Animal Trivia

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1. What is a group of crows called?

A. A pod **B.** A school **C.** A murder **D.** A gaggle

2. Which bird lays the largest eggs?

A. Swan **B.** Ostrich **C.** Emu **D.** Bald eagle

3. How many legs does a lobster have, counting the two with big claws?

A. 6 **B.** 10 **C.** 12 **D.** 8

4. Which animal is called the “ship of the desert”?

A. Llama **B.** Horse **C.** Donkey **D.** Camel

5. Which of these mammals lays eggs?

A. Beaver **B.** Armadillo **C.** Otter **D.** Platypus

6. Which mammal has the longest pregnancy?

A. Rhinoceros **B.** Blue whale **C.** Giraffe **D.** Elephant

7. What is a baby horse called?

A. A foal **B.** A calf **C.** A kid **D.** A cub

8. Which bird can fly backwards?

A. Hummingbird **B.** Robin **C.** Woodpecker **D.** Swallow

9. Which bird has the widest wingspan of any living bird?

A. Andean condor **B.** Golden eagle
C. Wandering albatross **D.** Great blue heron

10. Which is the largest of the big cats?

A. Leopard **B.** Jaguar **C.** Tiger **D.** Lion

11. What is a female deer called?

A. A jenny **B.** A doe **C.** A mare **D.** A sow

12. Koalas live almost entirely on the leaves of which tree?

A. Eucalyptus **B.** Oak **C.** Palm **D.** Acacia

13. Which sea creature has no brain, no heart and no bones?

A. Squid **B.** Octopus **C.** Jellyfish **D.** Sea turtle

14. Which bird is the fastest animal in the world when it dives?

A. Red-tailed hawk **B.** Peregrine falcon
C. Barn owl **D.** Bald eagle

15. What is the largest living reptile?

A. Saltwater crocodile **B.** Alligator snapping turtle
C. Green anaconda **D.** Komodo dragon

16. A cow’s stomach has how many compartments?

A. 2 **B.** 4 **C.** 3 **D.** 6

17. Which animal moves so slowly that green algae grow in its fur?

A. Lemur **B.** Koala **C.** Tortoise **D.** Sloth

18. Which lizard is famous for changing color?

A. Iguana **B.** Komodo dragon **C.** Gecko **D.** Chameleon

19. How many arms does a starfish usually have?

A. 8 **B.** 6 **C.** 5 **D.** 4

20. What word describes animals that are active at night?

A. Diurnal **B.** Nocturnal **C.** Migratory **D.** Dormant

21. Which gentle sea animal is nicknamed the “sea cow”?

A. Seal **B.** Dolphin **C.** Walrus **D.** Manatee

22. Which is the smallest dog breed?

A. Chihuahua **B.** Yorkshire terrier
C. Pomeranian **D.** Pug

23. Each fall, millions of monarch butterflies fly south to spend the winter in which country?

A. Mexico **B.** Brazil **C.** Cuba **D.** Guatemala

24. What makes flamingos pink?

A. The food they eat **B.** Their mud baths
C. The sunlight **D.** Their blood showing through

25. Which flightless bird is a national symbol of New Zealand?

A. Emu **B.** Penguin **C.** Kiwi **D.** Dodo

Answer Key

1. **C. A murder**
   A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle, a group of whales is a pod and a group of fish is a school.
2. **B. Ostrich**
   One ostrich egg weighs about three pounds, as much as two dozen chicken eggs.
3. **B. 10**
   Lobsters are decapods, a name that means “ten feet.”
4. **D. Camel**
   A camel’s hump stores fat, not water.
5. **D. Platypus**
   The echidna, also from Australia, is the only other kind of mammal that lays eggs.
6. **D. Elephant**
   About 22 months; a newborn elephant calf weighs around 200 pounds.
7. **A. A foal**
   A young male horse is a colt, and a young female is a filly.
8. **A. Hummingbird**
   Its wings beat so fast, about 50 times a second, that they hum.
9. **C. Wandering albatross**
   Its wings can measure about 11 feet from tip to tip.
10. **C. Tiger**
    A large male Siberian tiger can weigh more than 500 pounds.
11. **B. A doe**
    A male deer is a buck, and a baby deer is a fawn.
12. **A. Eucalyptus**
    Koalas are not bears; they are marsupials and carry their babies in a pouch, like kangaroos.

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Answer Key, continued

13. **C. Jellyfish**
    Jellyfish have drifted through the oceans for more than 500 million years.

14. **B. Peregrine falcon**
    Diving after its prey, it can pass 200 miles an hour.

15. **A. Saltwater crocodile**
    Large males can grow longer than 17 feet.

16. **B. 4**
    Cows bring their food back up as cud and chew it a second time.

17. **D. Sloth**
    The algae help hide it among the leaves of the rain forest.

18. **D. Chameleon**
    It changes color mostly to show its mood and to warm up or cool down, not only to hide.

19. **C. 5**
    Many starfish can grow back an arm they have lost.

20. **B. Nocturnal**
    Animals that are active in the daytime are called diurnal.

21. **D. Manatee**
    Adults often weigh about 1,000 pounds and graze on sea grass for hours a day.

22. **A. Chihuahua**
    It is named after the state of Chihuahua in Mexico.

23. **A. Mexico**
    They gather in fir forests in the mountains west of Mexico City.

24. **A. The food they eat**
    Tiny shrimp and algae they eat contain pink pigments; flamingo chicks are gray.

25. **C. Kiwi**
    New Zealanders are often called Kiwis after it.

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