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## 关于本书

本书介绍了一些动物是如何适应恶劣的生存环境的。

文本类型： 报告  
主题： 动物、栖息地  
学科： 科学、地理



## 阅读前

- 和孩子一起看一看这本书的封面，说一说封面上的动物长得有什么奇特之处。问孩子：Where do you think these creatures live?
- 和孩子一起读一读封底的内容介绍，让孩子说一说这本书可能会讲些什么。
- 和孩子一起读一读这本书的目录，讨论一下这些奇怪的章节名，问孩子：Which do you think sounds the weirdest? Which do you think sounds the most interesting?



## 阅读中

- 如果孩子在阅读的过程中不知道某个单词如何发音，教师或家长可以帮助孩子进行拼读，比如，可以帮助孩子把单词拆分为几个音。单词中如果包含不符合拼读规则的音，教师或家长也要给予指导。如果有必要，可以告诉孩子整个单词的发音。
- 本书中不符合拼读规则的单词：prey, camouflage, juicy, Mallorca, antifreeze, disguise。
- 书中标粗体的单词是孩子在阅读过程中可能难以理解的单词，这些单词的解释请参考当页注释。

### 找一找

从书中找一找产婆蟾，猜猜它的英文名字为什么是midwife toad。







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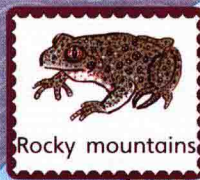
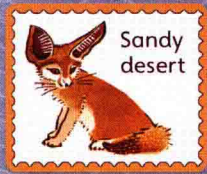


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# Staying Alive

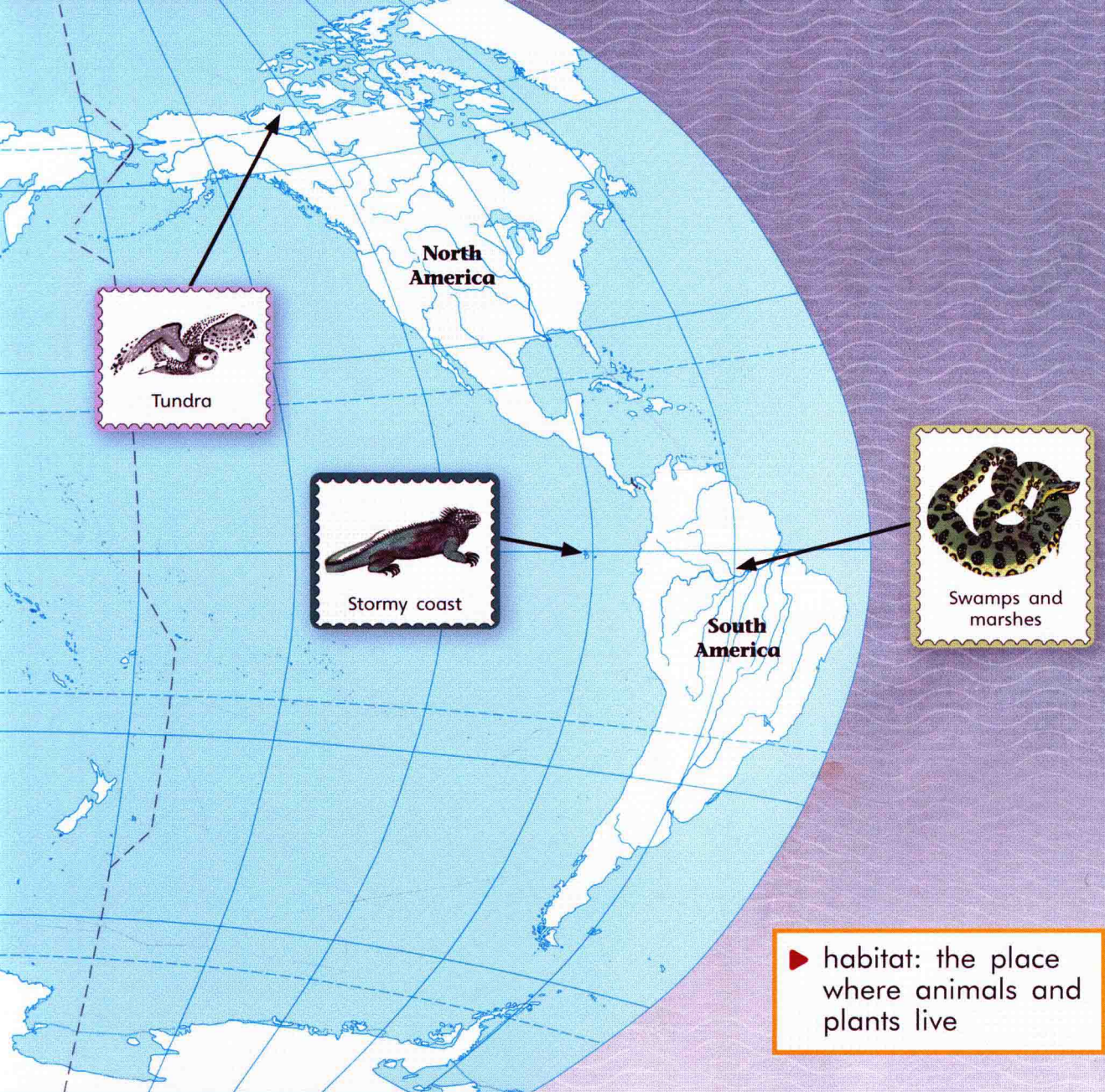


► features: body parts or behaviour that help an animal to survive

If it is cold, you can put on a coat. If it is hot, you can take your jumper off. But animals can't change their clothes to match the weather! They need special **features** to help them stay alive.







Tundra

Stormy coast

Swamps and  
marshes

► habitat: the place  
where animals and  
plants live

The place where an animal  
lives is called its **habitat**.

The animals in this book live in some  
of the toughest habitats on Earth.



# Big Ears

The sandy deserts of North Africa are baking hot in the day. There is very little rain. So how does this **fennec fox** survive?



## Where in the world?

**Location:** Sandy deserts,  
North Africa

**Habitat:** Desert – hot,  
dry, sandy





The fennec fox is about the size of a cat, with enormous furry ears. The fox loses heat through its ears and this helps to keep it cool. Big ears are also brilliant for listening out for **prey**.

**sand-coloured  
fur for  
camouflage**

**big ears**

- ▶ **prey:** animals that are hunted and eaten by other animals
- ▶ **camouflage:** patterns and markings on an animal's body that help to hide it

### **Wild fact**

Fennec foxes have furry feet so they can walk across hot sand without burning their toes.





► nocturnal: asleep during the day and active at night

# Sticky Fingers

A strange-looking animal lives on the island of Madagascar. It has big ears, large front teeth, and long, thin fingers like sticks. It is called an **aye-aye**.

The aye-aye is **nocturnal** and it lives in the rainforest. It taps on a tree with its thinnest finger and listens for the hollow burrows of insect grubs. Then it chews a hole in the bark, sticks its thinnest finger in and pulls out a juicy grub.





A close-up photograph of an aye-aye (Daedopos primate) clinging to a tree branch. The animal has large, prominent orange eyes, a pinkish nose, and is holding a small piece of wood in its mouth. Its long, thin fingers are visible gripping the branch. The background is filled with green leaves and brown branches.

**big ears**

**big front  
teeth**

**long, thin  
fingers**

**Wild fact**

Aye-ayes have sharp curved claws on their feet for climbing through trees.

**Where in the world?**

**Location:** Madagascar, Africa

**Habitat:** Rainforest – warm, wet



# Snow White

It is cold and snowy in the tundra but the **snowy owl** feels at home. Its white feathers match the snow and camouflage the owl as it hunts for small animals like **lemmings**.



Tundra

good  
eyesight

thick white  
feathers

sharp  
talons

- ▶ tundra: cold icy land in the far north of the world
- ▶ lemmings: small furry animals that live in the tundra



The owl has good eyesight for spotting its prey. It flies low over the ground and snatches the prey in its sharp **talons**.

### **Wild fact**

Snowy owls have thick, warm feathers. They even have feathers on their legs and toes!



► talons: long, sharp claws

### **Where in the world?**

**Location:** North America, northern Europe, northern Asia

**Habitat:** Tundra – cold, snowy, windy



# Sea-loving Lizards

The **marine iguana**

(say ig-wa-na) is a lizard from the Galápagos Islands. Its favourite food is seaweed. It scrapes seaweed off rocks with its knife-sharp teeth.



**Wild fact**  
Marine iguanas swallow salt from sea water when they eat. They sneeze to get rid of the salt!



The sea around the islands is stormy and cold but the iguana has features that help it survive. It has long claws for gripping slippery rocks. It has a big flat tail for swimming.

### **Where in the world?**

**Location:** Galápagos Islands, South America

**Habitat:** Rocky coasts – wild, wet, cold

