

# Animal Instinct

Mix and match, question and answer

All creatures that live in hot and sunny environments have different natural defences and habits that help protect them from the sun. Below are six examples of animals that show different ways they naturally protect themselves from the sun.

Can you complete the worksheet by cutting out the pictures and words for each animal below and stick them into the correct boxes overleaf? Then answer the follow up questions by drawing or writing your answers in the spaces provided.

**Parental introduction to activity:** Explain to your child(ren) that although, like some animals, people have hair all over their body that helps to protect our skin, when we go outside on sunny days (and even on cloudy days in the summer) the sun's UV (Ultra Violet) invisible rays can quickly damage and burn our skin, so it is very important to make sure that we always follow the five S's of Sun Safety to make sure we NEVER burn.

Remember the five S's of Sun Safety: SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SLIDE, SHADE

1. **SLIP** on a T-shirt that will keep shoulders covered as they can easily burn
2. **SLOP** on sunscreen (minimum SPF 30, with high/broad-spectrum UVA protection)
3. **SLAP** on a broad brimmed hat to shade your face neck & ears
4. **SLIDE** on sunglasses to protect your eyes
5. **SHADE** from the sun when possible, particularly between 11am -3pm



elephant

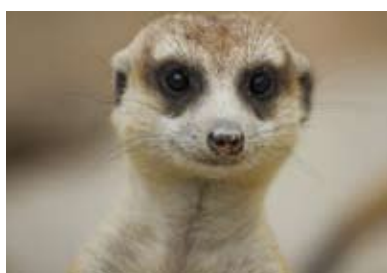
tortoise

koala

gorilla

meerkat

dog



Cut out and stick the  
correct animal name here

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Write or draw the answer in  
the space provided in each box

I love to go walkies and  
play in the sun, I always  
wear a fur coat to protect  
my skin. What am I?

\_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and stick the correct  
animal picture here

What item of clothing do  
we wear to help protect our  
skin from the sun?

\_\_\_\_\_

I spread dirt all over my  
back to cover my skin and  
protect it from the sun.  
What am I?

\_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and stick the correct  
animal picture here

What do we rub on our  
skin to protect us from  
the sun?

\_\_\_\_\_

I have a shell that protects  
me from the sun and when  
it gets hot I protect my  
head by popping it back  
into my shell. What am I?

\_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and stick the correct  
animal picture here

What do we wear to help  
protect our head and  
shade our face, neck and  
ears from the sun?

\_\_\_\_\_

I have dark circles around  
my eyes that absorb  
sunlight and help protect  
my eyes from the sun.  
What am I?

\_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and stick the correct  
animal picture here

What do we wear to  
protect our eyes from  
the sun?

\_\_\_\_\_

I spend most of the day  
sleeping in a eucalyptus  
tree that helps shade and  
protect me from the hot  
sun. What am I?

\_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and stick the correct  
animal picture here

Where should we play to  
help protect us from the  
sun?

\_\_\_\_\_

I don't like to go out in the  
middle of the day, I prefer  
to go out early in the  
morning and later in the  
afternoon. What am I?

\_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and stick the correct  
animal picture here

What are the best times for  
us to stay out of the sun?

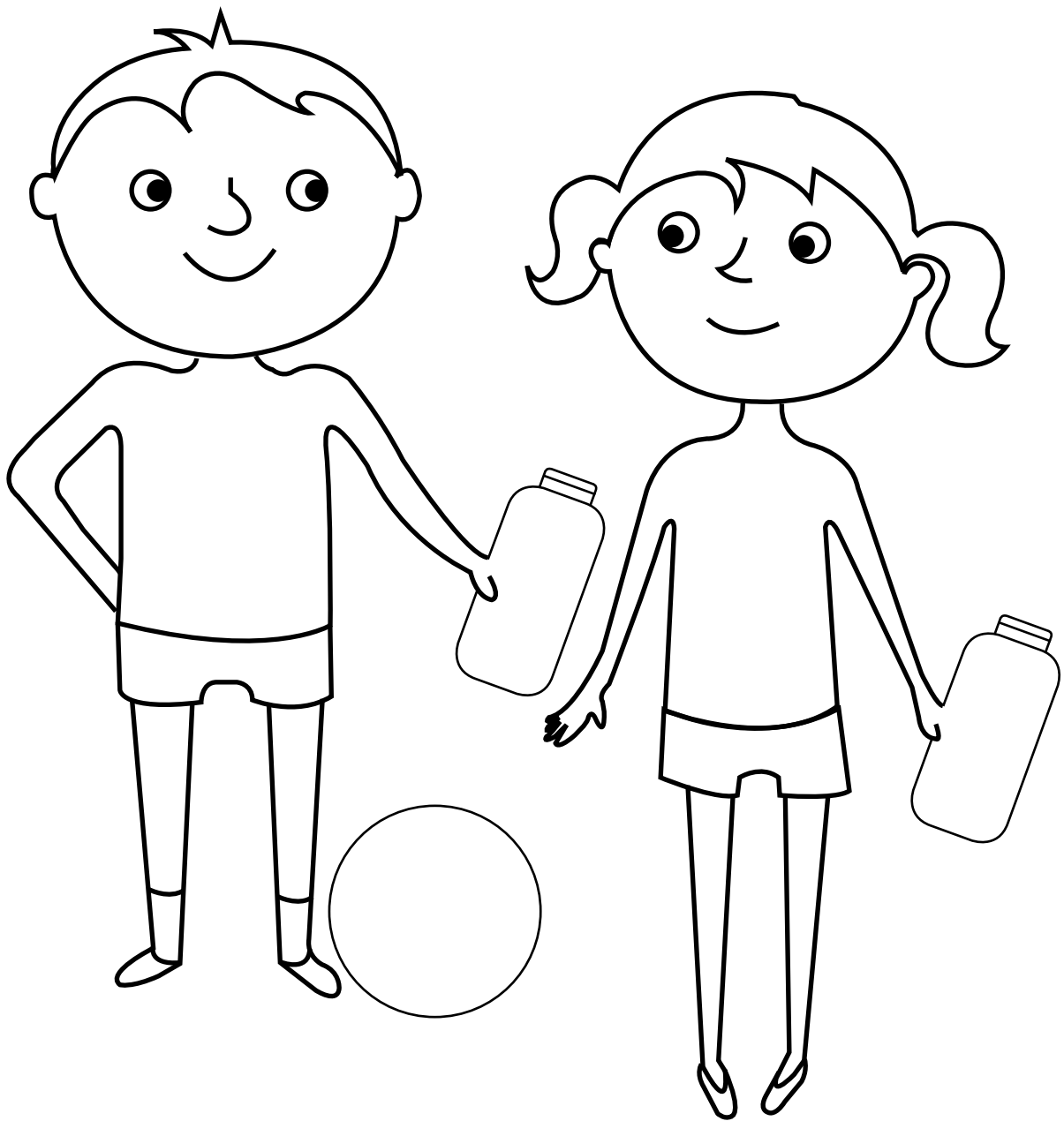
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## Colouring, cutting and sticking fun



# Dress to Impress

My Sun Safe Picture



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_



# Are you a Sun Safe Superstar?

Cut out the printed Cootie Catcher below around the dotted line and follow the instructions overleaf to fold and make the Cootie Catcher.

Instructions of how to play are also overleaf - are you a Sun Safe Superstar?!

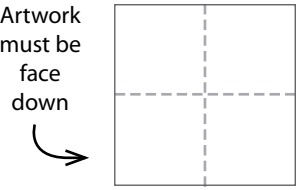
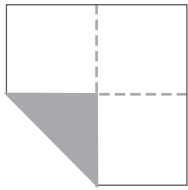
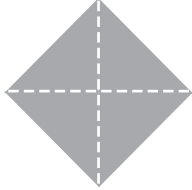
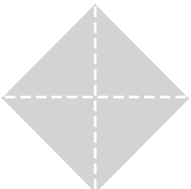


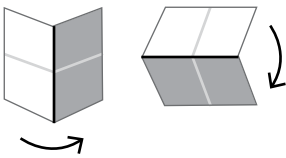
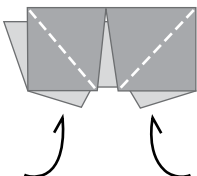
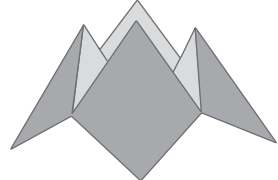


# Cootie Catcher

## Instructions and how to play:

Once you have carefully cut out your Cootie Catcher, place it face down on the table in front of you and follow the set of instructions from 1-9 below.

### HOW TO FOLD YOUR COOTIE CATCHER:

<p>Crease the paper by folding in half vertically and horizontally</p> <p>Artwork must be face down</p> <p><b>1</b></p> 	<p>With artwork still face down, fold all 4 corners into the centre of the paper</p> <p><b>2</b></p> 	<p>Your Cootie Catcher should now look like this:</p> <p><b>3</b></p> 
<p>Turn the paper over, so the folds you have just made are face down</p> <p><b>4</b></p> 	<p>Just like step 2, fold all 4 corners into the centre of the paper</p> <p><b>5</b></p> 	<p>Your Cootie Catcher should now look like this:</p> <p><b>6</b></p> 
<p>Now fold in half vertically and then horizontally to crease and reveal the numbered squares</p> <p><b>7</b></p> 	<p>Insert your thumbs and forefingers underneath the 4 flaps either side</p> <p><b>8</b></p> 	<p>Your Cootie Catcher is now finished and should look like this:</p> <p><b>9</b></p> 

### HOW TO PLAY:

- 1) Find a friend or family member and ask them to pick a number from one of the top flaps.
- 2) With your thumbs and forefingers inserted in to all four corners of your Cootie Catcher, move the flaps in and out and from side to side the number of spaces your friend has picked.
- 3) Stop on the last number to reveal 4 different sun safety pictures and ask your friend to choose one.
- 4) In the same way as step 2, move the flaps in and out and side to side, counting out the spelling of each letter in the word that describes the picture your friend has picked - for example T-R-E-E = 4 moves.
- 5) Stopping on the last letter, to reveal another set of pictures ask your friend to pick one again.
- 6) This time open up the chosen flap to reveal the question and answer hidden underneath.
- 7) If your friend gets it right, give them another turn!



# Wordsearch

## 20 questions and giant wordsearch fun

Test your knowledge of sun safety by completing the answers to the 20 sun safety questions below, writing the answers in the spaces provided. Then find each of the 26 words in our giant wordsearch overleaf!



- 1): What are the five S's of sun safety? (find all 5 words in the wordsearch) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2): What must we always wear to make sure our shoulders don't burn? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3): What do we rub on to exposed skin to help protect it from the sun's rays? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4): What broad brimmed item should we wear on our heads to shade our face, neck and ears? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5): What should we wear to protect our eyes from the sun? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6): The sun's harmful rays are called UV - what does UV stand for? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7): The sun's UV rays cannot be seen, this means they are what? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8): The sun omits two types of UV rays, what are these called? (find both on the wordsearch) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9): You can usually find one of these in the park that will give you shade, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10): When applying sunscreen, what is the minimum SPF you should use (find the written number) \_\_\_\_\_
- 11): What should you drink plenty of to keep hydrated? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12): What should you make sure you never let your skin do when playing outside? \_\_\_\_\_
- 13): What is the hottest time of the day when we need to take extra care not to burn? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14): The sand, sea and swimming pools can increase our risk of burning because they \_\_\_\_\_ the sun's rays.
- 15): Sunscreen should always be reapplied every \_\_\_\_\_ hours. (Find the written number)
- 16): You should immediately reapply your sunscreen after you have been doing what? \_\_\_\_\_
- 17): The sun's harmful rays can still reach our skin even when it is what? \_\_\_\_\_
- 18): When on holiday or at the beach, what should you sit under that provides shade? \_\_\_\_\_
- 19): When should you make sure you are wear your sun hat and sunscreen at school? \_\_\_\_\_
- 20): Sunburn can be painful, it makes your skin turn \_\_\_\_\_ and makes it feel \_\_\_\_\_

SLIP PARASOL SHADE SWIMMING TREE SUNSCREEN SLOP TWO UVB RED  
BREAKTIMES SUNGLASSES SUN HAT LUNCHTIME SLIDE UVA T-SHIRT SORE  
ULATRA VIOLET THIRTY INVISIBLE REFLECT SLAP CLOUDY BURN WATER

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Have you managed to answer all 20 questions correctly?  
Now try and find all 26 words in our giant wordsearch below.



B	A	G	U	E	L	J	G	A	S	L	A	P	A	S	O	R	E	A	S
U	N	M	T	S	R	E	D	T	G	P	A	O	R	I	Y	K	X	L	U
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A	W	A	T	E	R	G	W	A	I	N	E	F	E	D	A	L	M	O	T
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# Spot the Difference

The 2 sets of sun safe pictures below show George the Sun Safe Superstar being Sun Safe in the garden, at school, at the park and at the beach.

Can you spot all 20 differences between set A and set B?



AT THE PARK: (1) Bird facing the other way. (2) Sunscreen SPF 30. (3) Flower on girls hat changed colour. (4) Boy playing football sweating & pink cheeks. (5) Park sign pointing in opposite direction. AT THE BEACH: (6) Sun's eyes open. (7) Ball flipped. (8) Extra cloud in the sky. (9) Boy has no sunglasses. (10) Logo on boys T-shirt has changed. IN THE GARDEN: (11) Cat facing the other way. (12) Sunflower has leaf missing. (13) Sun has different color hat. (14) Wooden sign has no point/arrow. (15) Blue band on George's hat. AT SCHOOL: (16) No SPF on sunscreen. (17) Girls shoes are red. (18) Bird has moved. (19) Stripes on boys' T-shirt has changed. (20) Sun not smiling.



# Grow and Tell

Grow a sunflower and learn about the sun

A fun and interesting activity to do with a parent or friend. You could even organise a sunflower growing competition with family members or friends! Follow the instructions below to plant your seed and grow your sunflower. Then watch and learn - use the activity tips below to watch for wildlife, track it's growth, learn about the sun and even make a healthy snack. Have fun!

## Growing Instructions:

- To start, choose a sunny spot in your garden (6-8 hours of sun a day is preferable) that's shaded from strong wind.
  - Soak your seeds the night before planting in warm water.
  - Dig holes for your seeds about 5cm deep and 15cm apart.
  - Plant your seeds, give them a water and water regularly, every day - in about 2 weeks the shoots should appear.
  - If you need to protect your sunflowers from being eaten, use a plastic cup with the bottom chopped off or similar.
  - If particularly popular with wildlife you may need to protect the head with thin muslin, that way you'll have some seeds left to harvest and grow again next year.
- When they get taller you may need tie them to a garden cane or similar to give the stems extra support.

## Watch and learn - activity tips

- Growing sunflowers is a great way to bring wildlife into your garden, can you spot and write down which birds and insects like them too?
- Sunflowers grow fast and tall, can you keep a weekly record of your sunflowers growth by measuring how tall it is?
- The sunflower heads will be different sizes, can you measure the heads to see which one is biggest?
- Watch how the sunflower heads track the sun - a great way to learn more about sunrise and sun set.
- Why not harvest your sunflower seeds - wait until the heads have gone really brown, chop the stem and hang them up to dry out for a couple of weeks. Then rub the heads together to loosen the seeds and put some in an envelope for next year. Any leftovers will make a tasty snack for the wildlife in your garden, or for your family - simply soak the seeds overnight and roast them in a hot oven - delicious and very healthy!

