

Egg-Laying Mammals Workbook

A printable AnimalSake activity pack

Name: _____



Fur



Milk



Egg



Habitat



Read



Sort



Compare



Quiz

Mammal Exception

Most mammals give birth to live young. A few lay eggs.

Mammal clues



Mammals have hair or fur.



Baby mammals drink milk.

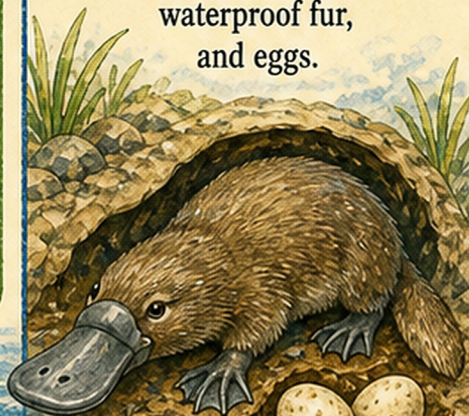


Mammals are warm-blooded.

The egg-layers

Platypus

A river mammal with a bill, webbed feet, waterproof fur, and eggs.



Echidna

A spiny mammal with a long sticky tongue and a single egg.



The rule

Most mammals:



hair or fur



milk



warm-blooded



The exception

A few mammals lay eggs.



Special word



Monotreme means an egg-laying mammal.

Remember

Platypuses and echidnas are mammals, even though they lay eggs.



Sort the Animal Clues

Write M for mammal, B for bird, or R for reptile.



Has hair or fur _____



Baby drinks milk _____



Has feathers _____



Has dry scales _____



Most lay eggs _____



Is warm-blooded _____

Mammal

Bird

Reptile

Platypus clue card



- lays eggs
- has fur
- feeds milk
- lives near water

What is it?

Echidna clue card



- lays one egg
- has spines
- feeds milk
- uses a sticky tongue

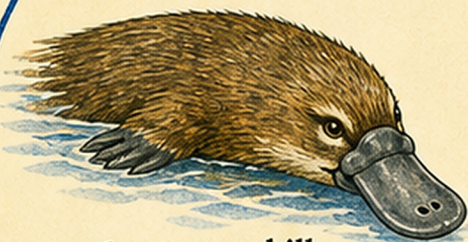
What is it?

Platypus and Echidna Compare

Both are monotremes, but they live differently.

Platypus

river and stream habitat



bill



webbed feet



waterproof fur



Echidna

woodland and grassland habitat



spines



sticky tongue



strong digging claws



Both



mammal



egg-laying



warm-blooded



feeds milk

My comparison sentence:

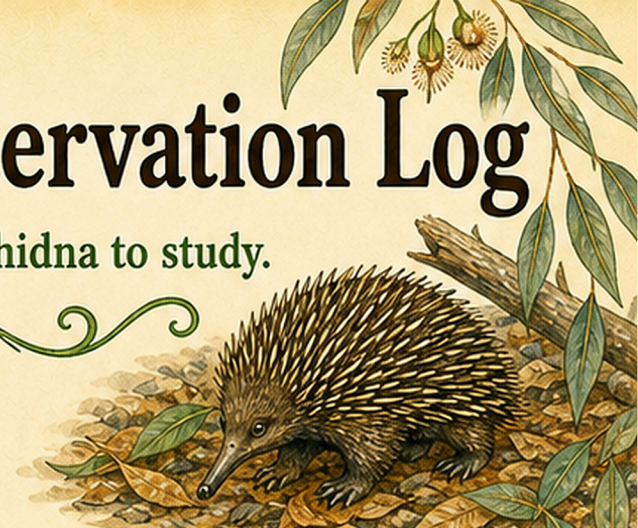
A platypus and an echidna are alike because _____

They are different because _____



Monotreme Observation Log

Choose a platypus or an echidna to study.



Animal: _____



Source: video / book / zoo / article



Habitat I saw: _____



Body coverings: _____

Body parts I noticed



bill



spines



webbed feet



claws



fur



snout

Draw the animal and habitat

A large, empty dashed-line box intended for drawing the animal and its habitat. The box is rectangular with rounded corners and a dashed border.

One mammal clue: _____



One egg-laying clue: _____



One question I have: _____

Care note



Observe respectfully and protect wild habitats.



Egg-Laying Mammal Quick Quiz

Circle the best answer.

1. What is a monotreme?

(A) an egg-laying mammal

(B) a bird nest

(C) a baby reptile

2. Which animal is a monotreme?

(A) platypus

(B) lion

(C) chicken

3. What do baby mammals drink?

(A) milk

(B) sand

(C) leaves

4. Which monotreme has spines?

(A) echidna

(B) dolphin

(C) frog

5. Which monotreme has a bill and webbed feet?

(A) platypus

(B) tiger

(C) moth

Bonus Draw

Draw a platypus or echidna habitat.

Answer Check

1 A

2 A

3 A

4 A

5 A