Animal Exploration Day

Vocabulary List



Adult a grown up plant or animal that can have young

Baby a very young animal, especially one newly or recently born

Bird a warm-blooded egg-laying animal with a backbone that has feathers, wings for

flight, and a beak

Cold-blooded relying on the environment to control the inside body temperature

Feather the lightweight body covering of birds

Fur the hairy coat of a mammal

Hatch to emerge from an egg, chrysalis, or pupa

Mammal a warm-blooded animal with a backbone that has hair or fur, the secretion of milk

by females for the nourishment of the young, and (typically) the birth of live young

Nest a home or place made or chosen by a bird for laying eggs and sheltering its young,

often cup shaped and made with grasses and other plant material

Reptile the group of animals with a backbone including snakes, lizards, crocodiles, turtles,

and tortoises. They are distinguished by having dry scaly skin and typically laying

soft-shelled eggs on land.

Scale one of the thin, flat, rigid plates forming the covering of certain animals, as snakes,

lizards, and fish.

Shed to lose old feathers, fur or skin to make way for new growth

Shell a hard outer covering of an animal, such as a turtle

Warm-blooded animals (like mammals and birds) which keep a constant body temperature that is

usually warmer than the environment