



Animal Fact File

Name:

Picture

Description:

Habitat:

Diet:

Other interesting facts:

Quick facts

Diet: Omnivore

Life span in the wild: 12 – 14 years

Size: 25 – 30 cm

Weight: Less than 1 kg

Group name: Mob or gang

Status: Least concern



Meerkats (*Suricata suricatta*) are very social animals and live in groups called mobs or gangs. They live in underground burrows in the Kalahari Desert and parts of South Africa. Their curved claws are used for digging and foraging for insects. They can close their ears to keep out the dust when they are burrowing.

Meerkats eat insects such as scorpions, beetles, centipedes, spiders, and worms. They also eat birds, lizards and fruit.

Meerkats search for food in groups. Some members will guard the entrance of the burrow, keeping a look out for predators such as eagles and falcons. If a meerkat spots trouble, they will bark and whistle loudly to alert the other members of the group.

Female meerkats give birth to a litter of one to five pups. They are born hairless and cannot see or hear for at least 15 days. Other members of the group will take turns baby-sitting the pups so the mother can forage for insects. When the pups are 3 weeks old they can leave the underground burrow.

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Meerkat

Answer the following questions.

1. How much does a meerkat weigh?

2. What is a group of meerkats called?

3. Do meerkats live in deserts or rainforests?

4. What is the average size of a meerkat?

a 10 - 12 cm

c 40 - 50 cm

b 25 - 30 cm

d 45 - 55 cm

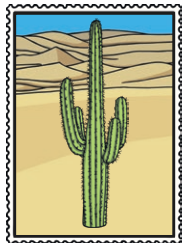
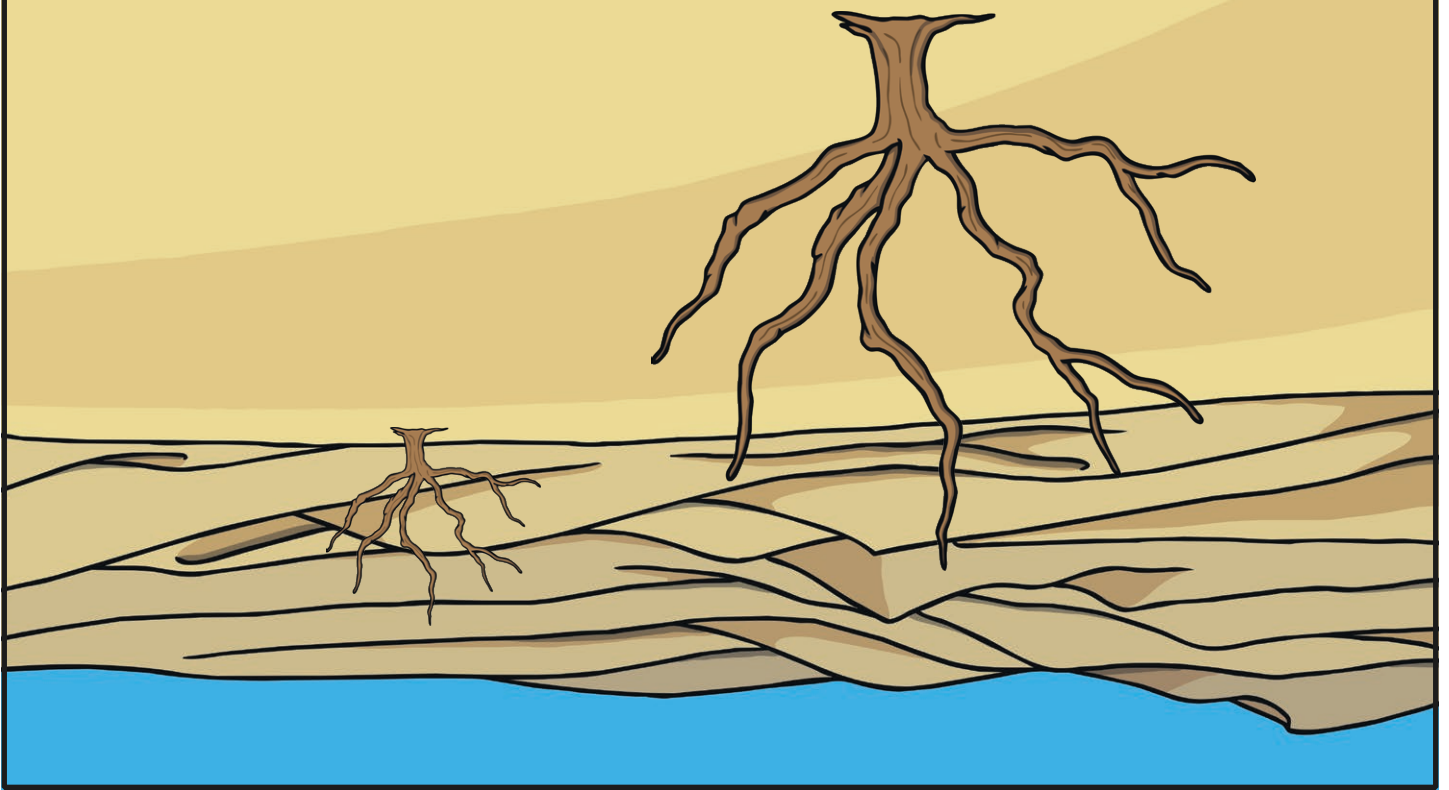
5. How does a meerkat alert the other members of the group if it spots danger?

6. Meerkats are omnivores. Can you think of another animal that eats both meat and plants?

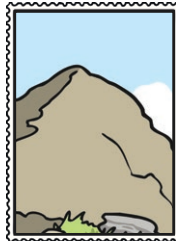
7. Name two characteristics of a mammal.

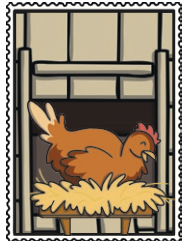
8. How old are meerkat pups when they leave the underground burrow?

Welcome to the Kalahari!

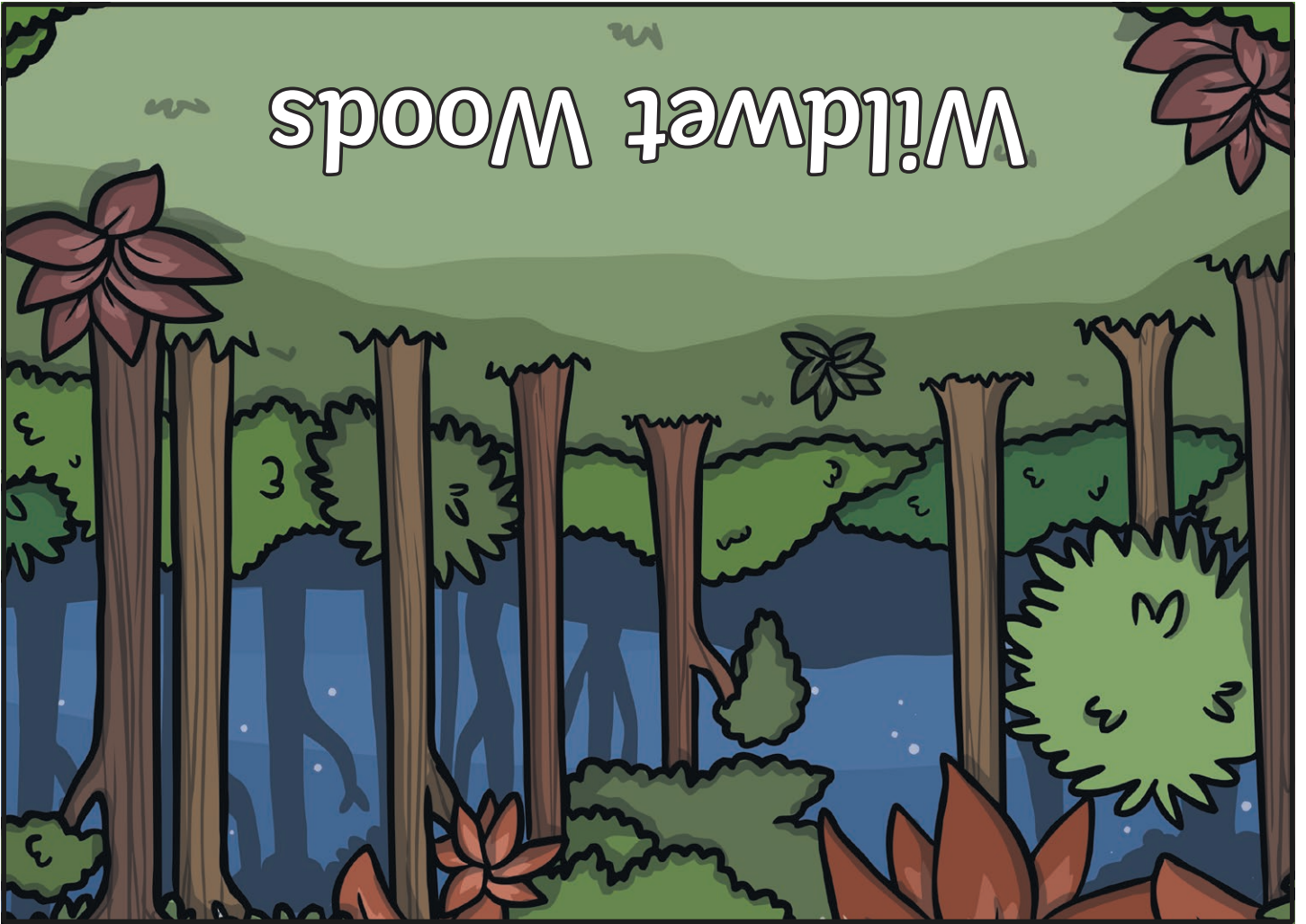


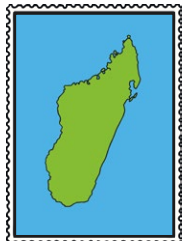


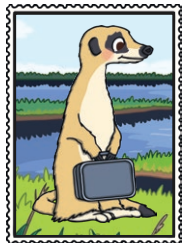
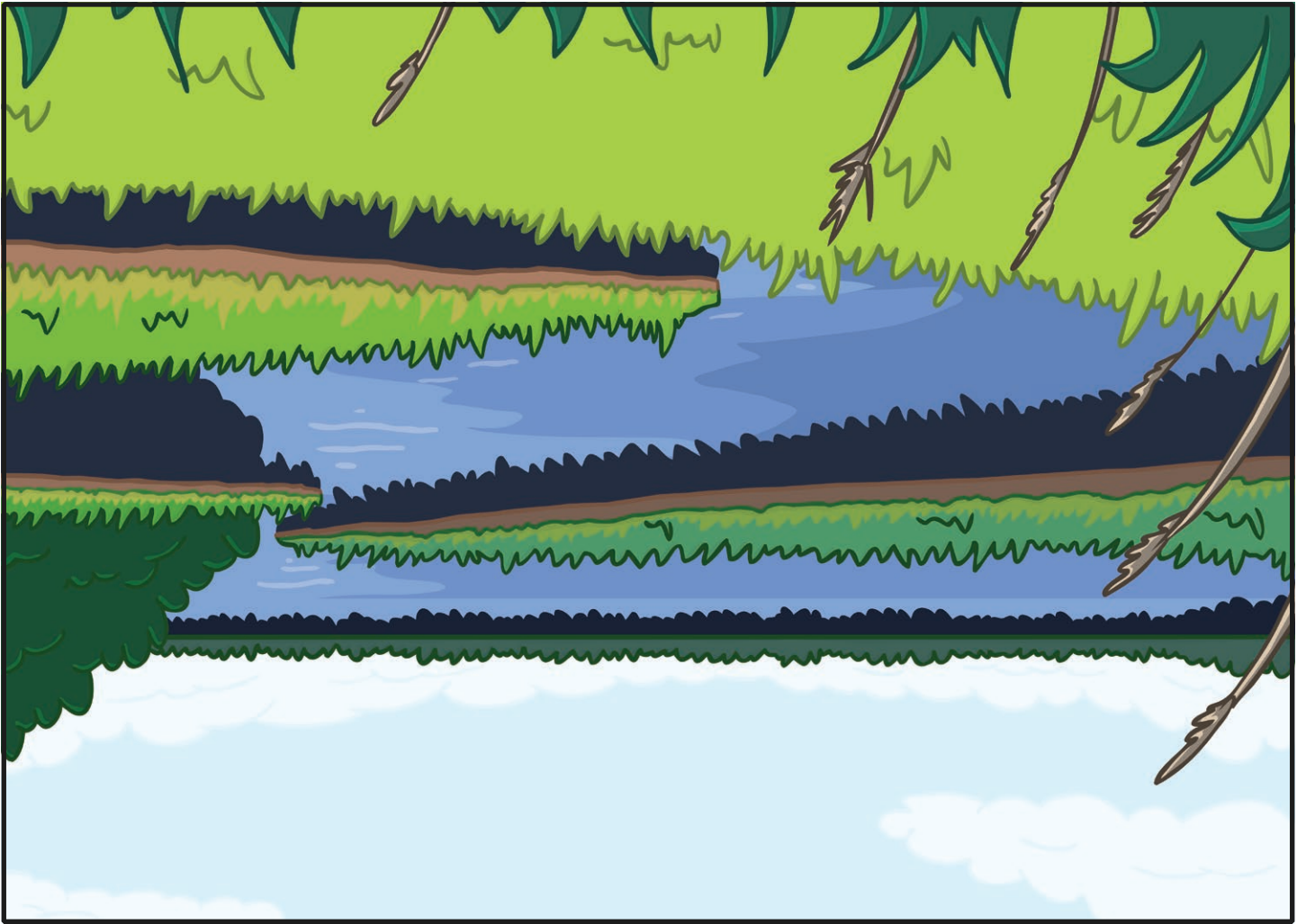




Wildwet Woods









Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	



Phase 2 Tricky Words

the

to

I

no

go

into

Phase 3 Tricky Words

you

they

all

are

my

her

he

she

we

me

be

was

Phase 4 Tricky Words

said

like

do

come

there

little

out

have

so

some

were

one

when

what

Phase 5 Tricky Words

oh

could

their

people

Mr

Mrs

looked

called

asked