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# What is Mammals

Discover the Amazing World of Mammals!

## DEFINITION

> Mammals are warm-blooded animals that have fur or hair and produce milk for their young. They are a diverse group found in many environments around the world.

## KEY CONCEPTS

### Warm-blooded

Mammals can regulate their body temperature, keeping it constant regardless of the environment.

### Fur or Hair

All mammals have some form of fur or hair that helps keep them warm and protects their skin.

### Milk Production

Female mammals produce milk to feed their babies, which is a key characteristic of this group.

### Live Birth

Most mammals give birth to live young, rather than laying eggs, which is common in other animal groups.

### Diverse Habitats

Mammals can be found in various habitats, including forests, oceans, and deserts.

## EXAMPLES

→ Dogs and cats are common household mammals.

→ Whales and dolphins are marine mammals.

→ Bats are the only flying mammals.

## MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'MAMMAL' - Milk, Air, Mammary glands, and Live birth.

★ Think of 'Fur' to recall that all mammals have some form of hair.

★ Use the acronym 'WARM' for Warm-blooded, Air-breathing, Reproduce live young, Mammary glands.

## COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing mammals with reptiles, which lay eggs.

✗ Thinking all mammals live on land; some live in water.

✗ Believing that all mammals have the same type of fur.

## QUICK RECAP

Mammals are warm-blooded animals with fur or hair that produce milk for their young. They give live birth and inhabit various environments, showcasing incredible diversity.