

Madagascar

These are lemurs. They live on the island of Madagascar. Most lemurs have long, furry tails.



FACT

There were about 50 species of lemur. 16 species are now extinct. 17 species are **endangered**.



Lemurs come in many sizes. The tiny Pygmy Mouse Lemur is as small as a mouse. The largest lemur, the Indri, is as big as a two-year-old child.

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Introduction

The Importance of Reading Nonfiction Texts

We live in a world in which we are surrounded by text that is written to convey specific information. Knowing how to read, comprehend, and respond to this informational text is a critical part of achieving and maintaining success in both school and society. Informational text is what helps us better understand the natural and social world. This is why it is so important to expose students to a wide variety of informational texts. Reading and enjoying informational text can—and should—begin at an early age, when children are fascinated by their surroundings and eager to learn more about the world. By reading informational text, students develop stronger literacy skills, build their vocabulary, and expand their content knowledge.

It is no secret that children typically spend more time watching videos and playing games on tablets than they do reading books. In addition, much of the reading content they are exposed to is fiction-based. Higher-level educational institutions have discovered that most students are not prepared to read and analyze complex nonfiction text or write a well-researched essay—skills that are essential for college and career readiness. Help students improve their informational literacy skills by providing them access to an assortment of nonfiction texts.

Island Animals is a nonfiction book about the many unique and diverse animals that can be found living on and around the islands of our world. The book includes interesting facts, colorful photos, and special text features that will engage and inform readers. It will help bring young children one step closer to becoming competent readers of informational texts.



Name: _____

ACTIVITY 3

Where Are You From?

Directions: Read the list of animals below. Where is each animal from? Write the name of each animal in the correct circle.

**cormorant****lemurs****marine iguana****platypus****Tasmanian devil****Australia****Madagascar****Galapagos Islands**