



Zoo for 2000 – Version 1
Animals Year 7 Assessment

So many words in the English Language come originally from other countries or languages. One of the greatest influences on the development of English was LATIN and even today many Latin words are still used. In particular, scientists will often name new discoveries with Latin terms. One well-known example is:

Tyrannosaurus Rex – which is Latin for...

King of the tyrant lizards

When you visit the zoo you will find signs and notices outside the cages of every exhibit explaining what the animal is, where it comes from, what its eating habits are etc...

WORD BANK

Appearance		Characteristics		Colours/Numbers/Misc	
ENGLISH	LATIN	ENGLISH	LATIN	ENGLISH	LATIN
Bald	Calvus	Ancient	Vetus	Arm	Bracchium
Large	Magnus	Angry	Iratus	Blue	Caeruleus
Long	Longus	Fussy	Curiosus	Cold	Frigus
Shabby	Sordidus	Field	Campus	Five	Quinque
Shaggy	Hirsutus	Glorious	Illustris	Four	Quattuor
Sharp	Acutus	Greedy	Avidus	Hair	Villus
Short	Brevis	Grimy	Squalidus	Head	Caput
Slender	Gracilis	River	Flumen	Leg	Tibia
Small	Parvus	Rocky	Saxosus	One	Una
Smooth	Levis	Sad	Tristis	Paw	Ungula
Soft	Mollis	Sleepy	Somniculosis	Red	Ruber
Splendid	Sumptuosus	Smelly	Olidus	Sand	Sabulo
Strong	Fortis	Strange	Rarus	Sea	Mare
Sweet	Dulcis	Stupid	Stupidus	Six	Sex
Taste	Gustatus	Supreme	Supremus	Skin	Pellis
Timid	Timidus	Trembling	Trepidatio	Spider	Aranea
Thick	Densus	Varied	Diversus	Tail	Cauda
Twist	Torqueo	Venomous	Virulentus	Three	Tres
Ugly	Deformis	Weak	Infirmus	Tooth	Dens
Voice	Vox	Wild	Ferus	Two	Duo
Wailing	Ploratus	Wonderful	Mirabilis	Water	Aqua
Warm	Tepidus	Young	Minor	White	Albus



YOUR TASK is to create 5 new animals and to write the zoological descriptions of them following the plan below. You must give each creature a proper, scientific name as well as a 'common household' name that is easier to remember.

Use the Latin words in the bank to help you construct each name.

After you have finished there is space for you to illustrate your work if you wish.

Here is an example:

Scientific name of animal TIMIDUS QUATTUOR UNGULD SABULO
(MINOR)

Common name of animal Fourpawsand

General description including information on shape, size, colour and special features or habits This is a particularly timid creature. What makes the animal so interesting and indeed so rare is that all four of its paws are at the front, leaving a short stubby rear end that has to be dragged along the sand. Its head is small but an adult Fourpawsand can grow up to 1 metre in length. The usual colour of its long shaggy coat is grey-blue, but this changes at night to a bright orange. It does make an unusual noise when sleeping: a sort of high-pitched scream that warns off any predators.

Country of origin Eastern Timbuktu

Description of usual habitat A dry sandy area with low bushes for making nests in. The Fourpawsand does not need much water but its coat does drop out in cold weather so it should always be kept warm.

Eating habits The Fourpawsand likes to dig for roots and its four paws make this an easy task to perform. It is completely vegetarian.

Life expectancy 15 years and 4 months exactly.

Common predators Often hunted by dogs, but the scream does tend to put them off.

Now it's your turn!

DON'T FORGET TO DELETE THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU PRINT YOUR WORK!



Animal 1

Scientific name of animal

Common name of animal

General description including information on shape, size, colour and special features or habits

Country of origin

Description of usual habitat

Eating habits

Life expectancy

Common predators

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Animal 2

Scientific name of animal

Common name of animal

General description including information on shape, size, colour and special features or habits

Country of origin

Description of usual habitat

Eating habits

Life expectancy

Common predators

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Animal 3

Scientific name of animal

Common name of animal

General description including information on shape, size, colour and special features or habits

Country of origin

Description of usual habitat

Eating habits

Life expectancy

Common predators

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Animal 4

Scientific name of animal

Common name of animal

General description including information on shape, size, colour and special features or habits

Country of origin

Description of usual habitat

Eating habits

Life expectancy

Common predators

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Animal 5

Scientific name of animal

Common name of animal

General description including information on shape, size, colour and special features or habits

Country of origin

Description of usual habitat

Eating habits

Life expectancy

Common predators

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