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Introduction

Look at these two pictures of a hare. One is a photo, and the other is a painting. The photo is interesting, but in the painting the artist really helps us to look at the hare. We see its long claws, its fur, and its whiskers.



What animals do we see in art?
Where can we see animals in art?
What are the oldest animal pictures?



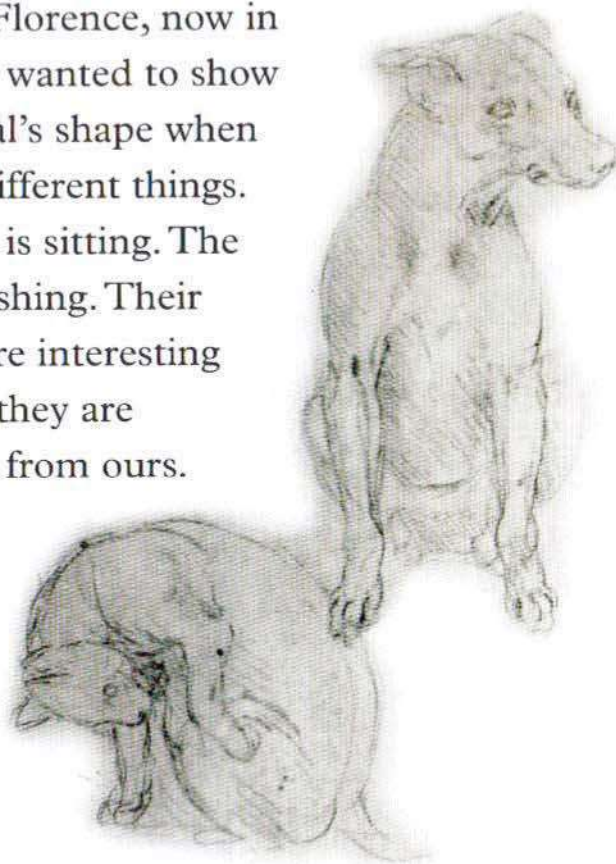
Now read and discover more about
animals in art, all around the world!

1

Animal Shapes

Animals are different from people. Animals can't talk, but they can do many other things. Some animals can run faster than people. Most birds and insects can fly. Cats can climb trees better than people.

Here are drawings of a cat and a dog by an artist called Leonardo da Vinci. He was born in Florence, now in Italy. He wanted to show an animal's shape when it does different things. The dog is sitting. The cat is washing. Their shapes are interesting because they are different from ours.



Drawings of a Dog and a Cat



A Painting of Two Cats

This painting is by a Korean artist called Byeon Sang-byeok. It shows two cats. The cats are not friends. Maybe they are going to fight. The artist shows this in their shapes. He used gray and black inks for the cats, to show their fur. Their fur is nice and soft.

Many artists draw pictures of animals because their shapes are interesting and beautiful.



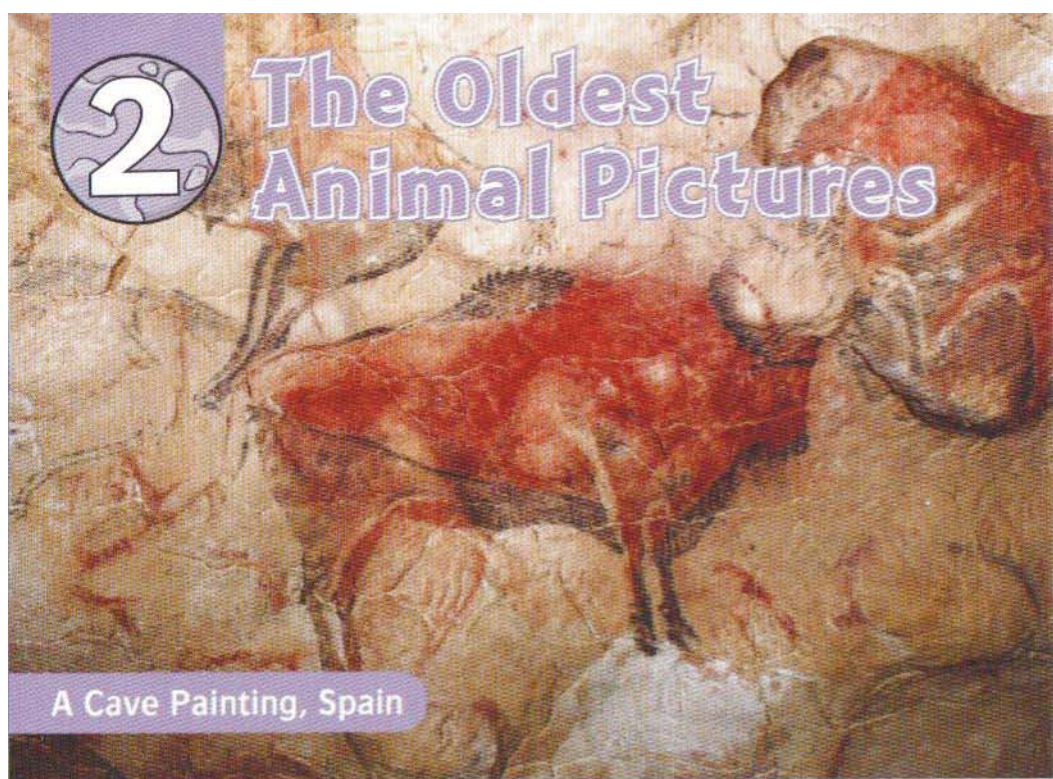
Sometimes when artists paint animals, they first do a fast drawing. Then, later, they look at their drawing and do their painting more slowly.



→ Go to pages 24–25 for activities.

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The Oldest Animal Pictures



A Cave Painting, Spain

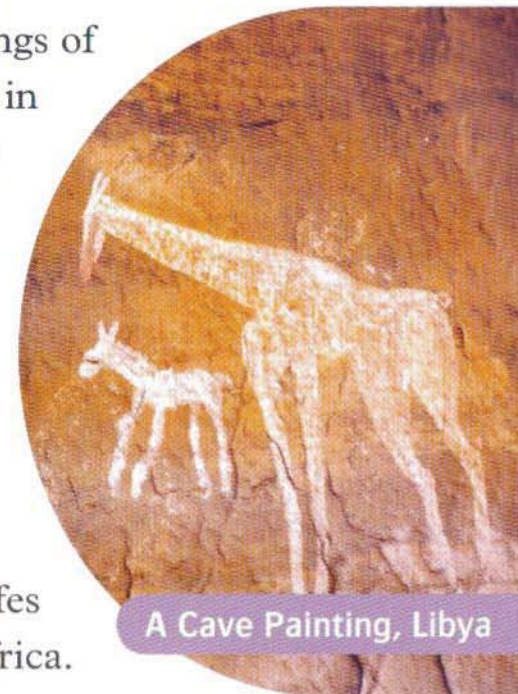
A long time ago, people lived in caves. They had no paper. They painted animals on the walls of their caves. In a cave in Spain, there's an amazing painting of a bison. This painting is about 15,000 years old.



A girl called María Sanz de Sautuola discovered the cave paintings at Altamira in 1879. She was only nine years old. She was in the caves with her father.

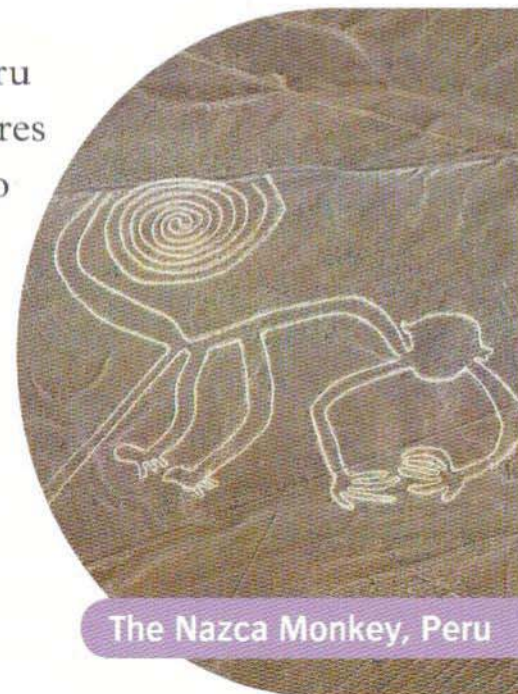


There are beautiful paintings of giraffes and other animals in some caves in Libya. They are not as old as the cave paintings in Spain, but they are interesting because they show changes in our world. When people did these paintings, about 8,000 years ago, there were giraffes and trees in this part of Africa. Now it's a desert.



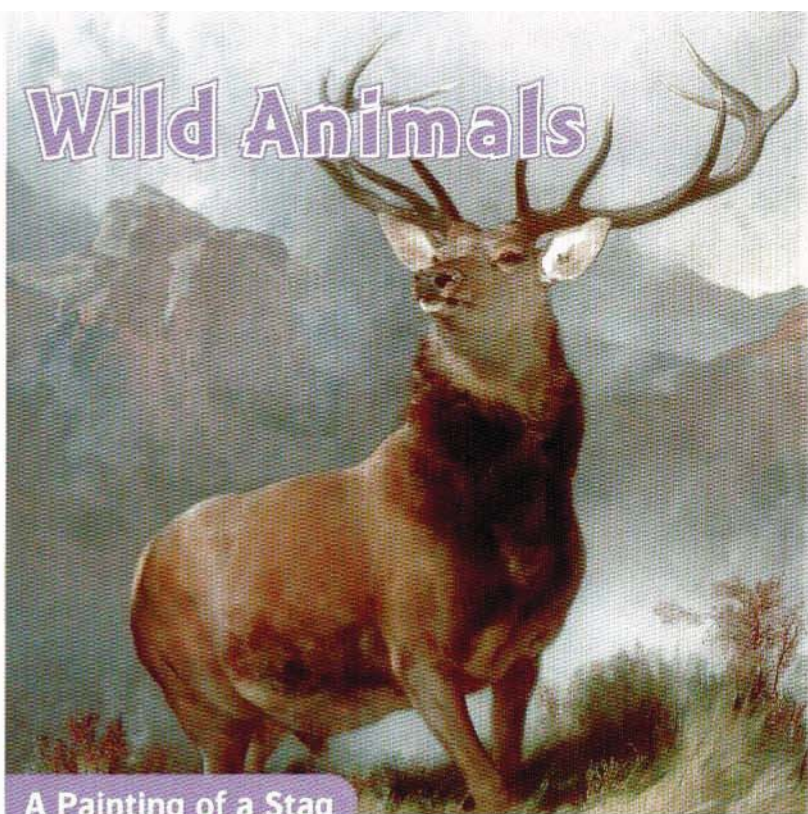
A Cave Painting, Libya

In the Nazca Desert in Peru you can see amazing pictures of animals, but you have to be in a plane. About 2,000 years ago, people drew giant pictures on the ground. They drew monkeys, birds, and spiders. Some of these pictures are bigger than a playground!



The Nazca Monkey, Peru

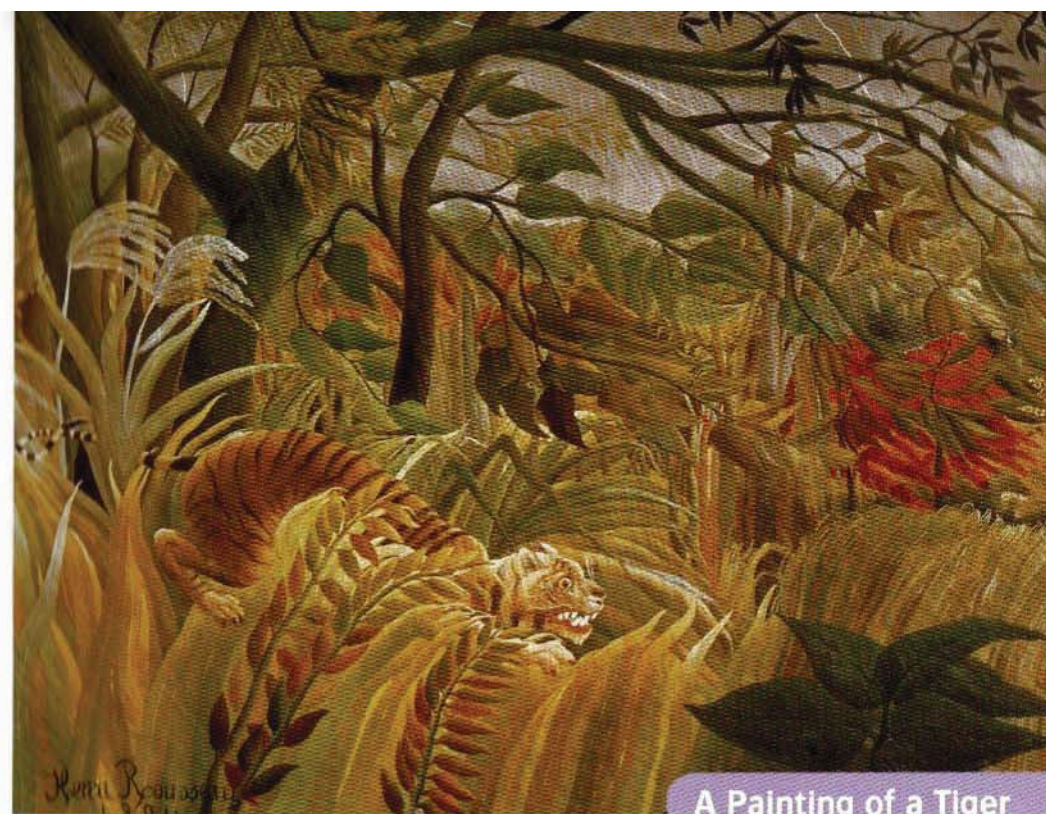
Wild Animals



A Painting of a Stag

When artists paint a wild animal, they sometimes show the animal in its home. For example, they paint the animal in the jungle or in the mountains.

In this painting we see a stag, and we also see its home in the mountains. This painting is realistic. This means that the stag looks like a real stag – it's almost like a photo. The painting is by a British artist called Edwin Landseer. He painted it in 1851.



A Painting of a Tiger

In 1891, a French artist called Henri Rousseau painted a picture of a tiger. The painting is called *Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised!)*. The artist shows the tiger and its home in the jungle.

Most of this painting is trees, other plants, and rain. We see a tiger, and we also see the tiger's world. The tiger is surprised because there's a storm. Do you think this is a realistic painting?

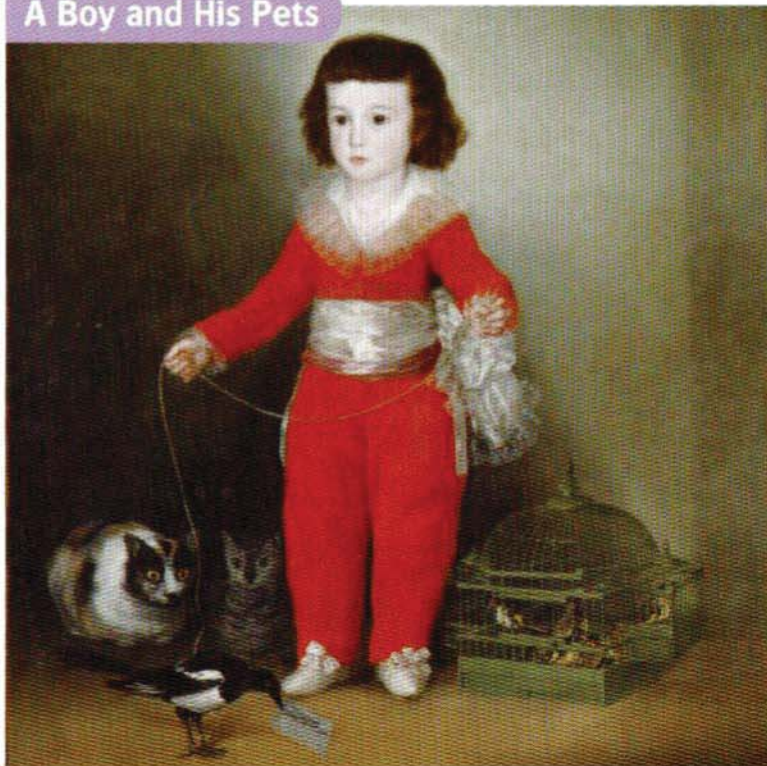
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People and Pets

Not all animals in art are wild animals.
Some of them are people's pets.

Francisco de Goya was a Spanish artist. In about 1790, he painted a boy and his pets. The boy has a black and white bird on a piece of string. He also has some cats, and they are watching the bird. Paintings of people, like this painting, are called portraits. Francisco de Goya painted lots of portraits.

A Boy and His Pets



Pets in the Snow

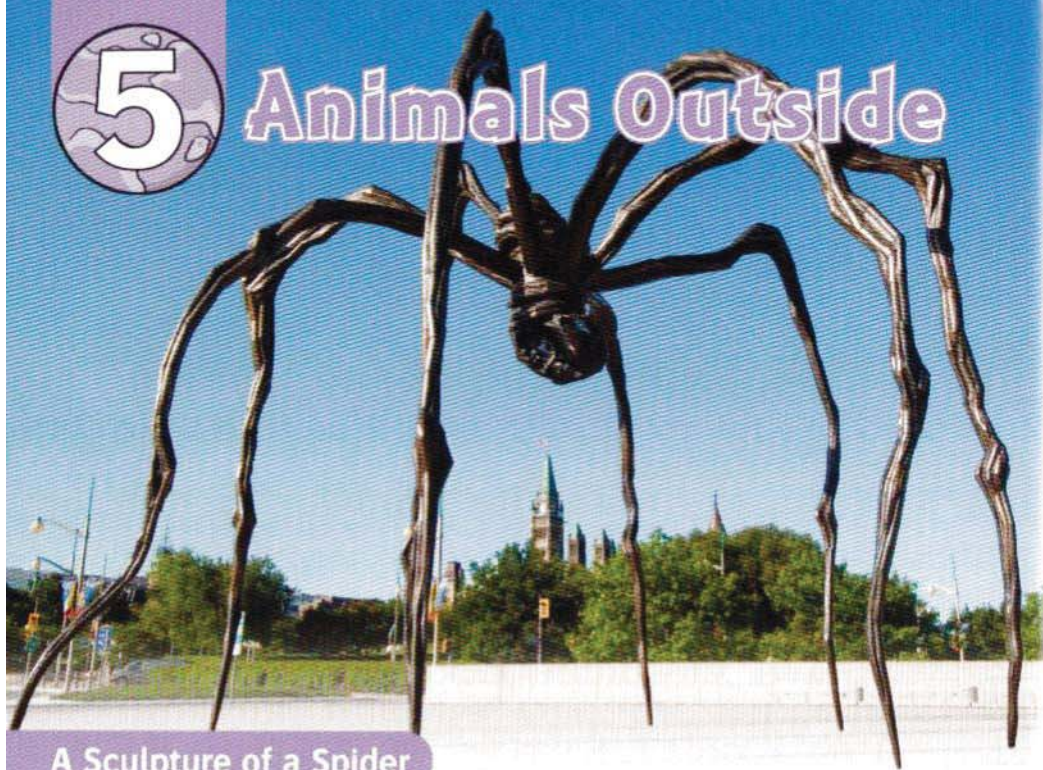
This picture is by a Japanese artist called Kobayashi Eitaku. How many pets can you see? There's a dog and a rabbit, but is it a real rabbit?

A long time ago in India, rich people liked hunting with birds. In this painting, we see the emperor Jahangir and his pet falcon. They are going to hunt small animals. The artist used real gold to color some of the emperor's clothes.



This painting is very small. It's only 14 centimeters tall. Very small pictures like this are called miniatures.





A Sculpture of a Spider

In 2005, people in Ottawa in Canada saw a spider next to a museum. Was it a small spider, like a spider in the bathtub? No, it was very big. This spider was a sculpture by an American artist called Louise Bourgeois. It was almost 10 meters high!

Louise Bourgeois was born in France in 1911. When she made this sculpture she was more than 90 years old. There are other big sculptures of spiders by Louise Bourgeois in Spain, Russia, and South Korea.



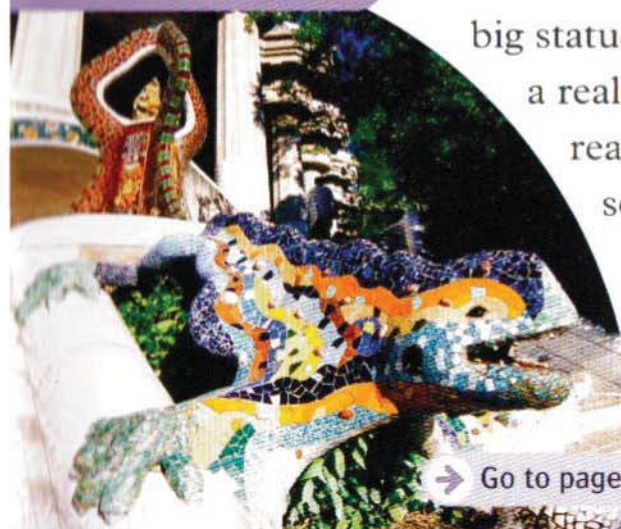
Totem Poles

Native American artists make tall statues called totem poles. They put sculptures of birds and other animals on the poles. Totem poles are made of wood from very tall trees.



The tallest totem pole in the world is in Alert Bay in Canada. It's about 56 meters tall.

A Statue of a Lizard



In Barcelona in Spain, there's a big statue of a lizard. Is this a realistic statue? Not really. When people see this lizard, they usually smile. It looks like a big toy.

→ Go to pages 32–33 for activities.

6

Animals in Books

Do you like learning about animals? Today we can watch animals on television, or look at photos of animals in books or on the Internet. A long time ago, before television or photos, people only looked at drawings of animals in books.



A Drawing of Alice's Friend, the Rabbit

There are often drawings of animals in children's books. In a book called *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, a girl called Alice meets a rabbit and lots of other animals. The drawings in this book are very nice, but they are not realistic because the animals are wearing clothes.

A long time ago, there were artists who studied animals from all around the world. They wrote books about them and drew the pictures in the books.

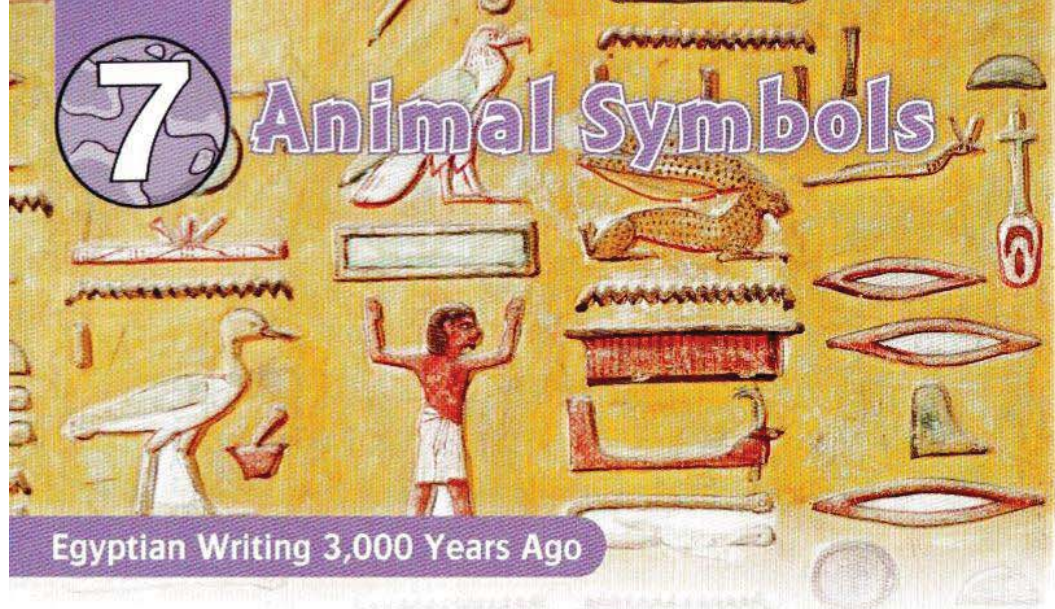
One of these artists was John Audubon. He was born in 1785 and he lived in the USA. He drew lots of birds and other animals.



John Audubon drew all the different types of bird in North America, and he put the drawings in a book. This took 20 years.

7

Animal Symbols



Egyptian Writing 3,000 Years Ago

A long time ago, people used pictures of animals in writing. In Ancient Egyptian writing, there are symbols of animals like birds and snakes. Sometimes the symbols mean the word for the animal. When they are next to another symbol, they can mean a different word.



A Rooster on a French Stamp

Animals are sometimes the symbols of countries. The tiger is the symbol of South Korea, and the rooster is the symbol of France. Sometimes you can see an animal symbol on a country's coins or stamps. Does your country have an animal symbol?

Chinese Animal Symbols



In China, all the years have an animal symbol. There are 12 symbols. For example, the Year of the Rabbit was from 1999 to 2000. The Year of the Sheep was from 2003 to 2004. These animal symbols can also mean different types of people. For example, people who are born in the Year of the Rabbit are kind. Do you think it's true?



A Sculpture of a Sheep

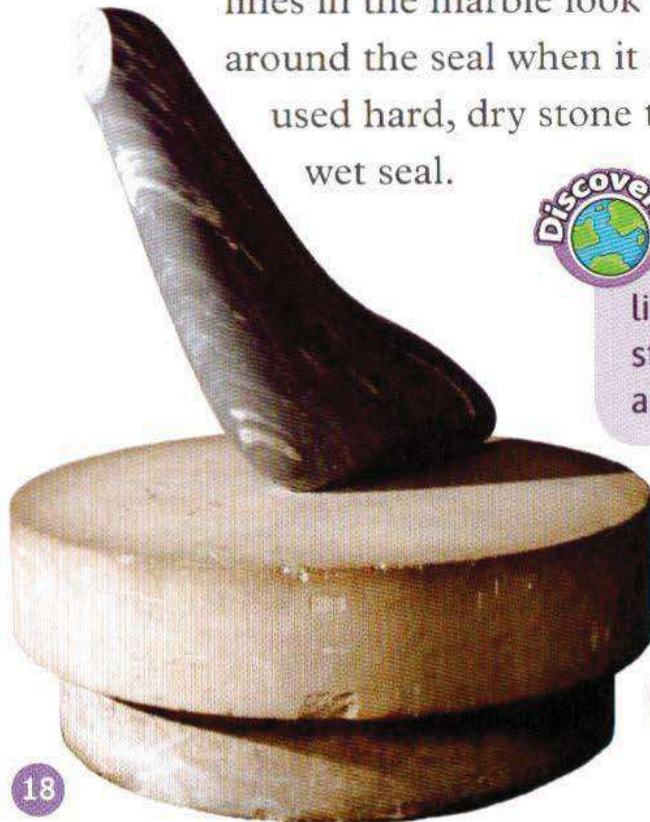
This Chinese sculpture of a sheep looks like a real sheep. Maybe the artist made it because people who are born in the Year of the Sheep are good at art!

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Different Animals

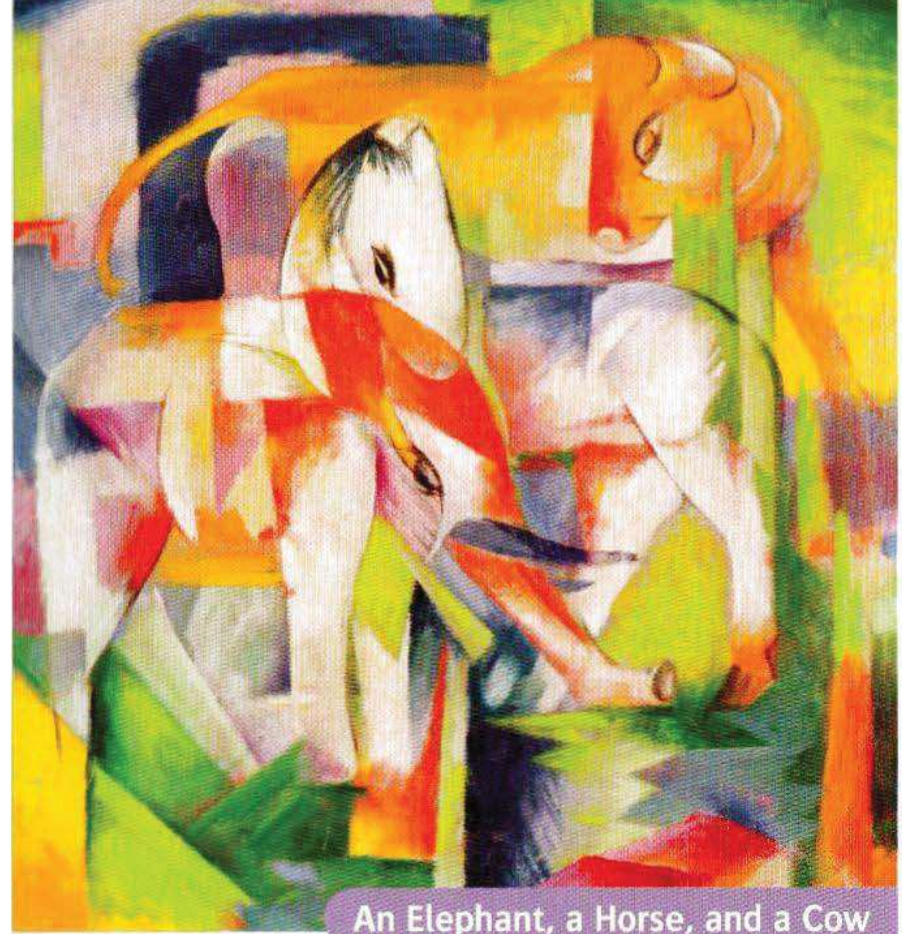
Animals in art are not always realistic. Sometimes artists have different ideas.

An artist from Romania called Constantin Brancusi made this sculpture of a seal in 1924. It's not a realistic sculpture, but the artist used a stone called marble to show his idea of a seal. The marble is gray, like a seal. It shines like a seal's fur when it's wet. The lines in the marble look like the water around the seal when it swims. The artist used hard, dry stone to show a soft, wet seal.



Constantin Brancusi liked things made of stone. His table was a big piece of stone.

A Sculpture of a Seal



An Elephant, a Horse, and a Cow

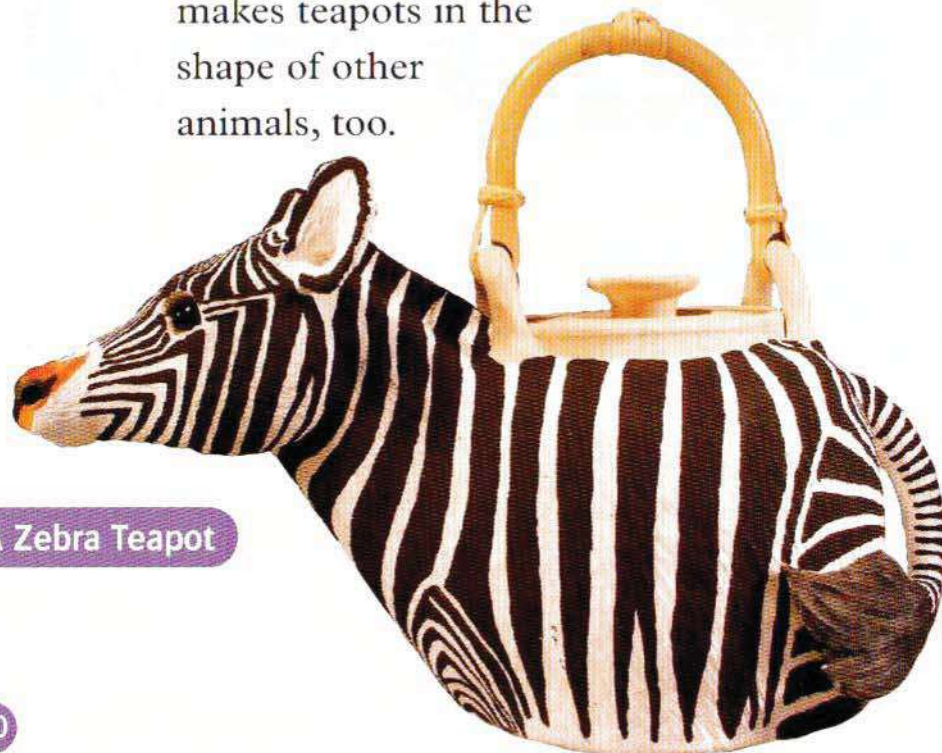
A German painter called Franz Marc was interested in shapes and colors. In 1914, he painted a picture of an elephant, a horse, and a cow. Their colors are not realistic. The elephant's head is red, and part of the horse is blue. They are like animals in a dream. Franz Marc made a nice, colored pattern with the shapes of the three animals.

9

Teapots and Toys

It's fun to look at sculptures of animals in a museum, but usually you can't touch them. Sometimes, artists make things like teapots or toys with animal shapes. They are all animals in art, but you can touch them.

Here's a sculpture of a zebra. You can touch it because it's really a teapot. It's a teapot in the shape of a zebra. It's by an American artist called Christy Crews Dunn. She makes teapots in the shape of other animals, too.



A Zebra Teapot



bird



hedgehog



lion

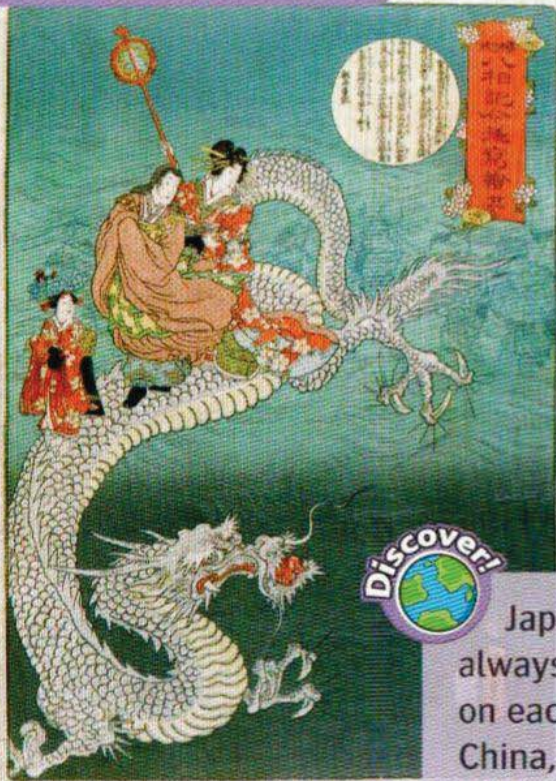
Animal Toys

A long time ago, an artist made three little toys – a bird, a hedgehog, and a lion. All the toys had wheels. When young children play with toys, they often break them. The artist knew this, so these toys are strong. They are made of stone.

The artist lived in Susa, now in Iran. We don't know the artist's name. The bird doesn't have wheels now, but the toys look nice. They're about 3,000 years old, so they are some of the oldest toys in the world!

There are lots of stories and pictures of animals that aren't real, like dragons and unicorns. Sometimes they are more exciting than real animals.

A Picture of a Dragon



Japanese dragons always have three claws on each foot. In Ancient China, a dragon with five claws was the symbol of the emperor.



Dragons have long claws and their tails are like a lizard's tail. This Japanese dragon is long and thin, like a snake. It's big and angry. Maybe the people are scared.



A Tapestry of a Unicorn

A unicorn looks like a white horse, but it has a horn on its head. In this old French tapestry, two women are with a unicorn. There are other animals, too. The animal in front of the women looks like a monkey. What other animals can you see?

Think about all the animals in this book. What's your favorite animal in art?

1

Animal Shapes

← Read pages 4–5.

1 Write the words.

fur artist cat dog drawing painting



1 artist



2



3



4



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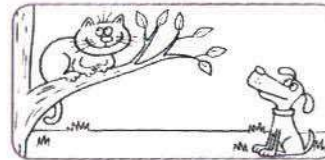


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2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Animals can / can't talk.
- 2 Some animals can talk / run very fast.
- 3 Most birds can fly / talk.
- 4 Cats / Horses can climb trees.
- 5 Cats have soft fur / teeth.
- 6 Fur is hard / soft.

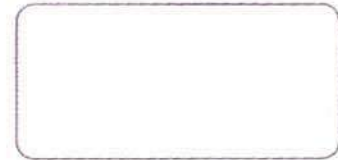
3 Read and draw.



1 The dog is watching a cat.



3 The monkey is watching a bird.



2 The horse is running.



4 The lion is sleeping.

4 Order the words.

1 insects / fly. / Most / can

Most insects can fly.

2 trees. / Cats / climb / can

3 fur. / cats / soft / Most / have

4 of / animals. / artists / draw / Many / pictures

5 Animal / different / are / shapes / from / ours.

2

The Oldest Animal Pictures

← Read pages 6–7.

1 Write the words.

bison cave desert
plane giraffe spider



1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____



4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

2 Write true or false.

- 1 People had books 15,000 years ago. false
- 2 There are paintings of bison in a cave in Spain. _____
- 3 A boy discovered the cave paintings in Altamira. _____
- 4 The Nazca Desert is in Spain. _____
- 5 There are cave paintings in Libya. _____

3 Match.

- 1 People painted animals on _____
- 2 A Spanish girl discovered _____
- 3 There's a big picture _____
- 4 Some pictures in the Nazca Desert _____
- 5 There are paintings of giraffes _____

of a monkey in the Nazca Desert.
are bigger than a playground.
the walls of caves.
in a cave in Libya.
the cave paintings at Altamira.

4 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Altamira?
Altamira is in Spain.
- 2 Who discovered the cave paintings in Altamira?

- 3 Where is the Nazca Desert?

- 4 What animals did people draw in the Nazca Desert?

- 5 What animals are in the cave paintings in Libya?

- 6 How old are the cave paintings in Libya?

3 Wild Animals

← Read pages 8–9.

1 Complete the sentences.

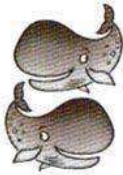
jungle French tiger mountains stag British

- Edwin Landseer was a British artist.
- Henri Rousseau was a _____ artist.
- Edwin Landseer's painting is of a stag in the _____.
- Henri Rousseau's painting is of a tiger in the _____.
- Edwin Landseer painted the _____ in 1851.
- Henri Rousseau painted the _____ in 1891.

2 Match.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Are you from Spain? | Yes. I'm Polish. |
| 2 Are you from South Korea? | Yes. I'm Russian. |
| 3 Are you from Poland? | Yes. I'm English. |
| 4 Are you from the USA? | Yes. I'm Korean. |
| 5 Are you from England? | Yes. I'm Spanish. |
| 6 Are you from Russia? | Yes. I'm American. |

3 Match the animals and their homes. Then write complete sentences.

whales			the mountains
stags			the Arctic
polar bears			the jungle
camels			the ocean
tigers			the desert

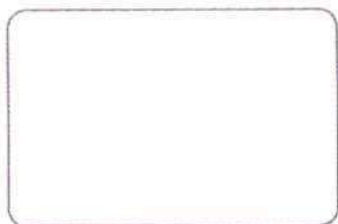
- Whales live in the ocean.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

← Read pages 10–11.

1 Circle the odd one out.

- | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | bird | dog | boy | rabbit |
| 2 | black | bird | red | white |
| 3 | India | Korean | Spanish | Japanese |
| 4 | animal | hunt | watch | play |
| 5 | girl | emperor | pet | boy |
| 6 | painting | drawing | emperor | miniature |

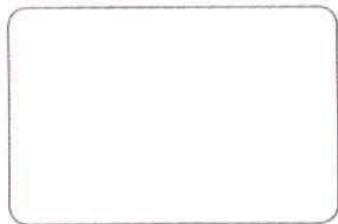
2 Read and draw.



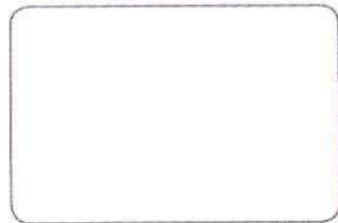
1 The girl is with her horse.



3 The two cats are on the wall.



2 The boy is holding a falcon.



4 The man is holding his pet monkey.

3 Match.

- 1 Artists sometimes paint
- 2 Francisco de Goya was
- 3 The boy in the painting
- 4 The boy's cats are
- 5 The rabbit
- 6 The dog

a Spanish artist.
watching his bird.
people with their pets.
has a short tail.
has a black and white bird.
is made of snow.

4 Order the words.

1 Spanish / a / Francisco de Goya / artist. / was

2 lots / of / He / painted / portraits.

3 a / boy / He / his / pets. / and / painted

4 The / bird. / has / boy / white / a / black / and

5 two / also / has / He / cats.

6 cats / the / bird. / The / are / watching

5 Animals Outside

← Read pages 12–13.

1 Circle the correct words.

- 1 There **was** / **wasn't** a sculpture of a spider in Ottawa.
- 2 The spider was next to a **museum** / **river**.
- 3 The spider was almost **10** / **100** meters high.
- 4 Barcelona is in **France** / **Spain**.
- 5 There's a **portrait** / **statue** of a lizard in Barcelona.
- 6 Totem poles are **little** / **tall** statues.

2 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Ottawa?

- 2 What did Louise Bourgeois make?

- 3 Where can you see a statue of a lizard?

- 4 What are totem poles made of?

- 5 Where is the tallest totem pole in the world?

3 Complete the sentences.

making painting taking



- 1 He's _____ a photo of a cat.
- 2 She's _____ a sculpture of a bird.
- 3 He's _____ a picture of a tiger.

4 Draw and write.



- 1 He's making a sculpture of a lion.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

6 Animals in Books

← Read pages 14–15.

birds drawings
drew lots
Internet realistic

1 Complete the sentences.

- We can see photos of animals on the _____.
- A long time ago, people looked at _____ of animals in books.
- There are _____ of animals in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.
- They are not _____ animals because they're wearing clothes.
- A long time ago, artists studied animals and _____ pictures of them.
- John Audubon drew lots of _____.

2 Write true or false.

- The drawing on page 15 is by John Audubon. _____
- John Audubon lived in India. _____
- He never drew animals. _____
- He drew all the different types of bird in North America. _____
- This took ten years. _____

3 Match.

- A long time ago, people
- They looked at
- Some artists drew pictures
- The rabbit on page 14 is
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
- Do you like

in children's books.
wearing clothes.
pictures of animals in books.
didn't have televisions.
watching animals on television?
is about a girl called Alice.

4 Add the words and write correct sentences.

- A long time ago, people at animals in books.
(looked) A long time ago, people looked at
animals in books.
- Today we can watch on television. (animals)

- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is a children's.
(book) _____
- The on page 14 is looking at his watch. (rabbit)

- Do you the birds on page 15? (like)

- John Audubon was a artist. (good)

7 Animal Symbols

← Read pages 16–17.

1 Write the words. dog monkey tiger rabbit
horse sheep rooster snake



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____



7 _____



8 _____

2 Circle the correct words.

- There are pictures / photos of animals in Ancient Egyptian writing.
- The symbol of South Korea / France is the rooster.
- A country's animal symbol is sometimes on its person / stamps.
- In China, all the years have an animal symbol / coin.
- These animals can mean different types of coins / people.

3 Write complete sentences.

bull



kangaroo



bear



eagle



tiger



Russia



Australia



South Korea



Spain



the USA

- The bull is the symbol of Spain.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

4 Write about the symbol of your country.

← Read pages 18–19.

1 Circle the odd one out.

- | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | red | horse | green | blue |
| 2 | Romania | China | Russia | Brancusi |
| 3 | elephant | horse | painting | cow |
| 4 | sculpture | realistic | statue | painting |
| 5 | marble | sculpture | painting | picture |
| 6 | horse | seal | photo | cow |

2 Complete the sentences.

idea table realistic Romania
artist stone seal hard

- Constantin Brancusi was an _____.
- He was from _____.
- In 1924, he made a sculpture of a _____.
- The sculpture isn't a _____ sculpture.
- The artist shows his _____ of the seal.
- The artist used _____, dry stone.
- Brancusi liked things made of _____.
- His _____ was a big piece of stone.

3 Match. Then write sentences.

Franz Marc was _____
He painted a picture of _____
The colors in his painting _____
The elephant's head _____

is red.
a German painter.
are not realistic.
three animals.

1 Franz Marc was a German painter.

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

4 Order the words.

- in / ocean. / Seals / live / the

- fast. / They / can / swim

- Franz Marc / a / German / was / painter.

- realistic. / isn't / painting / His / of / animals

- from / was / Romania. / Constantin Brancusi

- Do / sculpture? / his / you / like

9 Teapots and Toys

← Read pages 20–21.

1 Complete the sentences. Then write the numbers.

lion monkey shape wheels



- 1 This bag is in the shape of a monkey. 4
- 2 This teapot is in the _____ of a zebra.
- 3 This horse has _____.
- 4 This _____ is made of stone.

2 Find and write the words.

biteapotototoyirbirdyoghedgehogog

- 1 teapot 2 _____
- 3 _____ 4 _____

3 Match. Then write sentences.

The teapot on page 20 is
The toys on page 21 are
It's fun to look at
Some old toys have

sculptures of animals.
in the shape of a zebra.
wheels.
about 3,000 years old.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

4 Add the words and write correct sentences.

- 1 Look! It's a teapot in the of a zebra. (shape)

- 2 It's by American artist. (an)

- 3 These old are from Iran. (toys)

- 4 We don't the artist's name. (know)

- 5 Maybe they're the toys in the world. (oldest)

- 6 You usually can't sculptures in a museum. (touch)

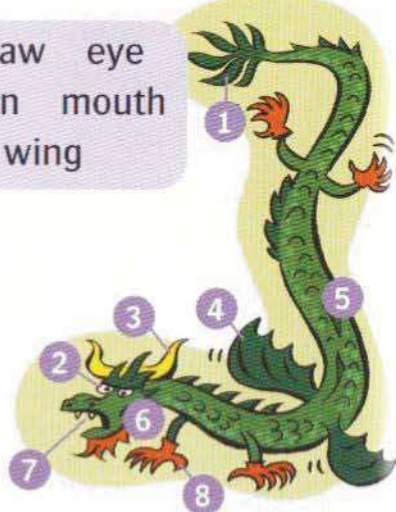
10 Dragons and Unicorns

← Read pages 22–23.

body claw eye
head horn mouth
tail wing

1 Write the words.

- | | | | |
|---|------|---|--|
| 1 | tail | 5 | |
| 2 | | 6 | |
| 3 | | 7 | |
| 4 | | 8 | |



2 Answer the questions.

- How many claws does a Japanese dragon have?

- Which animal was the symbol of the emperor of Ancient China? _____
- What color are unicorns?

- Are there really dragons and unicorns in the world?

- Is there a lion in the tapestry on page 23?

- What other animals can you see in this tapestry?

3 Find the animals in art. Complete the chart.

Animals	Type of Art	Page
1 cats	painting	5
2 seal		
3 spider		
4 giraffe		
5 lizard	statue	
6 zebra	sculpture	
7 rabbit		
8 unicorn	tapestry	
9 stag		
10 sheep		
11 dog	drawing	
12 tiger		
13 monkey		
14 dragon		
15 birds		

Project 1

My Favorite Picture

- 1 Choose your favorite picture in this book. Write notes.



- 1 What page is it on? _____
- 2 What is the animal? _____
- 3 Is it a real animal? _____
- 4 Is it a realistic picture? _____
- 5 What colors and shapes can you see?

- 6 What is the animal doing?

- 7 Can you see the animal's home?

- 8 Why do you like this picture?

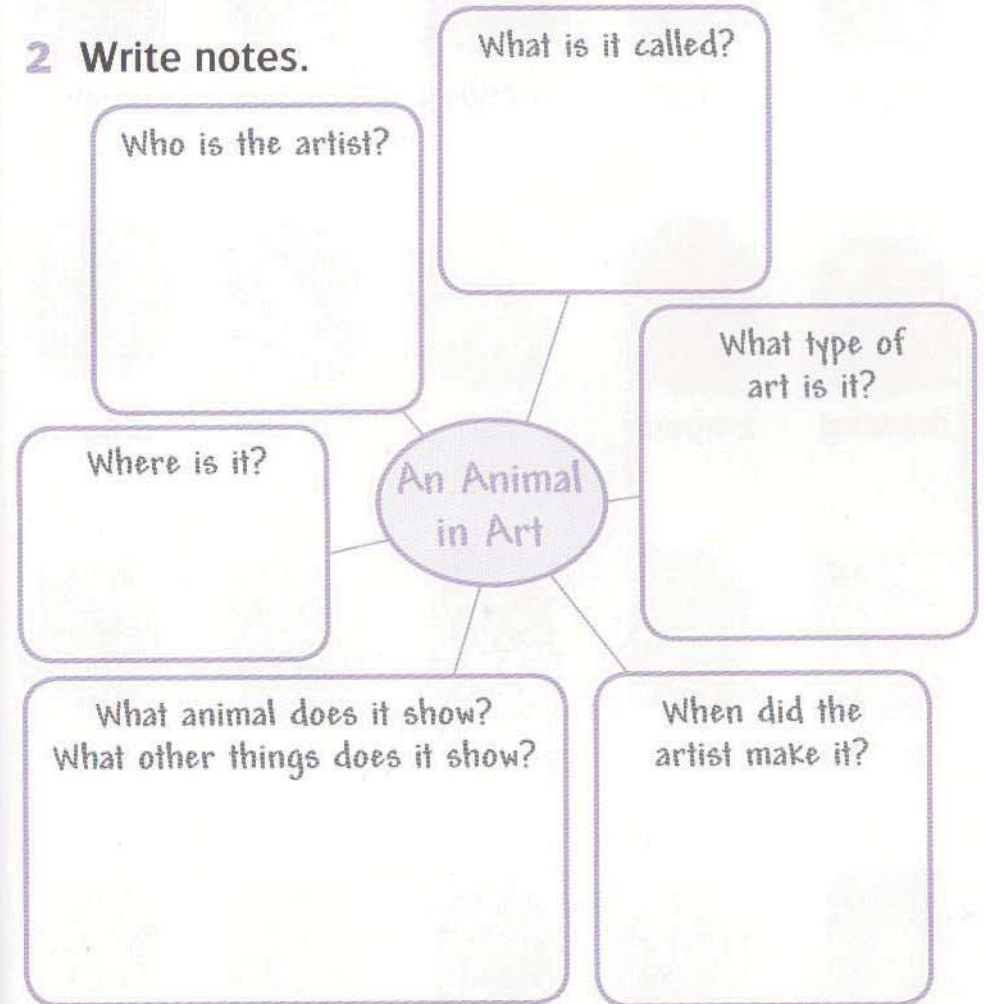
- 2 Draw your favorite picture in this book and write about it. Display your work.

Project 2

An Animal in Art

- 1 Find an animal in art. Look in books or on the Internet, or use a postcard.

- 2 Write notes.



- 3 Make a poster. Write about your animal in art and add a picture. Display your poster.

Picture Dictionary



artist



bison



claws



clothes



coin



portrait



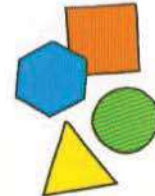
rabbit



sculpture



seal



shapes



drawing



emperor



fur



gold



ground



sheep



snake



soft



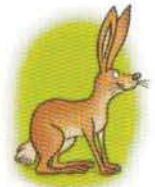
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statue



hard



hare



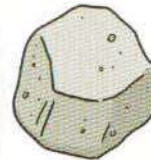
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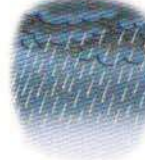
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insects



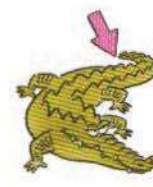
stone



storm



symbols



tail



tapestry



jungle



museum



painting



pattern



photo



teapot



unicorn



wheel



whiskers



wild animals



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