Animal Facts Quiz: True or False

Read each sentence. Circle TRUE if it is a real animal fact. Circle FALSE if it is not. Every true sentence comes from the animal facts pages and has a named source.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Lion

1. Lions live in family groups called prides. A pride can have up to 30 lions! TRUE FALSE
2. A lion's roar is so loud it can be heard about 700 miles away. TRUE FALSE
3. Lions are champion nappers who rest for up to 21 hours every day. TRUE FALSE

Elephant

4. An elephant's trunk is a nose and an upper lip in one. It has no bones. TRUE FALSE
5. At the San Diego Zoo, an elephant drinks about 20 to 190 gallons of water every day. TRUE FALSE
6. The tip of the trunk works like two little fingers. It can pick up a single leaf or a berry. TRUE FALSE

Penguin

7. Penguins are birds, but they cannot fly. They are made for swimming. TRUE FALSE
8. A penguin can swim up to 400 miles an hour. TRUE FALSE
9. A penguin's wings are stiff flippers. They push the penguin through the water. TRUE FALSE

Whale Shark

10. The whale shark is the biggest fish in the whole ocean, and it is a shark, not a whale. TRUE FALSE
11. Most grown-up whale sharks measure between 18 and 64 feet long, and a few grow even longer. TRUE FALSE
12. Every whale shark has its own pattern of light spots and stripes, a bit like your fingerprints. TRUE FALSE

Answer key

Adults: every true sentence is a fact from our animal pages. Under each answer you will find the source and the date we checked it.

Lion

1. **True.** Lions live in family groups called prides. A pride can have up to 30 lions! Source: San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Lion. Checked 2026-10-03.
2. **False.** The real fact is: A lion's roar is so loud it can be heard about 3 miles away. Source: San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Lion. Checked 2026-10-03.
3. **True.** Lions are champion nappers who rest for up to 21 hours every day. Source: San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Lion. Checked 2026-10-03.

Elephant

4. **True.** An elephant's trunk is a nose and an upper lip in one. It has no bones. Source: San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Elephant. Checked 2026-10-05.
5. **False.** The real fact is: At the San Diego Zoo, an elephant drinks about 20 to 50 gallons of water every day. Source: San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Elephant. Checked 2026-10-05.
6. **True.** The tip of the trunk works like two little fingers. It can pick up a single leaf or a berry. Source: National Geographic Kids, African elephant. Checked 2026-10-05.

Penguin

7. **True.** Penguins are birds, but they cannot fly. They are made for swimming. Source: National Geographic, Penguins. Checked 2026-10-05.
8. **False.** The real fact is: A penguin can swim up to 15 miles an hour. Source: National Geographic: Penguins; San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance: African penguin. Checked 2026-10-05.
9. **True.** A penguin's wings are stiff flippers. They push the penguin through the water. Source: National Geographic, Penguins. Checked 2026-10-05.

Whale Shark

10. **True.** The whale shark is the biggest fish in the whole ocean, and it is a shark, not a whale. Source: National Geographic Kids: Whale shark; Florida Museum: Whale shark. Checked 2026-10-06.
11. **False.** The real fact is: Most grown-up whale sharks measure between 18 and 32 feet long, and a few grow even longer. Source: National Geographic Kids: Whale shark; Georgia Aquarium: Whale shark. Checked 2026-10-06.
12. **True.** Every whale shark has its own pattern of light spots and stripes, a bit like your fingerprints. Source: National Geographic Kids: Whale shark; Georgia Aquarium: Whale shark. Checked 2026-10-06.