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Introduction

Animals move in many ways.
Animals have different body parts
to help them move.



On Land
 Most animals that live
 on land have legs.
 Animals can have different
 numbers of legs.



Horses have long legs to run fast.
 Frogs have long back legs to **leap**.



These animals can move without legs.



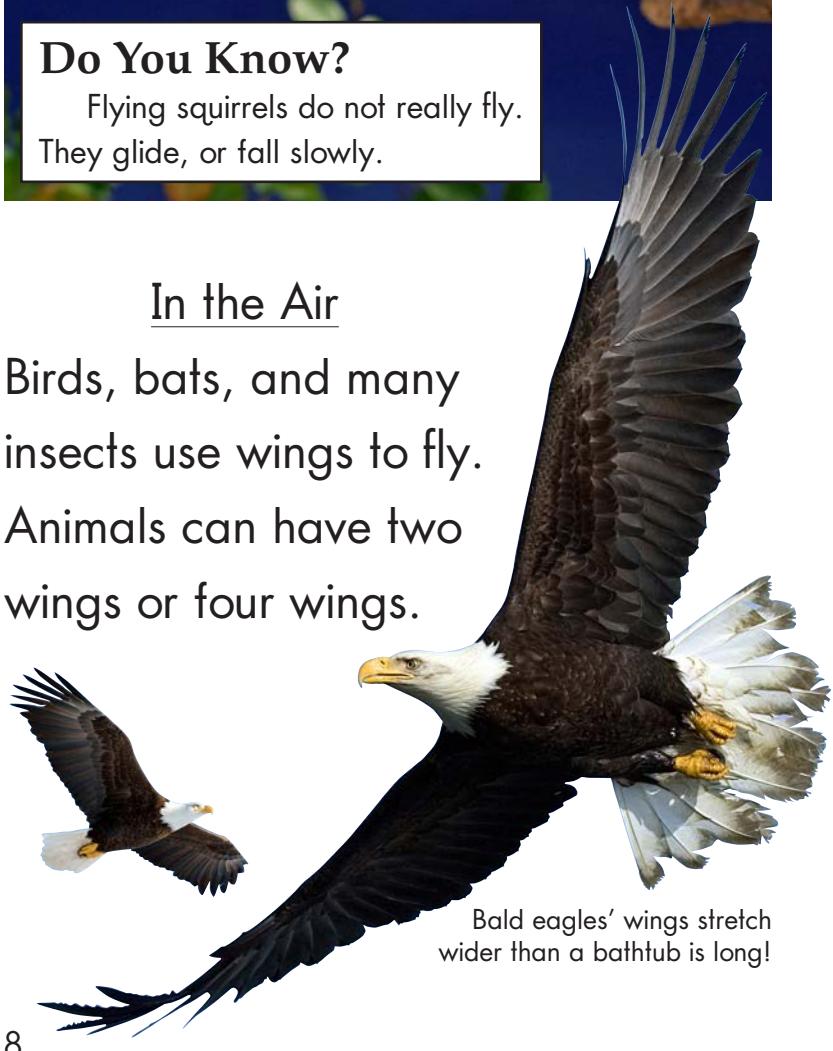
Some animals have no legs.
These animals slide their bodies
to move.



Do You Know?

Flying squirrels do not really fly.
They glide, or fall slowly.

In the Air
Birds, bats, and many
insects use wings to fly.
Animals can have two
wings or four wings.





This chick is too young to fly.

Chicks can't fly until they grow strong feathers.



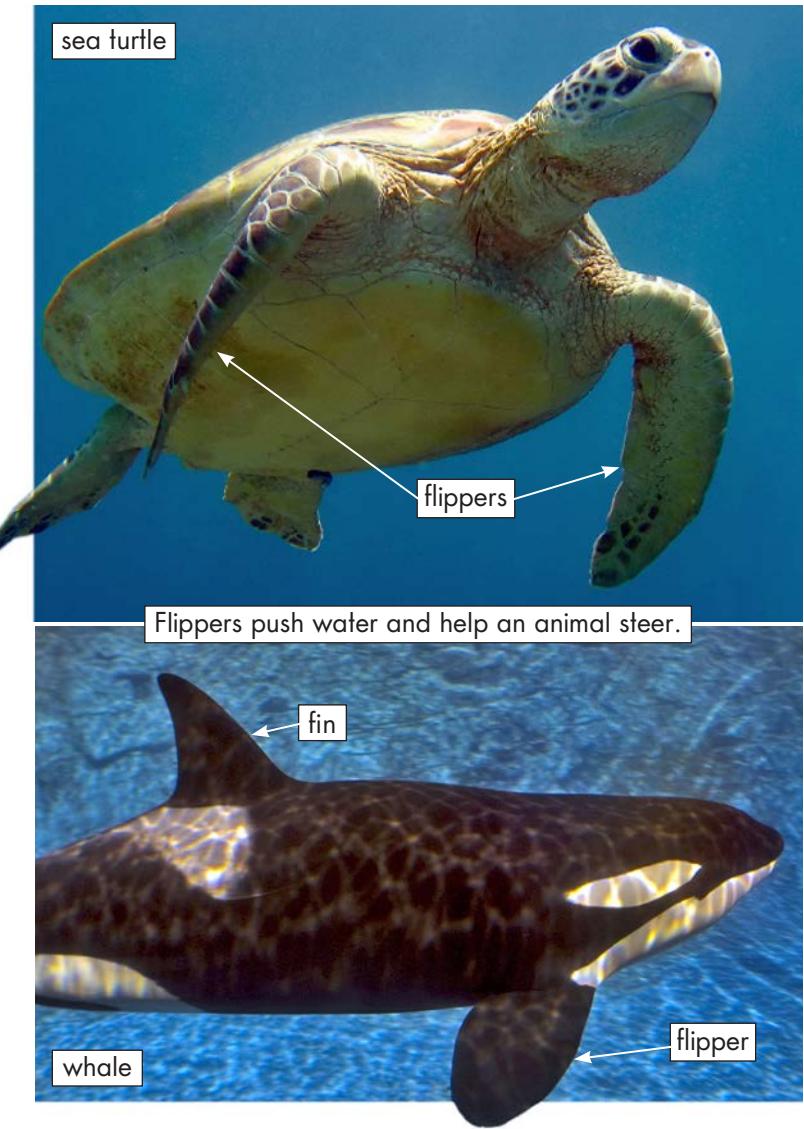
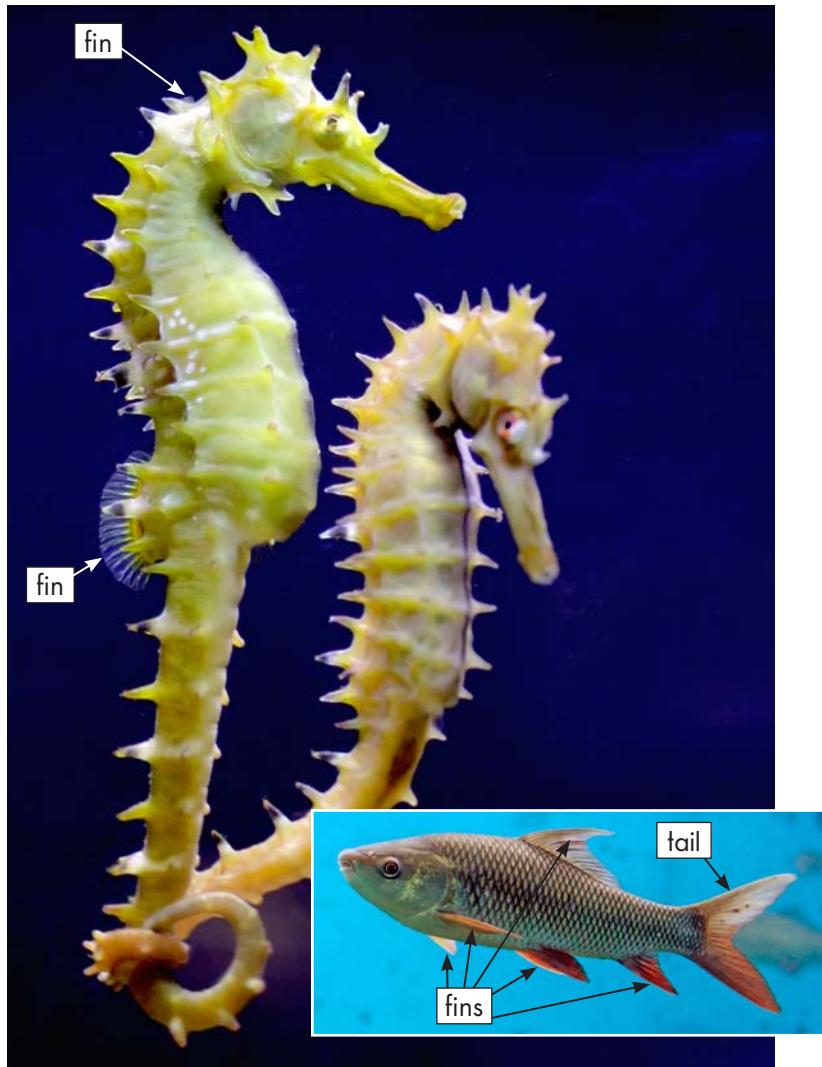
This butterfly has wings with colorful spots.

These bees have wings you can see through.



Bat wings have a special shape.

Animal wings come in many shapes and sizes.



In Water

Fish use fins and tails to move through the water.

Whales have fins and flippers.

But seals, sea lions, and sea turtles only have flippers.



Penguins walk slowly on land.



Penguins cannot fly, but they can swim very well.



bird feet that are webbed



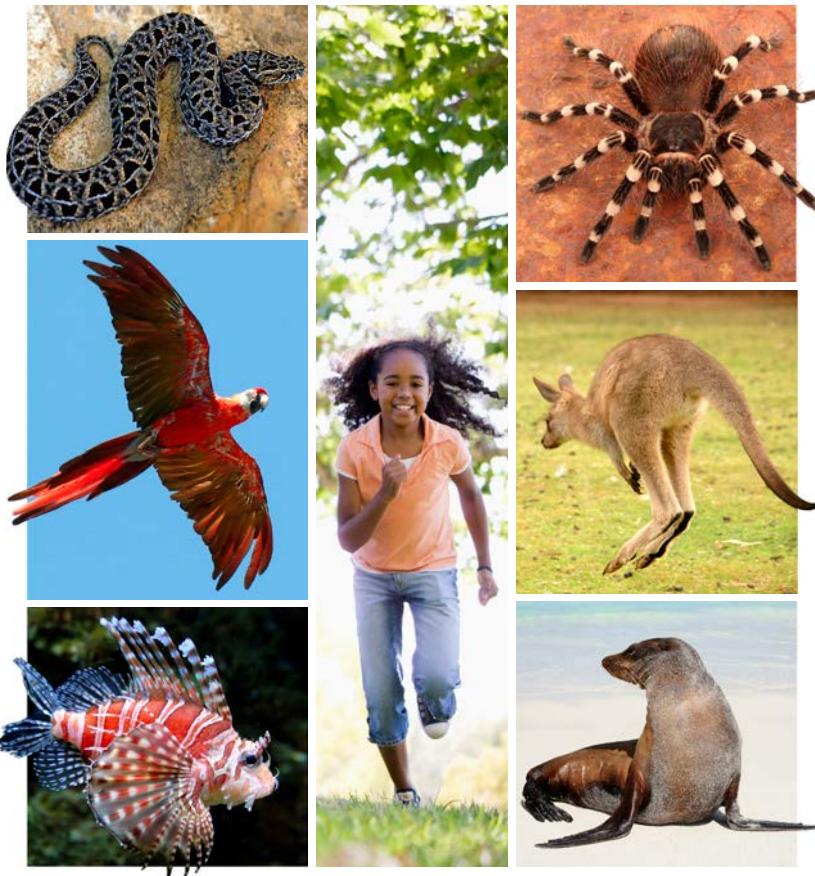
bird feet that are not webbed

Penguins are birds, but they have flippers instead of wings.

Penguins swim to hunt fish in the ocean.

On land, they can walk, or they can slide on their bellies.

Some animals that live in water have **webbed** feet. Webbed feet help animals swim better.



Conclusion

Watch how animals move in the world around you. Think about the body parts that help animals move. Think about how you move, too!

Glossary

chicks (n.)

baby birds (p. 9)

leap (v.)

to jump a long distance (p. 6)

webbed (adj.)

having thin skin that connects the toes (p. 14)

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Do You Know?

Many land animals can climb trees. Monkeys are great climbers. But other land animals are not good climbers. Can you imagine an elephant in a tree?

