Aye - Madagascar



With the animals featured in Consider the Platypus!







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How Much Do You Really Know About the Natural World? Trivia Questions!

1) What is the fastest land animal in the world? What is the slowest?

2) True of false? Snakes have slimy skin.

3) What traits do all mammals share?

4) Which animals are humans most closely related to?

5) Which bird lays the biggest eggs in the world?

6) Which two mammals can lay eggs?

7) Name an animal that can sleep standing up.

8) What is the name of a baby rabbit?

9) What is the largest member of the cat family?

10) Which animal can produce the loudest sound?

How Much Do You Really Know About the Natural World?

Answer Key:

- 1) The cheetah is the fastest; the sloth is the slowest.
- 2) False Snakeskin is smooth and dry
- 3) All mammals are vertebrates (that is, they have a spine), they have body hair, and they nurse their young on milk (via mammaries)
- 4) Chimpanzees, orangutans, and gorillas
- 5) Ostrich
- 6) Platypus and spiny anteater (or echidna)

7) Horses, zebras, flamingos, elephants, and sometimes cows sleep standing up

- 8) Kit, short for kitten!
- 9) Tigers
- 10) Blue whale





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