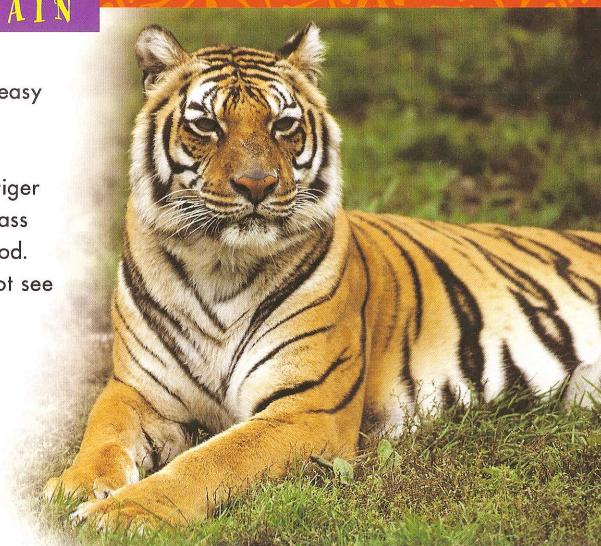


In the wild, these stripes spell danger! They belong to the world's largest cat.

A tiger's stripes are easy to see at the zoo.
But in the wild, these stripes help a tiger blend into the tall grass where it hunts for food.
Small animals may not see the prowling tiger until it is too late.

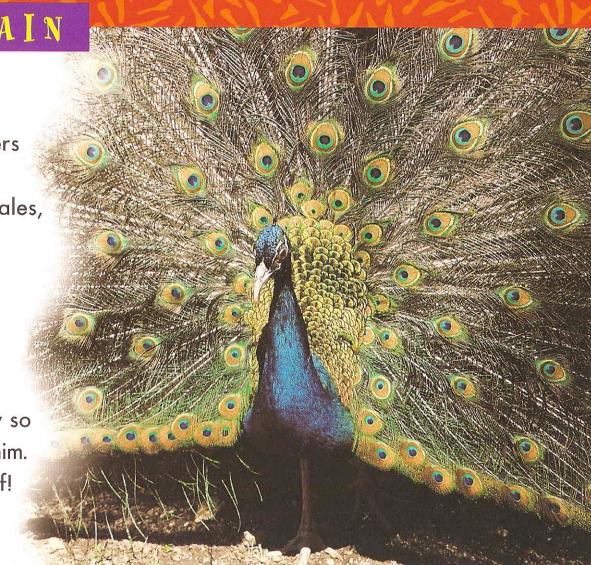


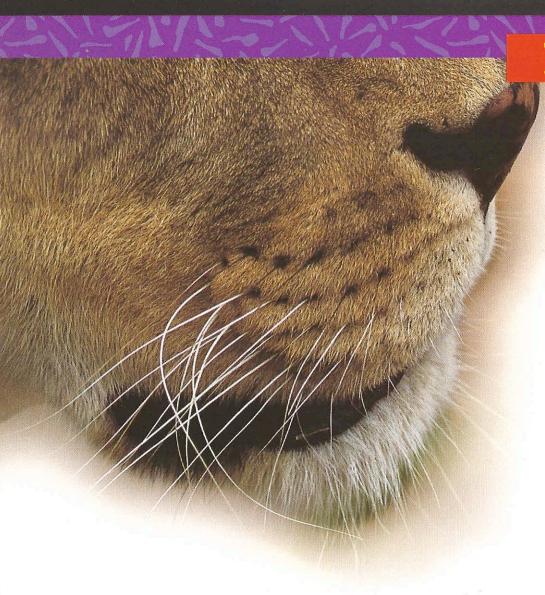


This spot is called an "eyespot."
It looks like an eye, but it cannot see.
It's on the tail of a big, colorful bird that roams the zoo.

The peacock
spreads his tail feathers
into a giant fan.
Only peacocks, the males,
have showy feathers
with eyespots.
Peahens, the females,
are dull brown.

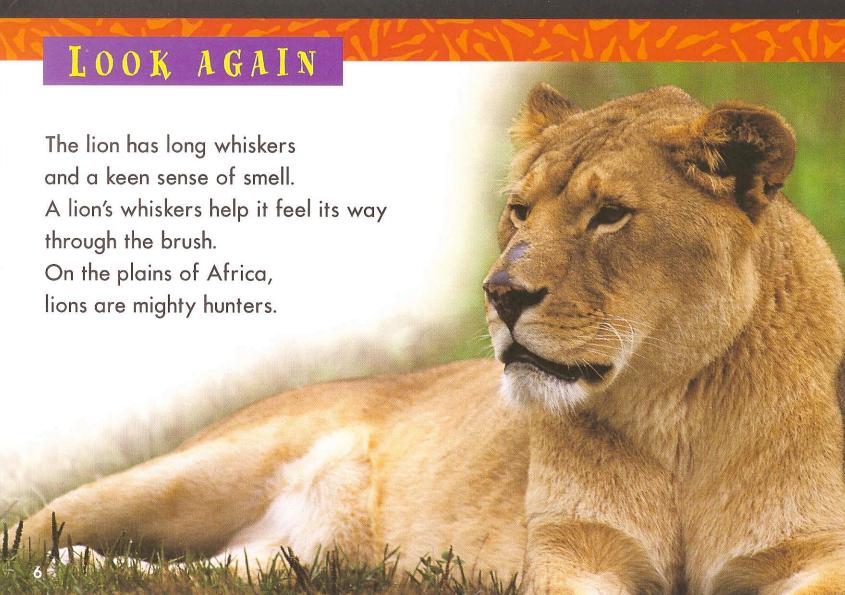
The peacock rattles his tail feathers loudly so a peahen will notice him. He is one big show-off!

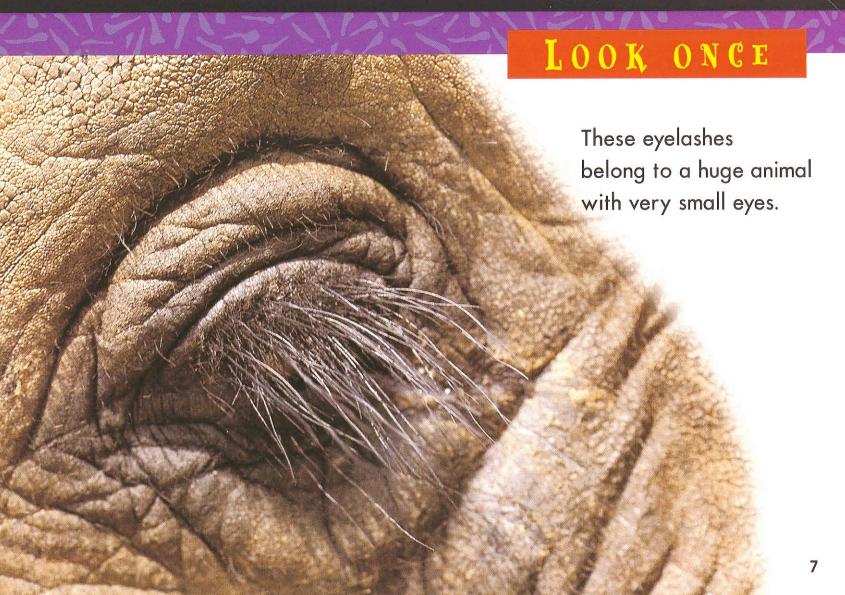




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What kind of cat has such long whiskers on its snout?





The long eyelashes
of the African elephant
help protect its eyes
from dust and sand.
African elephants are enormous.
Some stand thirteen feet high
and weigh seven tons.

Elephants stay warm
because they are so big.
They do not need a fur coat!
That is why an elephant
has very little hair.

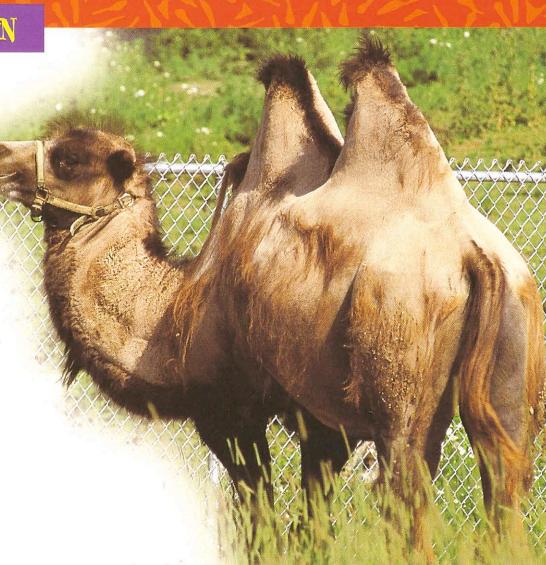


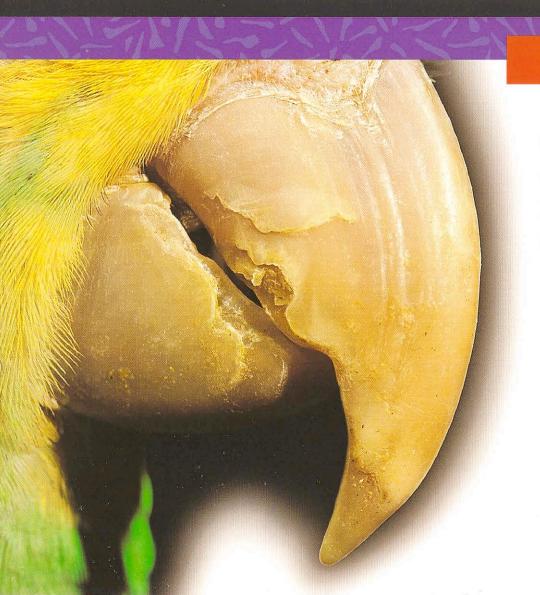
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Big hairy humps like these could only belong to a . . .



... camel. Camels with one hump are from Africa. Camels with two humps are from Asia. A camel stores food and water in its humps. It can go many days without eating or drinking.



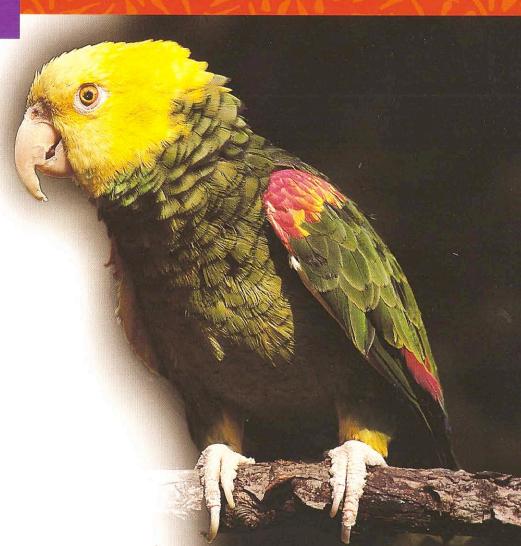


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It is strong and sharp.
It can crack the hardest nuts.
Don't stick your finger
into this nutcracker!

This Amazon parrot uses its beak to open nuts and seeds. It holds food with its feet, then reaches down with its thick, hooked beak. Crack! The shell falls to the ground.

Where does the seed go? Down the parrot's throat!



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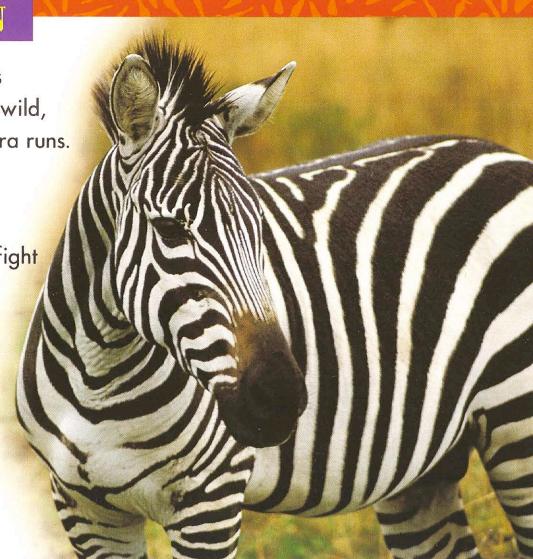
Do you see black stripes on white or white stripes on black? Only one animal wears stripes like these.



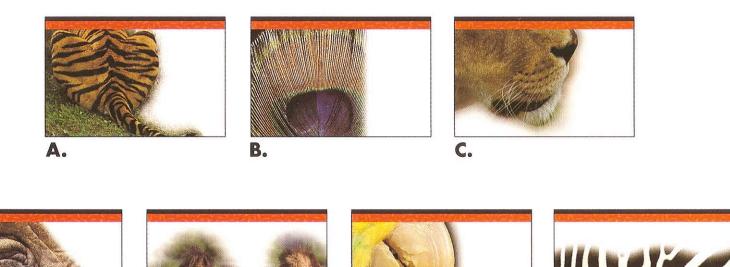
In the zoo, a zebra's stripes are easy to spot. But in the wild, the stripes blur when a zebra runs. Then it is harder for a lion to catch a zebra.

If it is caught, a zebra will fight with its powerful hooves.

Sometimes it can even kill a lion.



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Look closely. Can you name these animals?

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A. Tiger



B. Peacock



C. Lion



D. Elephant



E. Camel



F. Parrot



G. Zebra

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