

Mammals: Fill in the Blank

Come on in! It's nice and warm here with us mammals. We all have _____ or _____ covering our bodies. We also can make our own heat from right _____ our bodies. (That's called being endothermic, or _____-blooded.)

You know what our newborn babies need, don't you? They drink _____ from their _____. And were we hatched from _____? No, sir! We were born directly from our _____.

Some of us eat plants. That's called being an _____. This includes long-eared, hopping _____ or graceful, hooved _____. Some of us eat plants *and* meat, so we are called _____. One of these is the only marsupial in North America, the _____; another is the great big, lumbering _____.

And, of course, some of us must eat _____ (this is called being a _____) and so we are predators. We're not mean; we just need to _____ to get enough _____ for ourselves and our babies.

Mammal mothers usually care for their _____ for weeks or months or even _____. The young need to be taught to find food, or to hunt, and to defend themselves.

There are some animals in the mammal family that might surprise you. One group lives in the ocean, the huge _____, and also the playful _____. And one kind of mammal can even fly; that's the _____.

Large or small, on land or at sea, mammals are a pretty special group!

*hair/fur/inside/warm/milk/mothers/eggs/mothers/herbivore/rabbits/deer/omnivores/opossum
/bear/ meat/carnivore/hunt/food/young/years/whales/dolphins/bat.*