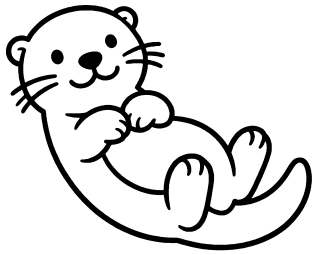
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Sea Otters

Sea otters live in the cold ocean along the coasts of the North Pacific. They spend | 16
almost all of their lives in the water. | 24

Seals have a thick layer of fat to keep them warm. A sea otter does not. Instead, | 41
it has the thickest fur of any animal. The fur traps air, and the air keeps the otter | 59
warm and dry. Otters spend hours each day cleaning and fluffing their fur. | 72

Sea otters eat crabs, clams and sea urchins. An otter floats on its back and cracks | 88
open a hard shell with a rock. It may keep a favorite rock in a pocket of skin under | 107
its arm. | 109

When otters rest, they float together in a group called a raft. Some wrap a long | 125
seaweed called kelp around them. Then they do not drift away. | 136

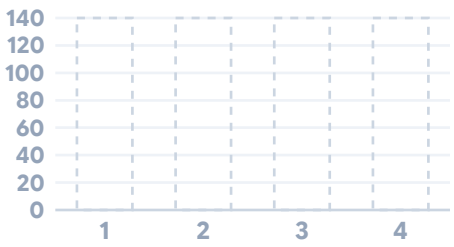
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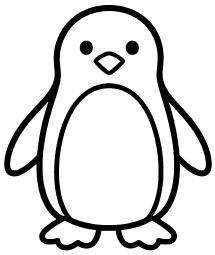


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Penguins

Penguins are birds that cannot fly, but they are amazing swimmers. Their wings are stiff flippers. Penguins flap them to zoom through the water. Their thick feathers are waterproof, so water cannot soak in. This keeps them warm and dry. 12 25 38 40

Almost all penguins live in the southern half of the world. Some live on the ice in Antarctica. Others live on rocky shores in warmer places, like the coasts of South America and Africa. 56 70 74

Most penguins nest in big groups. A mother penguin lays one or two eggs. In most kinds, both parents take turns keeping the eggs warm. Later they bring food to the chicks. 89 102 106

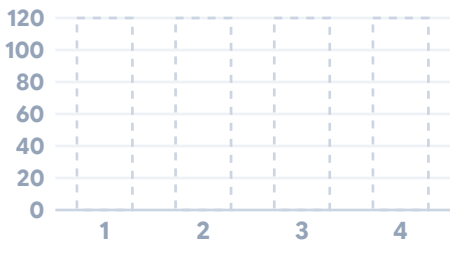
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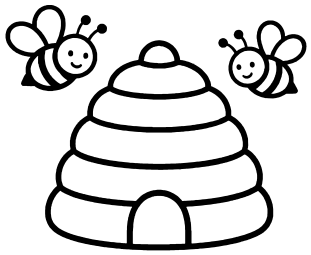


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Honeybees

Honeybees live together in a home called a hive. One hive can hold thousands 14
of bees. Each hive has one queen, and her job is to lay eggs. The worker bees 31
do almost all the other jobs. 37

Worker bees fly from flower to flower to find food. They drink a sweet juice 52
called nectar. They also gather pollen to feed the young bees. When a bee 66
finds good flowers, it flies home and does a dance. The dance shows the other 81
bees which way to go. 86

Back at the hive, the bees turn the nectar into honey. They store the honey in 102
wax cells. The bees eat it when there are no flowers to visit, such as on cold 119
winter days. 121

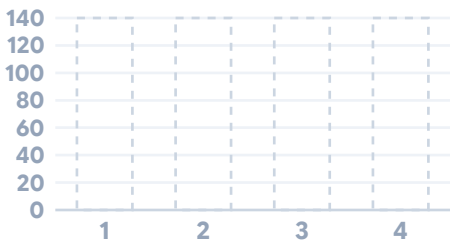
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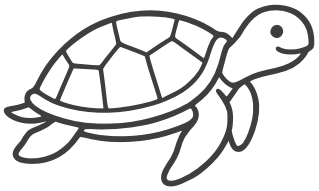


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Sea Turtles

Sea turtles are reptiles that live in the ocean. They swim with long, flat flippers. Many other turtles can pull their heads into their shells, but a sea turtle cannot. 30

A mother sea turtle comes onto a beach to lay her eggs, most often at night. She digs a hole in the sand with her back flippers. She lays about 100 eggs in it. Then she covers them with sand and goes back to the sea. 76

About two months later, the eggs hatch. The baby turtles dig their way out of the sand, often at night. Then they crawl to the water. The sky over the sea is brighter than the land. That light helps show them the way. 119

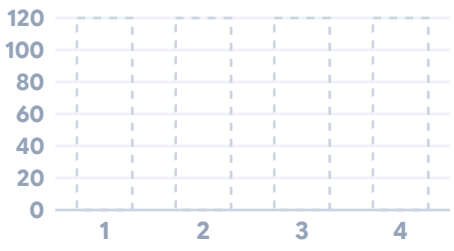
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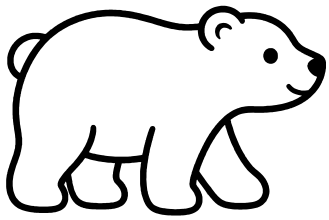


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Polar Bears

A polar bear has thick fur and a layer of fat called blubber under its skin. Both help keep it warm. Under its fur, its skin is black. Even the bottoms of its big paws have fur. The fur helps the bear walk on the ice without slipping. 48

Polar bears mostly eat seals. A bear waits by a hole in the ice where seals come up to breathe. When a seal pops up, the bear grabs it. A polar bear has a strong sense of smell. It can smell a seal from far away. 94

A mother bear digs a den in the snow. Her tiny cubs are born inside it. They drink her milk and grow there for a few months. Then the family comes out. The cubs stay with their mother for about two years. They learn to hunt by watching her. 143

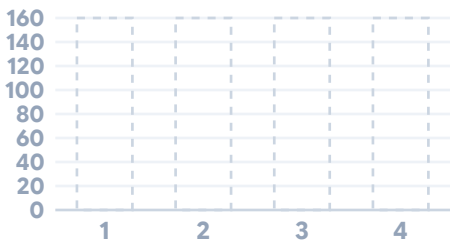
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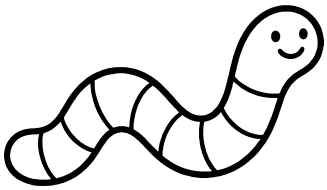


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Earthworms Help Gardens

Gardeners are happy to find earthworms in their soil. Earthworms help plants grow in three ways. 16

First, earthworms dig tunnels as they move through the soil. The tunnels let air and water reach the roots of plants. 37

Second, earthworms eat dead leaves and bits of plants. Their waste, called castings, makes the soil rich, so plants grow well. 58

Third, earthworms mix the soil as they move. They pull bits of dead leaves down from the top into the ground. 79

That is why a garden with lots of earthworms is a healthy garden. 92

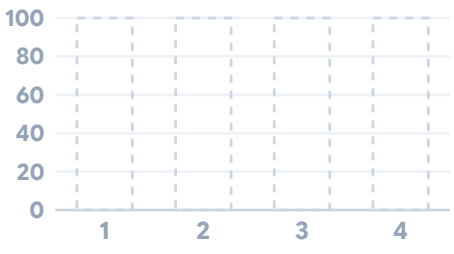
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