

Mesker Park Zoo

Total Zoo Scavenger Hunt by Region

North America & Discovery Hill

1. Which cat is capable of purring? Why?
2. What is one of the “wonders of the wetlands”?
3. What is one of the Turkey Vulture’s ways of defending itself?
4. Which primate dad is so good the females fight over them?
5. Who’s latin name is “dog-mouse”?
6. Which of the predators near the Discovery Center has a prehensile tail?
7. What is a watershed?
8. Which cat has the longest legs in relation to its body?
9. Does a lone wolf howl?
10. Which bird’s endangered status helped pass the Endangered Species Act?



Kley Valley & Children's Enchanted Forest

1. Which group of primates is considered the most endangered by World Wildlife International?
2. What animal is the most carnivorous of the raccoon family?
3. What tortoises are called "the elephants of the tortoise world?"
4. How long can a River Otter hold its breath?
5. What year did Pharaoh Hatshepsut begin one of the first recorded zoos?
6. Bones of a giant beaver have been found in Indiana – how big was it?
7. How do Ring-Tailed Lemurs fight?
8. What kind of raccoon is found in the South American rainforests?
9. How did the Sinaloa Milk Snake get its name?
10. Which snake has legs?



Amazonia



1. When do Caimans hunt? _____
2. When a Side-Neck Turtle wants to hide his head, how does he do it?
3. Which large fish in Amazonia are very protective parents? (hint: they even slap the water to scare away other fish) _____
4. Which fish is also called a water monkey? _____
5. Every _____ seconds an area of Amazonia the size of a football field is destroyed.
6. Who in the rainforest can “walk on water?” _____
7. The Amazon River basin is so large that _____ would fit inside it.
8. What snake is named for the way the sunlight shines on its scales? _____
9. Which monkeys can leap from tree trunk to tree trunk without disturbing the branches?
10. What is the only true flying mammal? _____
11. What animal has a prehensile tail? _____
12. How long does it take a sloth to digest its food? _____
13. How did the Strangler Fig get its name?
14. Which animal’s tail can detach if it needs to get away? _____
15. Besides providing nutrients to trees what do tree roots do?

Australia/Asia Valley/Africa



1. Which bird symbolizes a faithful marriage in Asia? _____

2. Name an animal at the zoo with horns. _____

3. Name an animal at the zoo with antlers. _____



4. Which Tiger has a longer coat and extra layer of belly fat? _____

5. Which deer were almost hunted to extinction by trophy hunters?

6. About how many Sumatran tigers are left in the wild? _____

7. Who sits on an Emu nest, the male or female? _____

8. How fast can an ostrich run? _____

9. What is the only true wild horse? _____

10. Which Deer depends on Langur monkey's for food and as "look outs?"



Answer Sheet.

North America & Discovery Hill

1. Clouded Leopard – because they lack the bone that allows big cats to roar!
2. Natural buffer against pollution, soil erosion and flooding
3. Vomiting on its attacker
4. Cotton-top Tamarins
5. Prairie Dog
6. Binturong
7. The land that water flows over, under or through on its way to a stream
8. Serval
9. No!
10. Bald Eagle

Kley Valley and Children's Enchanted Forest

1. Lemurs
2. Cacomistles
3. Aldabra Tortoises
4. 4 minutes!
5. 1494
6. The size of a black bear – 700 pounds
7. Stink Wars! – they rub scent on their tails and wave them
8. Coaitmundi
9. An old folk tale – they sucked the milk from nursing cows
10. Dumeril's Boa

Amazonia

1. At night, they are nocturnal.
2. They fold it sideways into their shell
3. Pirarucu
4. Aruana
5. 10 seconds
6. Purple Gallinule
7. The United States
8. Rainbow Boa
9. Goeldi's Monkey
10. Bats!
11. Prehensile-tailed porcupine

12. Up to a month
13. Because it literally hugs other trees to death
14. Tegu
15. Prevent soil erosion and stabilize habitats

Australia/Africa/Asia Valley

1. Sarus Crane
2. Sititunga, goat, giraffe – horns are permanent
3. Muntjac, any of the deer – antlers are shed
4. Siberian
5. Barisingha – we have one of the few breeding herds in North America
6. 500
7. Male
8. 35 mph
9. Przewalski's Horse
10. Axis Deer