

Mammals

Read the passage on mammals and fill in the blanks choosing the correct options. Check your answers.

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Mammals include humans and all other warm-blooded animals except birds. They live on land, in water, on trees, or underground. Almost all mammals are viviparous, meaning they give birth to young ones. An exception would be monotremes, which are egg-laying mammals like the platypus and echidna. Mammals are distinguished by modified sweat glands called mammary glands that produce milk to feed the young. Mammals have lungs that help them breathe. Respiration in mammals extracts oxygen from the air and carries carbon dioxide away. The diaphragm, located at the base of the lungs, is the major muscle of respiration. Mammals can be identified by unique features like hair or fur, three middle ear bones, a hinged jaw, and a neocortex region in the brain. Some mammals, such as whales, dolphins, sea lions, and seals, live in the sea while others, such as lions, tigers, dogs, and cats, live on land. Most mammals walk or swim, and bats are the only freely flying mammals.

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1) Mammals are _____ with hair.

- a) invertebrates
- b) vertebrates
- c) reptiles

2) Mammals are _____ .

- a) warm-blooded
- b) cold-blooded
- c) full-blooded

3) Mammals nurse their young with _____ .

- a) blood
- b) water
- c) milk

4) _____ are the only mammals that can fly by flapping their wings.

- a) Eagles
- b) Mosquitoes
- c) Bats

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5) The _____ in females produce milk.

- a) salivary glands
- b) mammary glands
- c) pituitary glands

6) All mammals breathe using _____ .

- a) lungs
- b) gills
- c) skin

7) Whales and dolphins are examples of _____ mammals.

- a) land
- b) marine
- c) air

8) The _____ is a mammal.

- a) snake
- b) frog
- c) sea lion