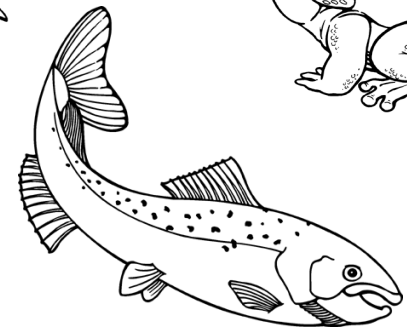
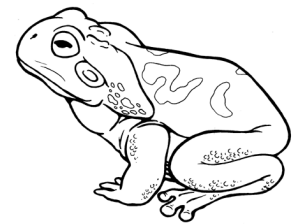
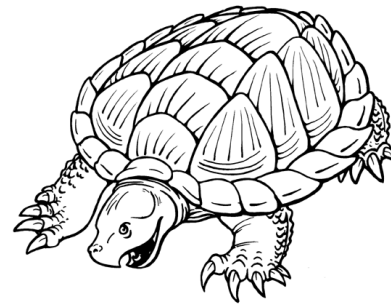
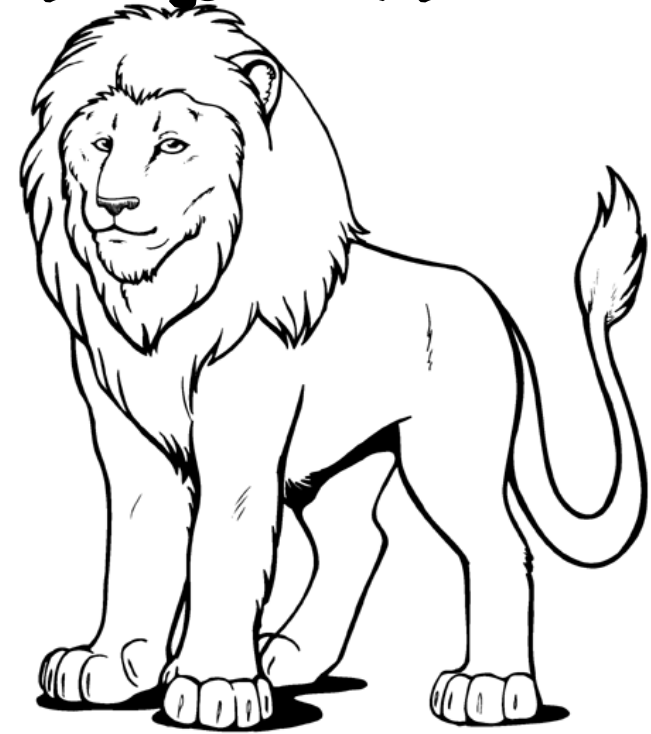
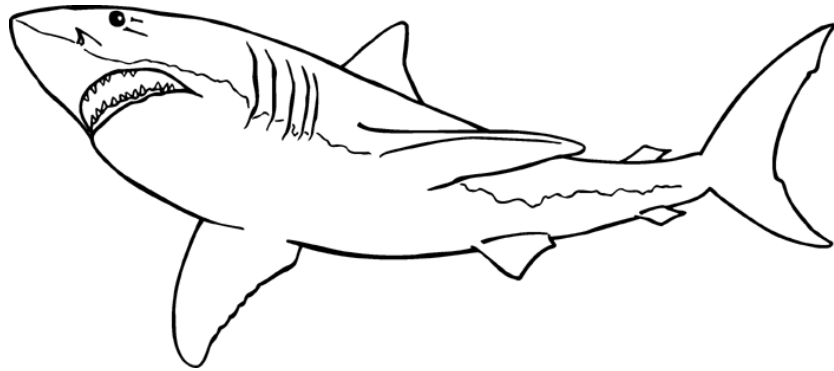


# Vertebrates



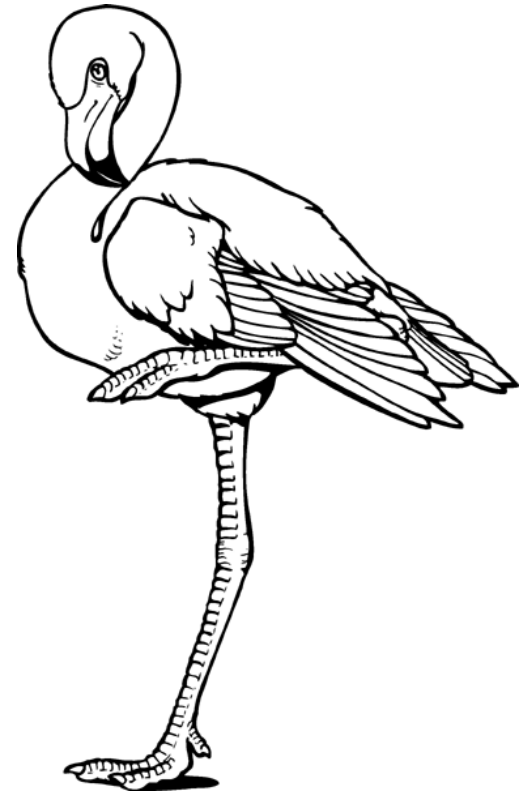
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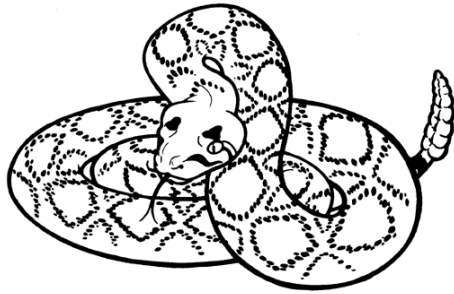
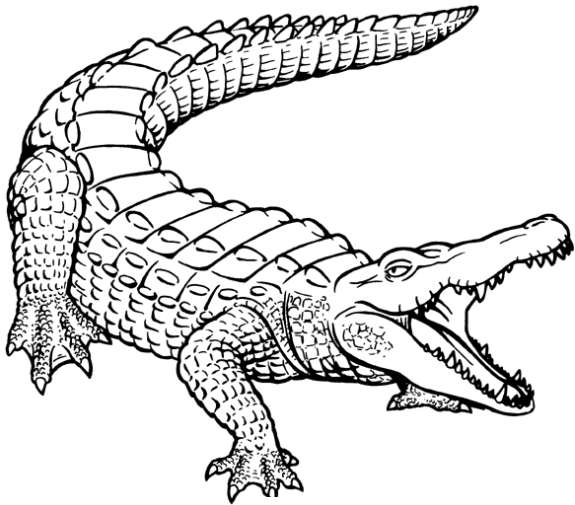
Fish are vertebrates (have backbones) and are cold blooded. They are covered with scales. They have gills to breathe under water. They use their fins to move around. Fish lay their eggs in the water. Some fish travel in groups called "schools". Fish eat plants and other fish.

1.



Birds are vertebrates (have backbones) and are warm blooded. They have feathers, beaks, and claws. They lay eggs. Some birds build nests. They eat seeds, insects, or nectar from flowers and fruit.

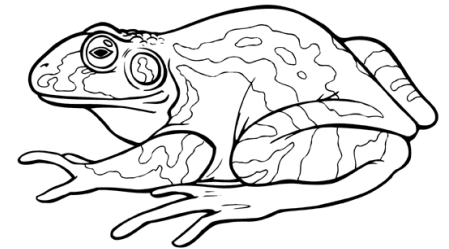
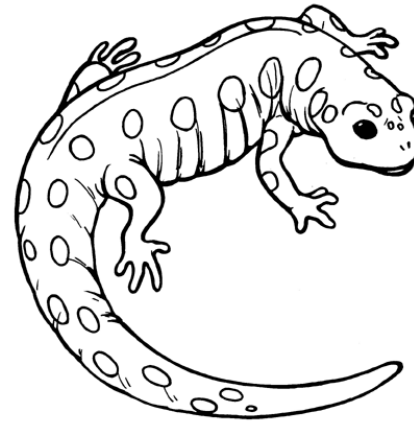
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Reptiles are vertebrates (have backbones) and are cold blooded. They are covered with dry, rough scales. They breathe with lungs.

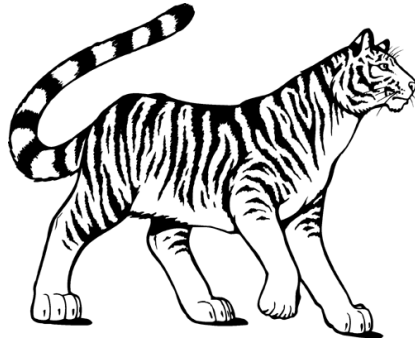
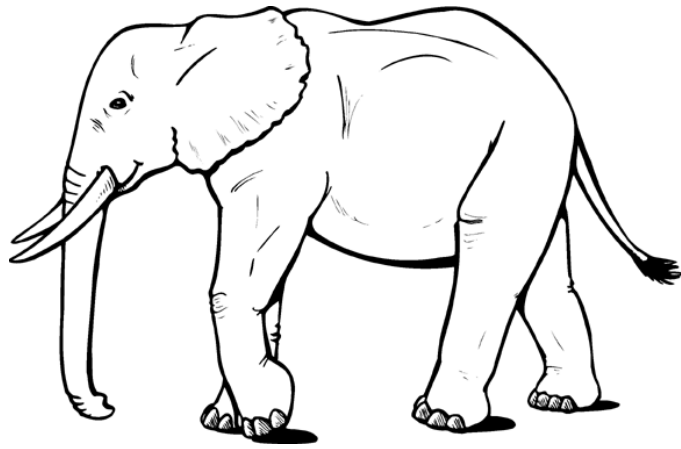
They lay eggs and then abandon them and their young take care of themselves.

3.



Amphibians are vertebrates (have backbones) and are cold blooded. Most have smooth, moist skin. They spend half their life in the water and half their life on land. They breathe with gills when young and then metamorph into an adult and breathe with lungs.

4.



Mammals are vertebrates (have backbones) and are warm blooded. They are covered with hair or fur. They have live babies, feed them milk, and take care of them. They breathe with lungs. Mammals can be...  
carnivores ~ eat meat  
herbivores~ eat plants  
or they can be both.

5.

Draw a picture of your favorite vertebrate animal.

6.

Directions:

Fold each page in half with the writing to the outside.

Slip the numbered pages in order inside the cover page with the folded edge to the outside or right side of the book. Staple the pages together on the left side. Having the pages folded instead of cut apart makes them sturdier. Also, you can print the cover page on cardstock to make the book last longer. Have students color the pages of their book and have them add their favorite vertebrate on the last page.

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