

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. Story time

Go to <https://youtu.be/wG1hEqmjkcQ>

Re-listen to *It's a Book*.

- What do you know about monkeys, donkeys and mice?

2. Play a game of Top Trumps

You are going to play a game of *Animal Top Trumps*.

- If don't already know how to, read *Playing Top Trumps*.
- Deal out the cards and begin your game!

3. Design and write some Top Trumps cards

You are going to make four further cards to go in your Animal Top Trumps deck.

- Decide which four new animals you want to have on your cards.
- Draw these animals on [blank Top Trump cards](#).
- Get a grown up to help you find books and websites where you can discover the information you need to complete your cards.

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Look at the book's title – *It's a Book*.
- How many words can you make out of the letters in the title?
- A two-letter word gets 2 points, a three-letter word gets 3 points and so on.

Playing Top Trumps

Playing with a friend

1. Cut out the *Animal Top Trumps* cards.
2. Shuffle the cards. Deal them, one by one, to each player, face down.
3. Choose who will start the game.
4. That player picks a card from their set and names the animal on the card.
5. Then they decide on a category, e.g. *Speed*, and read out their animal's speed.
6. The other player then names their animal and says what speed it can go.
7. The player with the bigger answer takes their opponent's card and has the next go.
8. If the answer is the same, the player whose go it is decides on another category and tries again.
9. The winner is the first person to win all the cards!

Playing alone

1. Cut out the *Animal Top Trumps* cards.
2. Shuffle the cards and deal them out into two piles, face down.
3. One of the piles of cards is yours – pick up the top card and look at all the facts.
4. Select a category, e.g. *Speed*, and check what its answer is.
5. Now turn over the top card on the other pile.
6. Is your answer better? You keep both cards!
7. Was their answer better? Put both cards at the bottom of the other pile.
8. The game is over when one of the piles contains all the cards!

CHIMPANZEE



Speed	34 mph
Weight	35 kg
Intelligence	*****
Lifespan	32 years
Fascinating Fact	Some chimps have learned to use rocks as tools to crack open nuts so that they can eat the kernels.

MOUSE



Speed	6 mph
Weight	19 g
Intelligence	***
Lifespan	6 years
Fascinating Fact	A mouse will eat between 15 and 20 times every day!

DONKEY



Speed	40 mph
Weight	80 kg
Intelligence	**
Lifespan	27 years
Fascinating Fact	Donkeys have very sharp hearing and in the desert can hear another donkey braying up to 60 miles away!

ELEPHANT



Speed	25 mph
Weight	6,000 kg
Intelligence	*****
Lifespan	60 years
Fascinating Fact	An elephant's tusks are actually teeth – imagine if you had two teeth that stuck out that far!

CHEETAH



Speed	75 mph
Weight	40 kg
Intelligence	****
Lifespan	20 years
Fascinating Fact	The cheetah is the fastest land animal on the planet.

GIRAFFE



Speed	40 mph
Weight	800 kg
Intelligence	***
Lifespan	26 years
Fascinating Fact	A giraffe only needs to drink water once every few days. They get most of their water from the plants they eat.

ANT



Speed	$\frac{1}{2}$ mph
Weight	2 mg
Intelligence	*
Lifespan	2 years
Fascinating Fact	An ant can lift up an object that is 20 times its own bodyweight. That is like a person being able to lift a car.

BOA CONSTRICTOR



Speed	1 mph
Weight	12 kg
Intelligence	**
Lifespan	25 years
Fascinating Fact	A female boa constrictor can give birth to up to 60 babies at a go.

GAZELLE



Speed	60 mph
Weight	23 kg
Intelligence	***
Lifespan	10 years
Fascinating Fact	Gazelles do a 'pronk' or 'stott' – a kind of bouncing walk that tells other creatures there is danger nearby.

RHINO



Speed	31 mph
Weight	2,300 kg
Intelligence	**
Lifespan	45 years
Fascinating Fact	Birds called Oxpeckers often ride around on rhinos' backs, eating the pesky ticks and insects that would otherwise irritate the poor rhinos.

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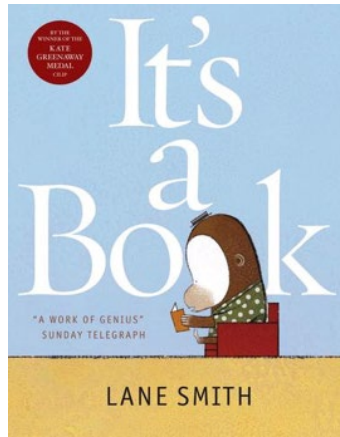
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Use the letters in the title of the book to spell words.

How many words can you make?

- Work out your score – a two-letter word gets 2 points, a three-letter word gets 3 points and so on.

Score: _____