

My favourite animal

Read about the children's favourite animals, then do the exercises to practise writing in English.

Preparation

Match the definitions (a-f) with the vocabulary (1-6).

Vocabulary	Definition
1. ...f... a tongue	a. to take hold of something and lift it
2. a trunk	b. a clever action that a person or animal does to entertain people
3. to pick something up	c. to send lots of small drops of water or another liquid into the air
4. to spray	d. the long nose of an elephant
5. a trick	e. unkind and causing pain to animals or people
6. cruel	f. the part of your mouth that moves, which you use for tasting, speaking, etc.

Reading text**Amina**

My favourite animal is the chameleon. I like them because they can change colour. Lots of people think that chameleons change colour to match where they are. But that's not true! Chameleons change colour when they're scared or angry, or when they're too cold or too hot. Chameleons have got a very long, sticky tongue that they use to catch insects. I think they're amazing animals!

Aarav

I really love elephants. I love their big ears and long trunks. Elephants can pick up food with their trunk and put it in their mouth, or collect water in their trunk and spray it out. I like watching elephants in videos and I especially love baby elephants. They're so cute.

Isabella

Dolphins are my favourite animals. I like them because they're so intelligent and friendly. Some dolphins live in zoos and they have to do tricks, like jumping or playing with balls. That makes me really sad. I think it's cruel. We should let dolphins live in the sea, where they can swim, jump and be happy.

Top tips

To write about animals, you can use:

1. adjectives to describe them: *They're amazing; they're so cute*
2. *has/have got*: *The chameleon has got a long tongue; Elephants have got long trunks*
3. *can*: *dolphins can swim*
4. *because* to say why you like them: *I like them because they can change colour.*

Tasks

Task 1

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. chameleon. animal the favourite is My

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2. because I like them change colour. can they

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3. a very long, Chameleons sticky tongue. got have

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4. a long got have Elephants trunk. big ears and

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5. food with can They their trunk. pick up

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6. baby love I especially elephants.

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7. animals. Dolphins favourite are my

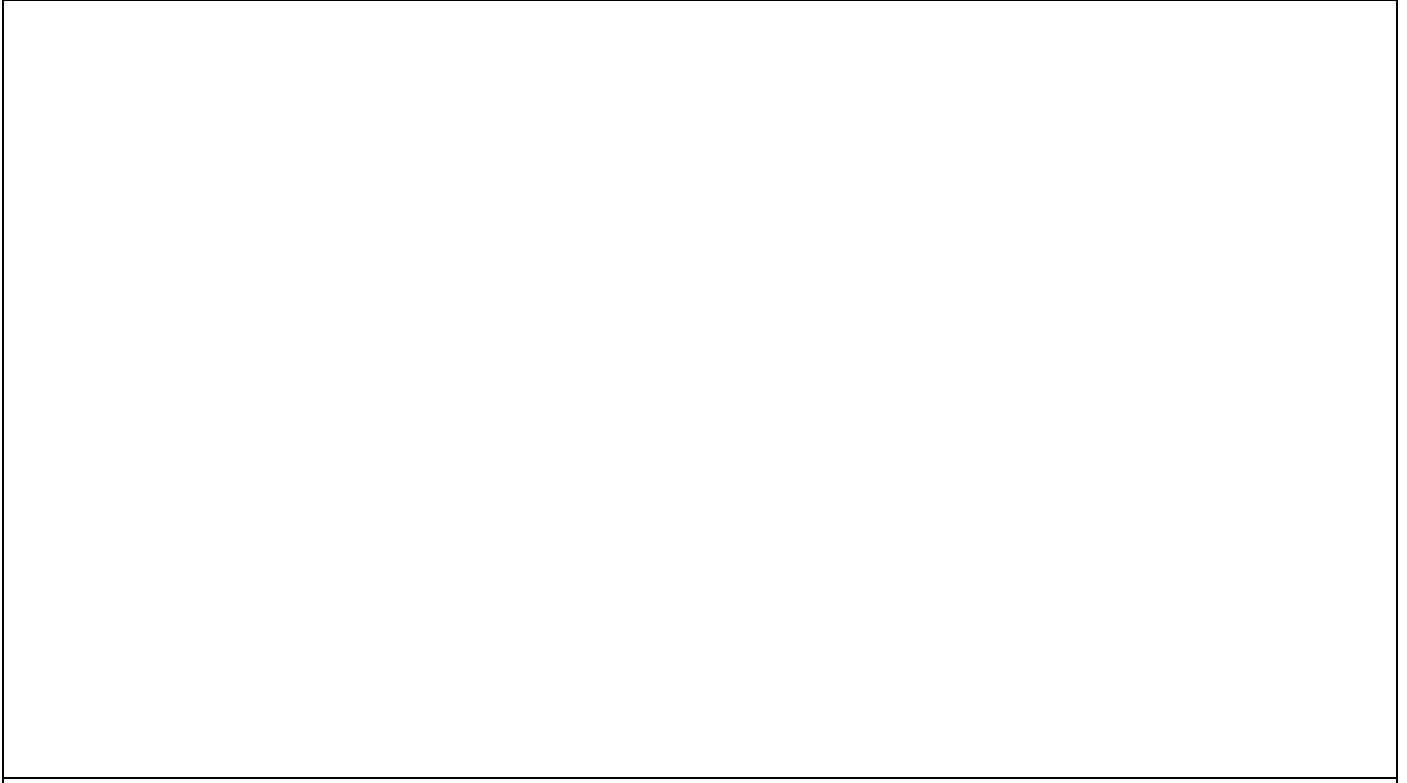
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8. they're so because intelligent and friendly. I like them

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Write and draw

What's your favourite animal? Why do you like it? What's special about it? Write about your favourite animal and draw a picture!



Answers

Preparation task

1. f
2. d
3. a
4. c
5. b
6. e

Task 1

1. My favourite animal is the chameleon.
2. I like them because they can change colour.
3. Chameleons have got a very long, sticky tongue.
4. Elephants have got big ears and a long trunk.
5. They can pick up food with their trunk.
6. I especially love baby elephants.
7. Dolphins are my favourite animals.
8. I like them because they're so intelligent and friendly.