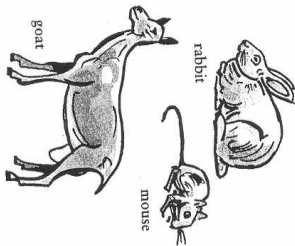


40 Animals and insects

A Pets and farm animals

Many people keep pets (= domestic animals that live with people) in Britain. The most common are dogs and cats, but children in particular sometimes keep mice (singular = a mouse) and rabbits.



Farm animals include: sheep, pigs, cows, horses, chickens and goats.

Note: The word 'sheep' is the singular and plural form i.e. a sheep or some sheep. A young sheep is called a lamb.

B Wild animals

In a zoo or in the wild, you will find these wild animals.



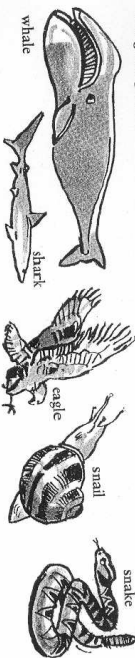
C Common insects

Here are some common insects.



D In the water, in the air, and on the ground

Here are some creatures (= living things, e.g. animals, birds, fish) that swim, fly, or move along the ground.



Exercises

40.1

Look at the underlined letters in each pair of words. Is the pronunciation the same or different? Look at the examples first.

Examples: whale water (different) cat camel (same)

- | | | | |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 lion | tiger | 6 monkey | mosquito |
| 2 leopard | mosquito | 7 camel | snake |
| 3 bear | eagle | 8 leopard | shark |
| 4 gorilla | giraffe | 9 dog | wasp |
| 5 spider | wild | 10 mouse | cow |

40.2

Divide these words into three groups and give each one a title.

- | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|------|-------|-------|-----|----------|------|----------|
| monkey | horse | goat | fly | lion | cow | elephant | pig | mosquito |
| butterfly | tiger | wasp | sheep | camel | ant | leopard | bear | chicken |

40.3

Start each sentence with a suitable creature from the opposite page.

- can fly at a great height.
- can swim very long distances.
- can understand lots of human commands.
- can run very fast.
- can travel through the desert for long distances without water.
- can be 30 metres in length.
- can eat fruit from tall trees.
- change their skin several times a year.
- can pick things up with their trunk.
- provide us with wool.

40.4

Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- They've got lots of pets: two dogs, four cats, and a
- Their farm animals include cows, sheep and
- The children love to see the 'big cats' at the zoo such as lions, tigers and
- I hate most insects, but particularly mosquitoes and
- We saw some really large animals at the Safari Park: elephants, giraffes and

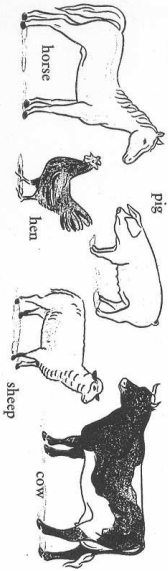
40.5

Can you match these creatures with their maximum speeds?

lion	spider	elephant	64 kph	0.05 kph	80 kph
rabbit	pig	snail	56 kph	40 kph	18 kph
shark	golden eagle		270 kph	1.88 kph	

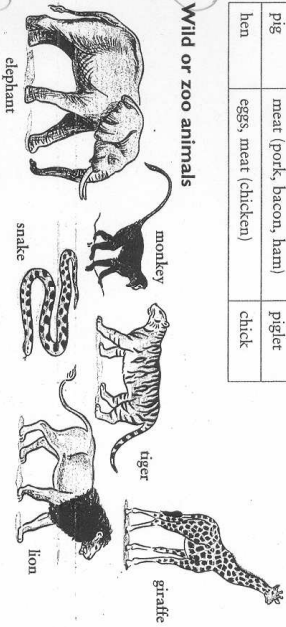
40 Animals and pets

A Farm animals



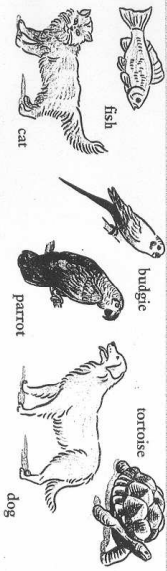
animal	produce	baby
horse		foal
cow	milk, leather, meat (beef)	calf
sheep	wool, meat (lamb)	lamb
pig	meat (pork, bacon, ham)	piglet
hen	eggs, meat (chicken)	chick

B Wild or zoo animals



C Pets

These animals are often pets.



Parrots and budgies are birds. You take your dog for a walk but you don't usually take your cat for a walk.

Exercises

40.1

Complete these sentences.

- A *torpidge* goes to sleep in winter.
- A has a very long neck.
- and are birds.
- and are large cats.
- You can ride a and an
- swim and fly.
- You can buy at a butcher's.
- and give us things for breakfast.

40.2

Match the animal with its meat and with its young animal. Draw lines.

- | | | |
|--------|---------|--------|
| animal | meat | young |
| sheep | chicken | piglet |
| cow | pork | lamb |
| hen | beef | calf |
| pig | lamb | chick |

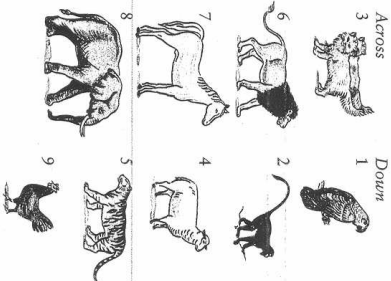
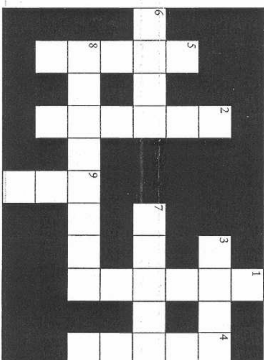
40.3

Look at the animals opposite. Which of them ...

- eat meat?
- give us things that we wear?
- produce their babies in eggs?

40.4

Look at the pictures and complete the crossword.

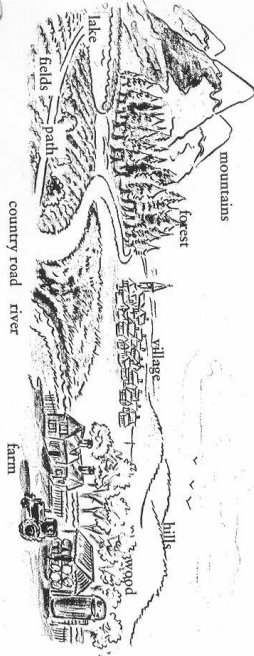


40.5 There are 17 different animals in the pictures on the opposite page. Cover the page. How many of these animals can you remember?

39 In the countryside

The countryside and the country both mean 'not the city'. Country can also mean a nation (e.g. France, China).

A Things we can see in the countryside

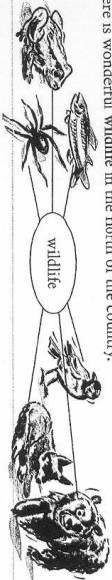


B Living and working in the countryside

In the countryside, people usually live in a small town (e.g. 6,000 people) or village (*village* (e.g. 700 people)).
A farmer lives on a farm and works in the fields.
My friend lives in a cottage (*cottage*) (small house in a village or out in the countryside).

C Nature *ˈneɪtʃə/* and conservation *ˌkɒnsə'veɪʃən*

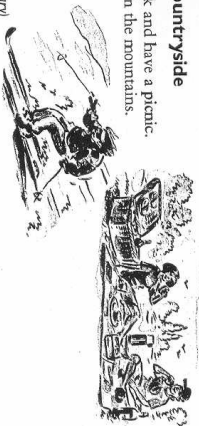
Nature means 'everything in the natural world' (= animals, birds, plants, etc.).
I love nature. [NOT I love the nature!]
I like walking in the countryside. [NOT I like walking in the nature. 'Nature' is not a place.]
When we talk about animals, birds, fish and insects, we can say *wildlife*.
There is wonderful wildlife in the north of the country.



Near the village there is a conservation area (= place where wildlife and nature are protected).
In the south of the country, there is a national park (= very big national conservation area).

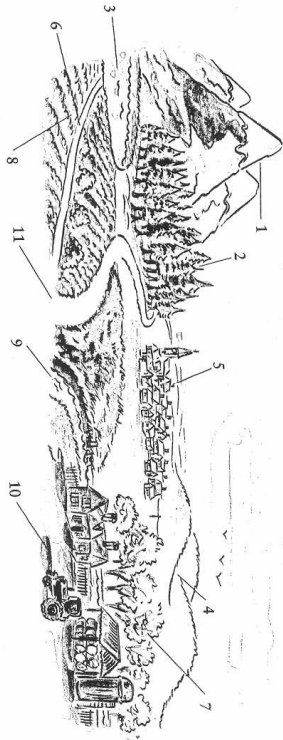
D Things to do in the countryside

You can take food and drink and have a picnic.
You can go walking/skiing in the mountains.



Exercises

39.1 Cover the left-hand page. How many names of things in the countryside can you remember?



39.2 Fill the gaps in these sentences.

- 1 My brother is a *farmer*. He lives a farm.
- 2 It's not a big house; it's just a; it has 800 people.
- 3 The farm is near a It has 9,000 people.
- 4 20 kilometres from the village there is a small

39.3

Match the beginning of the sentences on the left with the ends of the sentences on the right.

- Draw lines.
- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 We went swimming | sitting by the river. |
| 2 We went walking | in the national park. |
| 3 We went skiing | in the lake. The water was warm. |
| 4 We saw some wonderful wildlife | along a 5-kilometre path. |
| 5 We had a picnic | down the mountain. |

39.4

Describe the typical countryside where you come from. Write four sentences about it. Use these questions to help you.

- 1 Are there any woods or forests?
- 2 Are there any hills or mountains?
- 3 Are there any lakes or rivers?
- 4 Are there many villages or small towns?
- 5 Are there farms?
- 6 Are there paths where you can walk?
- 7 Can you go skiing?
- 8 Can you see wildlife?

39.5 Put *the* in the sentence if necessary.

- 1 He loves nature.
- 2 She wants to live in country.
- 3 They are interested in wildlife.

Word study

Words which represent sounds

Exercise 3



Read the story below. Underline the words that represent sounds.

Two mice were sitting in their hole. They were afraid to go out because they'd just heard the cat come into the room. 'Miaow, miaow,' it said softly. Suddenly they heard paws running across the ground. They listened, 'Woof! Woof! Woof!' they heard. One mouse turned to the other. 'It's all right, now,' he said. 'The dog's chased it away.' The mice left their hole, whereupon the cat leapt on them, killed them and ate them. The cat lay down, purring. 'I always knew it would be useful to learn a second language,' it said.

Exercise 4

Match the sounds in List A with the animals in List B. Write each number in the appropriate box.

List A

- | | |
|--------------|----------------------|
| 1 moo | 9 cluck |
| 2 baa | 10 quack |
| 3 woof | 11 hoot |
| 4 bray | 12 cock-a-doodle-doo |
| 5 miaow | 13 roar |
| 6 hiss | 14 tweet, tweet |
| 7 oink, oink | 15 squawk |
| 8 squeak | 16 buzz |

List B

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> duck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> owl | <input type="checkbox"/> dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mouse | <input type="checkbox"/> cock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> snake | <input type="checkbox"/> cat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cow | <input type="checkbox"/> pig |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lion | <input type="checkbox"/> bird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hen | <input type="checkbox"/> parrot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bee | <input type="checkbox"/> donkey |

Exercise 5

Match the sounds in List A with the things happening in List B. Write each number in the appropriate box.

List A

- 1 pop
- 2 splash
- 3 bang
- 4 boom
- 5 honk, honk
- 6 tick-tock
- 7 ting-a-ling
- 8 rat-tat-tat
- 9 buzz

List B

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a door slamming shut |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a champagne bottle opening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a car horn being pushed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | an alarm ringing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | something falling into water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a door being knocked |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a bell/buzzer being pushed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a clock ticking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | an explosion |