



A hummingbird's heart beats  
1,200 times per minute.

**FACT**

A group of porcupines  
is called a prickle.

**FACT**

More than 500 million birds die  
every year from flying into buildings.

**FACT**

Prairie dogs communicate  
by kissing each other.

**FACT**

Hippos  
cannot swim.

**FACT**

Gorillas have  
unique nose prints.

**FACT**

Seahorses do not  
have stomachs.

**FACT**

A rhinoceros horn  
is made of hair.

**FACT**



We are currently living through  
a mass species extinction event.

**FACT**

African lions are the only  
cats known to live in groups.

**FACT**

In the United States, there are  
more than 1,000 types of wild animals.

**FACT**

Passenger pigeons were hunted  
to the point of extinction.

**FACT**

Both male and female  
reindeer have antlers.

**FACT**

Crickets have ears  
on their legs.

**FACT**

Otters hold hands  
while sleeping.

**FACT**

Some mammals  
can lay eggs.

**FACT**

**FACT**

All snakes  
are carnivores.

**FACT**

The temperature of a turtle's egg  
will determine whether  
it hatches as a male or female.

**FACT**

Bats are the only  
mammals that can fly.

**FACT**

Crows can recognize and  
remember human faces.

**FICTION**

A group of butterflies  
is called a flutter.

A group of butterflies  
is called a kaleidoscope.

**FICTION**

An octopus has  
five hearts.

They have three hearts.

**FICTION**

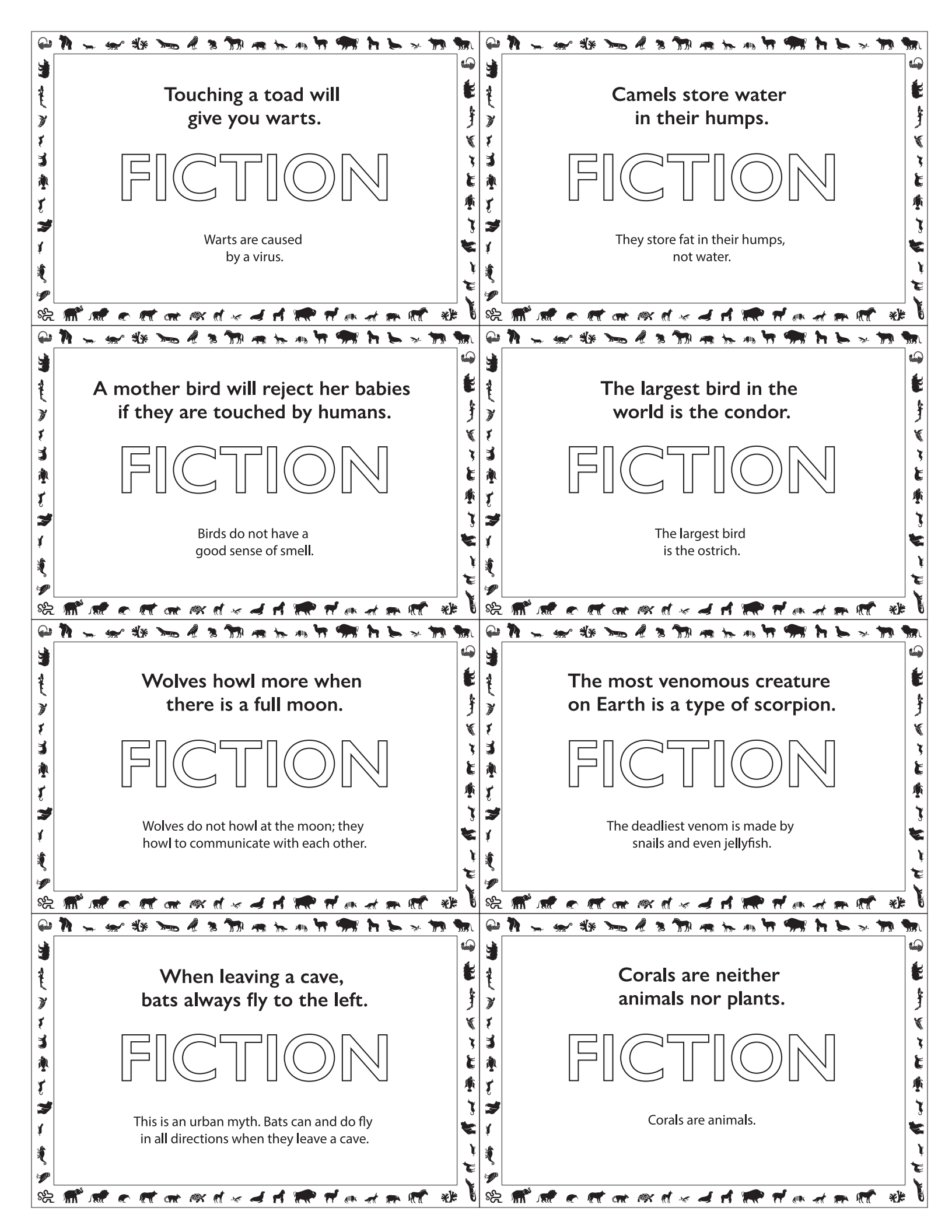
You can tell the age of a rattlesnake  
by counting its rattles.

This only tells how many  
times it has shed its skin.

**FICTION**

Opossums  
are rodents.

They are marsupials and one  
of nature's cleanest animals.



Touching a toad will  
give you warts.

FICTION

Warts are caused  
by a virus.

Camels store water  
in their humps.

FICTION

They store fat in their humps,  
not water.

A mother bird will reject her babies  
if they are touched by humans.

FICTION

Birds do not have a  
good sense of smell.

The largest bird in the  
world is the condor.

FICTION

The largest bird  
is the ostrich.

Wolves howl more when  
there is a full moon.

FICTION

Wolves do not howl at the moon; they  
howl to communicate with each other.

The most venomous creature  
on Earth is a type of scorpion.

FICTION

The deadliest venom is made by  
snails and even jellyfish.

When leaving a cave,  
bats always fly to the left.

FICTION

This is an urban myth. Bats can and do fly  
in all directions when they leave a cave.

Corals are neither  
animals nor plants.

FICTION

Corals are animals.

**Sharks can smell blood  
from a mile away.**

**FICTION**

Sharks have a very strong sense of smell, but this is a myth.

**The animal that sleeps  
the most is the sloth.**

**FICTION**

The sleepest animal is the koala, which can sleep 20-22 hours per day. Sloths sleep about 15 hours per day.

**Polar bears have  
white hair.**

**FICTION**

Their hair is colorless, and their skin is black.

**The average bird pees  
ten times per day.**

**FICTION**

Most birds don't pee. Since they fly, they need to stay lightweight, and they release all their waste through one opening. Bird poop is a mix of urine and feces.

**The world's largest living  
organism is a whale.**

**FICTION**

No, it's a fungus!

**Beavers live in dams.**

**FICTION**

Beaver dams are their first line of defense from predators and conceal the entrance to where the beavers live in their underground lodge.

**The furriest animal in  
the world is the red panda.**

**FICTION**

With about one million hairs per square inch, sea otters have the densest fur of any mammal.

**Bats are blind.**

**FICTION**

Bats have good eyesight. The myth that they are blind probably comes from the fact that they use sounds to navigate at night through a process called echolocation.