

# WILDLIFE FACT OR FICTION

## VOCABULARY LIST



**Antlers:** pair of bony, branched structures found on the heads of adult deer

**Beaver dam:** structure built by beavers to block or slow the flow of water in a stream or river

**Carnivore:** animal that eats meat

**Echolocation:** process used by bats to find their way in the dark by producing sound waves that echo, or are heard again, when they are reflected off an object

**Extinction:** the permanent disappearance of a species from Earth

**Fact:** something that is known or proved to be true

**Fiction:** something that is invented or untrue

**Fungus:** organism that is a member of the Kingdom Fungi, which includes yeasts, mildews, molds, and mushrooms

**Hatch:** emerge from an egg

**Horn:** hard, permanent outgrowths on the heads of most hoofed animals such as cattle, sheep, goats, bison, and rhinos

**Howl:** loud, sustained sound made by wolves to communicate with one another

**Mammal:** type of warm-blooded vertebrate animal that has hair and feeds their young with milk produced by the mother

**Marsupial:** type of mammal whose young complete their development in a pouch on the mother's abdomen

**Rattles:** series of hollow scales at the end of a rattlesnake's tail that make a buzzing sound

**Recognize:** identify as something or someone previously seen

**Reject:** refuse to accept

**Rodents:** mammals characterized by a pair of front teeth that grow continuously and are used to gnaw their food

**Species:** a category of living things that are capable of interbreeding

**Temperature:** measure of hotness or coldness

**Urban myth:** a story that many people believe is true but is not

**Venomous:** able to produce poison

**Warts:** fleshy growths on the skin caused by a virus

**Wild:** living or growing in a natural environment

