

CRAZY, BUT TRUE: ANIMALS



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Interactive Learning Guides

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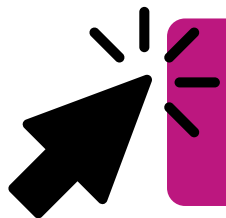
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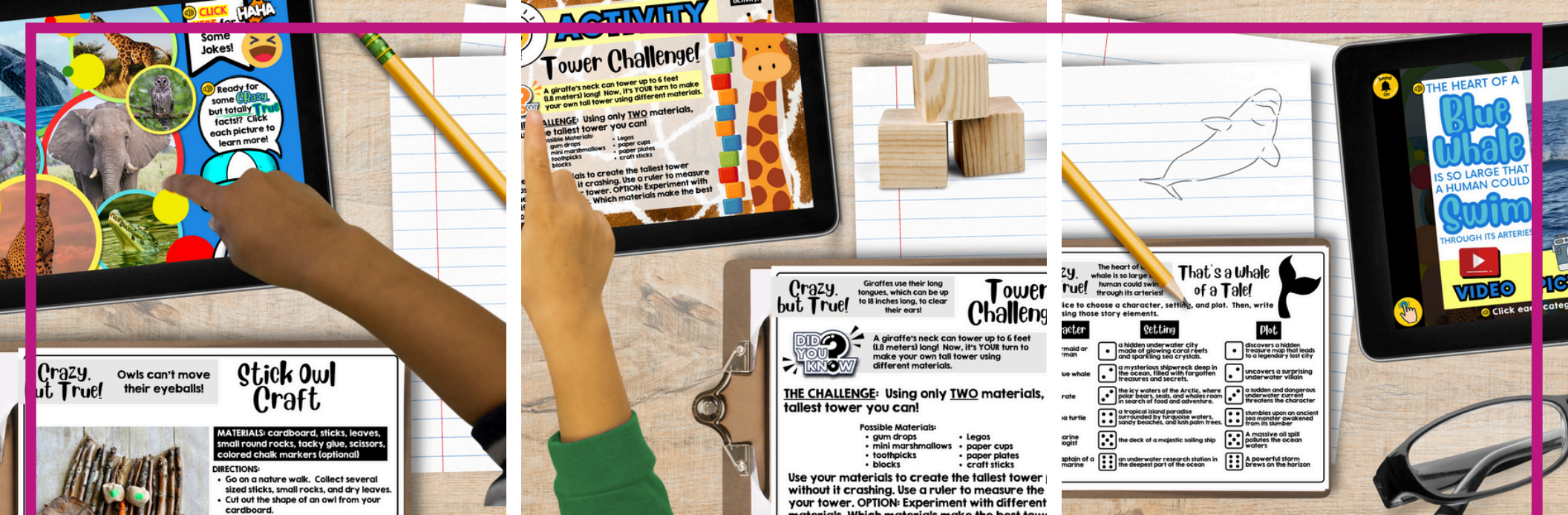
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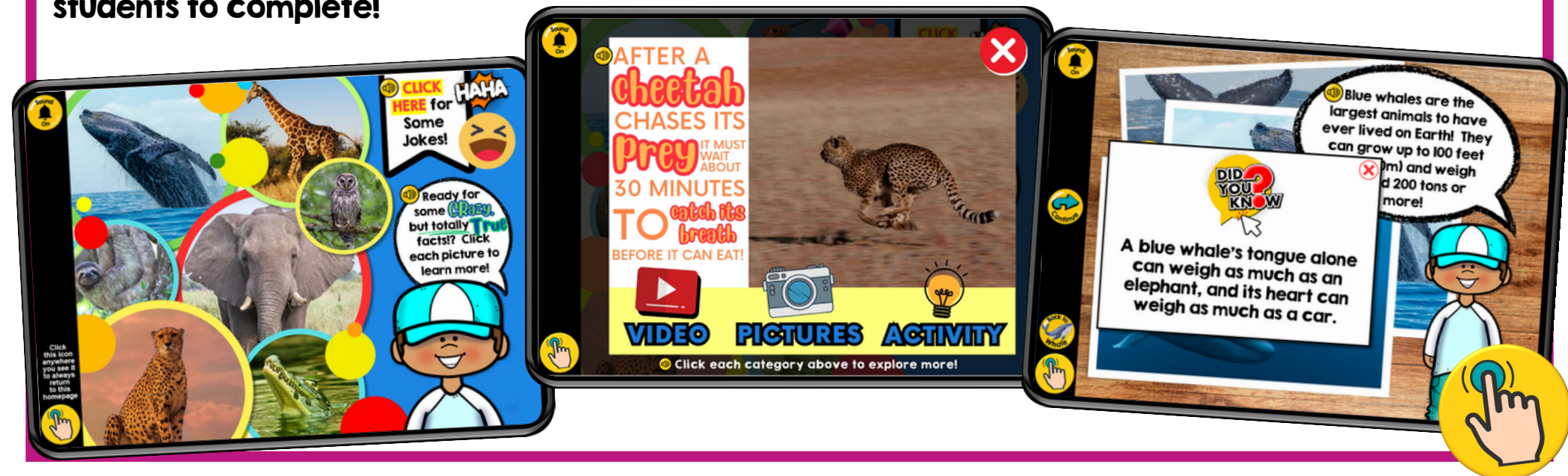


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In our "Crazy, but True! series," students will uncover astonishing facts about life, our world, people, and historical events! In the "Crazy Animals LINKtivity," students will become captivated by animals from around the world. From the largest animals such as blue whales to the slowest ones like sloths, students will discover amazing facts about each creature! Each animal is accompanied by kid-friendly videos, images, maps, and graphics, along with a fun activity for students to complete!



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THE HEART OF A **Blue Whale** IS SO LARGE THAT A HUMAN COULD **Swim** THROUGH ITS ARTERIES!




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Blue whales are the largest animals to have ever lived on Earth! They can grow up to 100 feet long and weigh up to 200 tons or more!

DID YOU KNOW?

A blue whale's tongue alone can weigh as much as an elephant, and its heart can weigh as much as a car.



ACTIVITY That's a Whale of a Tale!

Roll the dice to choose a character, setting, and plot. Then, write a story using those story elements.

| Character | Setting | Plot |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> a pirate | <input type="checkbox"/> the icy waters of the Arctic, where polar bears, seals, and whales roam in search of food and adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> a sudden and dangerous underwater current threatens the character |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a sea turtle | <input type="checkbox"/> a tropical island paradise surrounded by turquoise waters, sandy beaches, and lush palm trees | <input type="checkbox"/> stumbles upon an ancient sea monster awakened from its slumber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a marine biologist | <input type="checkbox"/> the deck of a majestic sailing ship | <input type="checkbox"/> A massive oil spill pollutes the ocean waters |
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Giraffes USE THEIR LONG tongues, WHICH CAN BE UP TO 18 INCHES LONG, TO CLEAN THEIR **Ears!**



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AFTER A cheetah CHASES ITS Prey IT MUST WAIT ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO catch its breath BEFORE IT CAN EAT!



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Cheetahs have long, slender bodies and a large nasal passage. This allows them to take bigger breaths during sprints. They also have semi-retractable claws that act like cleats for a better grip while running.



ACTIVITY Alligator SLAP!

HOW TO PLAY:

Divide up the number cards evenly between two partners. Decide who will be partner 1 and who will be partner 2.

At the same time, each partner flips up one of their cards and places it on the SLAP! mat in their assigned box. Quickly decide which symbol should be placed between the two numbers (<, =, or >).

The first partner to slap the correct symbol collects both cards. The partner to collect all cards wins.



ACTIVITY Tower Challenge!

A giraffe's neck can tower up to 6 feet (1.8 meters) long! Now, it's YOUR turn to make your own tall tower using different materials.

THE CHALLENGE: Using only TWO materials, build the tallest tower you can!

Possible Materials:

- gum drops
- mini marshmallows
- toothpicks
- blocks
- Legos
- paper cups
- paper plates
- craft sticks

Use your materials to create the tallest tower possible without it crashing. Use a ruler to measure the height of your tower. OPTION: Experiment with different materials. Which materials make the best towers?



ACTIVITY Sloths CAN HOLD THEIR breath FOR 40 MINUTES AT A TIME!



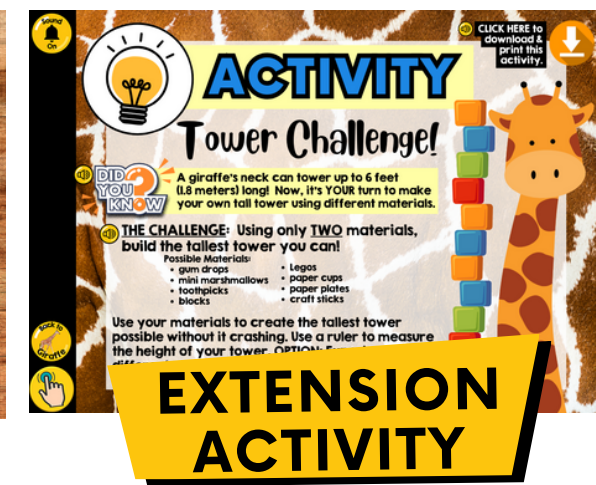
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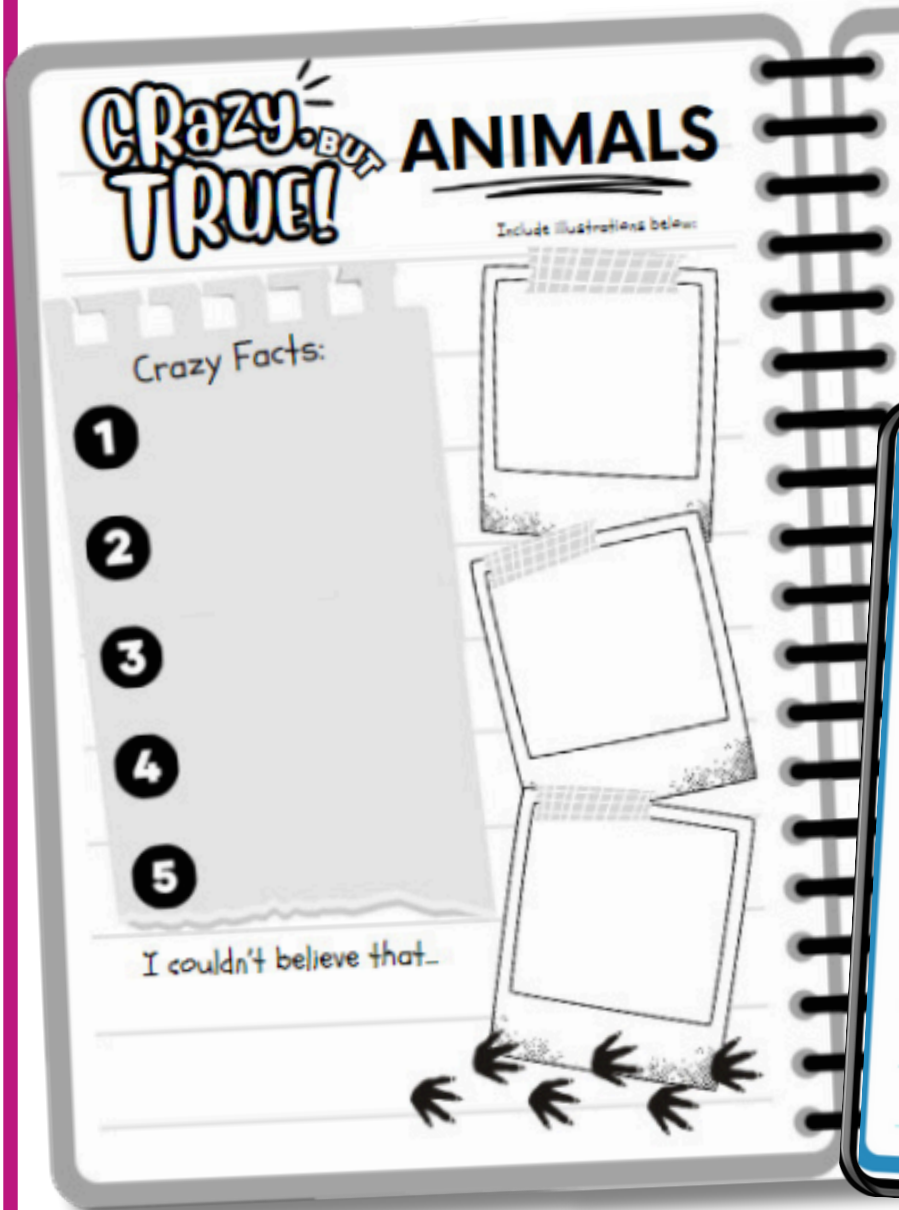
HOW DOES IT WORK?

Inside the Crazy, but True: Animals! LINKtivity, students can choose from 7 different crazy, but true facts to explore! Within each fact students will enjoy videos, pictures, interactive features, and extension activities!



How Does it Work
(continued)

Students can enjoy some
animal-themed jokes to share
with family and friends!



Students can collect
their favorite crazy
facts on their recording
sheet -**Printable OR
Digital!**

SCHOOL TO HOME CONNECTIONS!

Students are invited to take their learning off-screen with additional related learning experiences that encourage them to go outside, create art, STEM projects, fun experiments & more! These activities are accessible and downloadable directly from the LINKtivity so students can print them out and take them home!

**7 BONUS
IN-SCHOOL OR
AT-HOME
ACTIVITIES
TO COMPLETE!**

Crazy, but True! Owls can't move their eyeballs!

Stick Owl Craft



MATERIALS: cardboard, sticks, leaves, small round rocks, tacky glue, colored chalk markers


DIRECTIONS:

- Go on a nature walk to collect sticks, leaves, and small round rocks.
- Cut out the shape of an owl on a piece of cardboard.
- Lay out your sticks to form the owl's body, adjusting the shape as you go.
- Use your tacky glue to attach your leaves on for wings and another small round rock for an eye.
- OPTION:** Use the chalk markers to draw eyes and add color to the owl.

credit: @HeartCraftyThings

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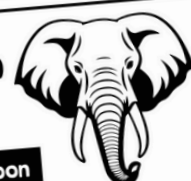
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Crazy, but True! Elephants can hear through their feet! Elephants can detect vibrations through their feet and trunks, allowing them to communicate over long distances using low-frequency sounds.


Hear like an Elephant!



MATERIALS: water, several glass cups, metal spoon

Prepare! Elephants can communicate by sending low-frequency sounds that other elephants can feel with their feet.

Scan the QR code to learn more about how sound works



Experiment

- Prepare several glasses or cups of varying sizes and fill them with different amounts of water. For example, you can have one glass empty, one filled halfway, one almost full, and one completely full.
- Line up the cups. Using a spoon or stick, gently tap the side of each glass to produce a sound.
- Listen carefully and describe the pitch of the sound made by each glass. Use terms like high pitch, low pitch, or medium pitch.

Observe

- Observe how the amount of water in each glass affects the pitch of the sound.
- Predict how the pitch will change if you add more water to a glass or pour some water out.
- Experiment by adding or removing water from the glasses and tapping them again to hear the changes in pitch.

This LINKtivity is provided with

AUDIO SUPPORT



Sound On

Back to Sloth

Hand

Sloths are nocturnal, meaning they are most active at night or during twilight hours.

Perfect for English language learners or students who could use a little extra support!

