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Suitable for students aged 7+

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Theme: Animal Characteristics

Age range: 7 +

Context:

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You may have other animals that you wish to include. If you make your own version please send it to the address below.

Preparation:

Print out the A4 sheets. Make up the A3 game board by trimming off the white borders and gluing the top half to the bottom half.

If possible, laminate the Game Board and cover the card pages with 'clear PVC self adhesive film'. Then cut out the squares to make the Playing Cards.

HOW TO PLAY CONNECT FOUR:

You need four people, one Game Board and two sets of cards (different colour borders).

Work with a partner to make a team of two.

Shuffle your team's cards and place them in a pile face down.

Take turns to turn over your top card and decide where to put it on the board.

Everyone has to agree that the card fits the description.

The team with the first four cards in a line either vertically, horizontally or diagonally wins.

Try to build the connections, but don't forget you can block your opponents too!

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to name the characteristics of various animals.

If you have found further learning outcomes please share them by emailing collaborate@mantralingua.com.

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use TalkingPEN to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)



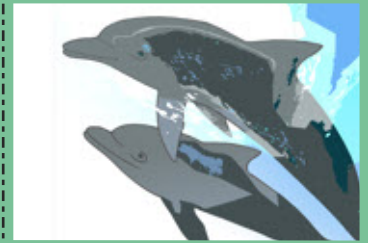
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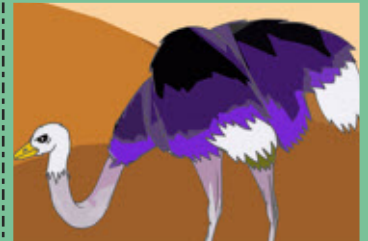
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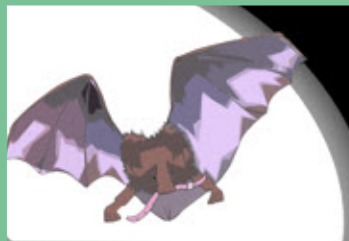
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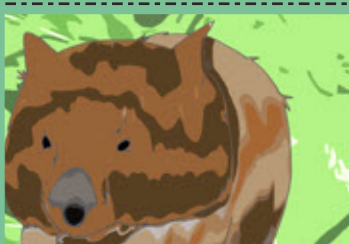
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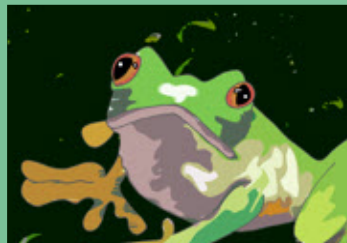
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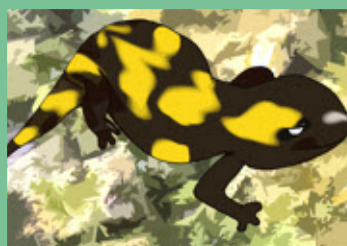
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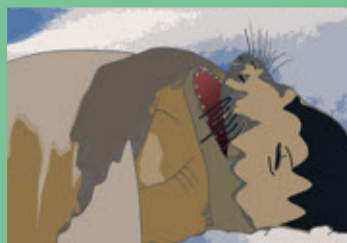
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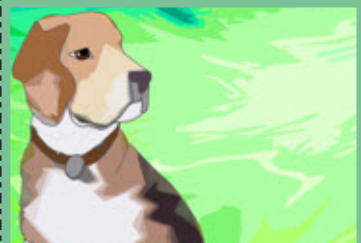
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slow worm



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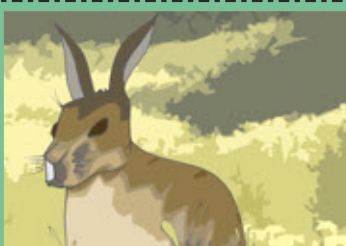
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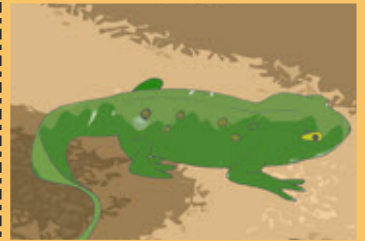
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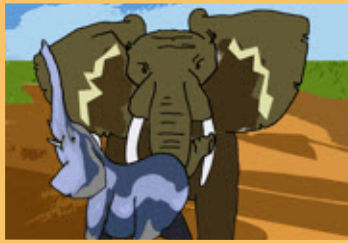
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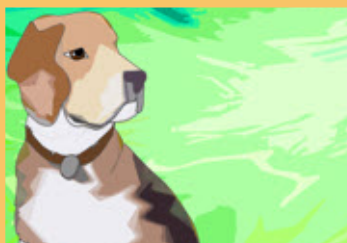
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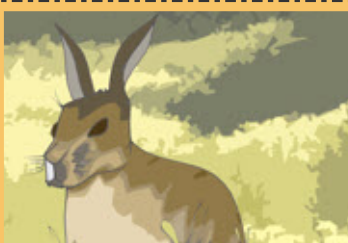
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JUNGLE BOARD

has moist skin but
no scales

lays eggs and has
feathers

breathes in water

does not have feathers
but is warm blooded

lays eggs on land and
is cold blooded

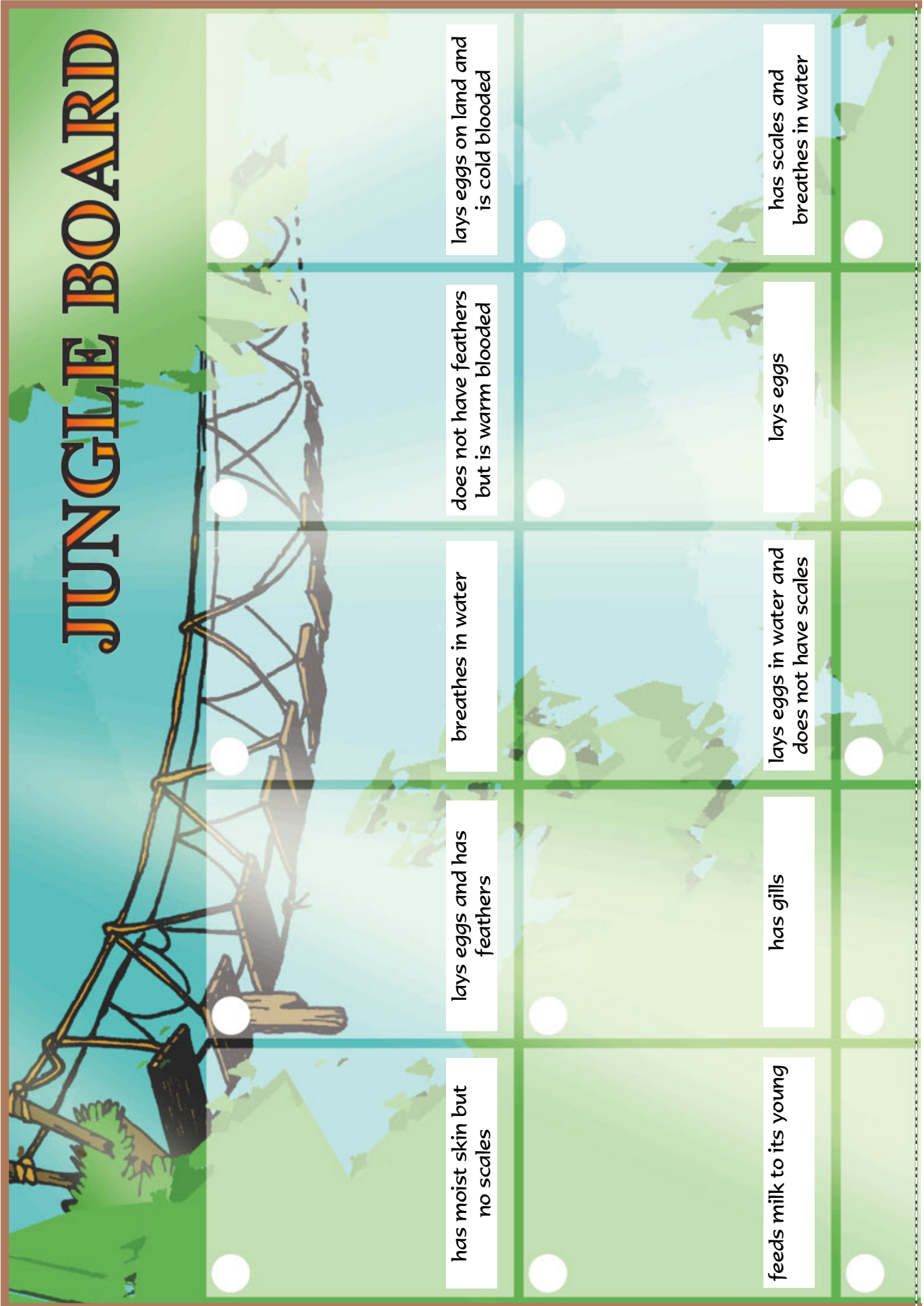
feeds milk to its young

has gills

lays eggs in water and
does not have scales

lays eggs

has scales and
breathes in water



Vertebrate Connect Four - Board

