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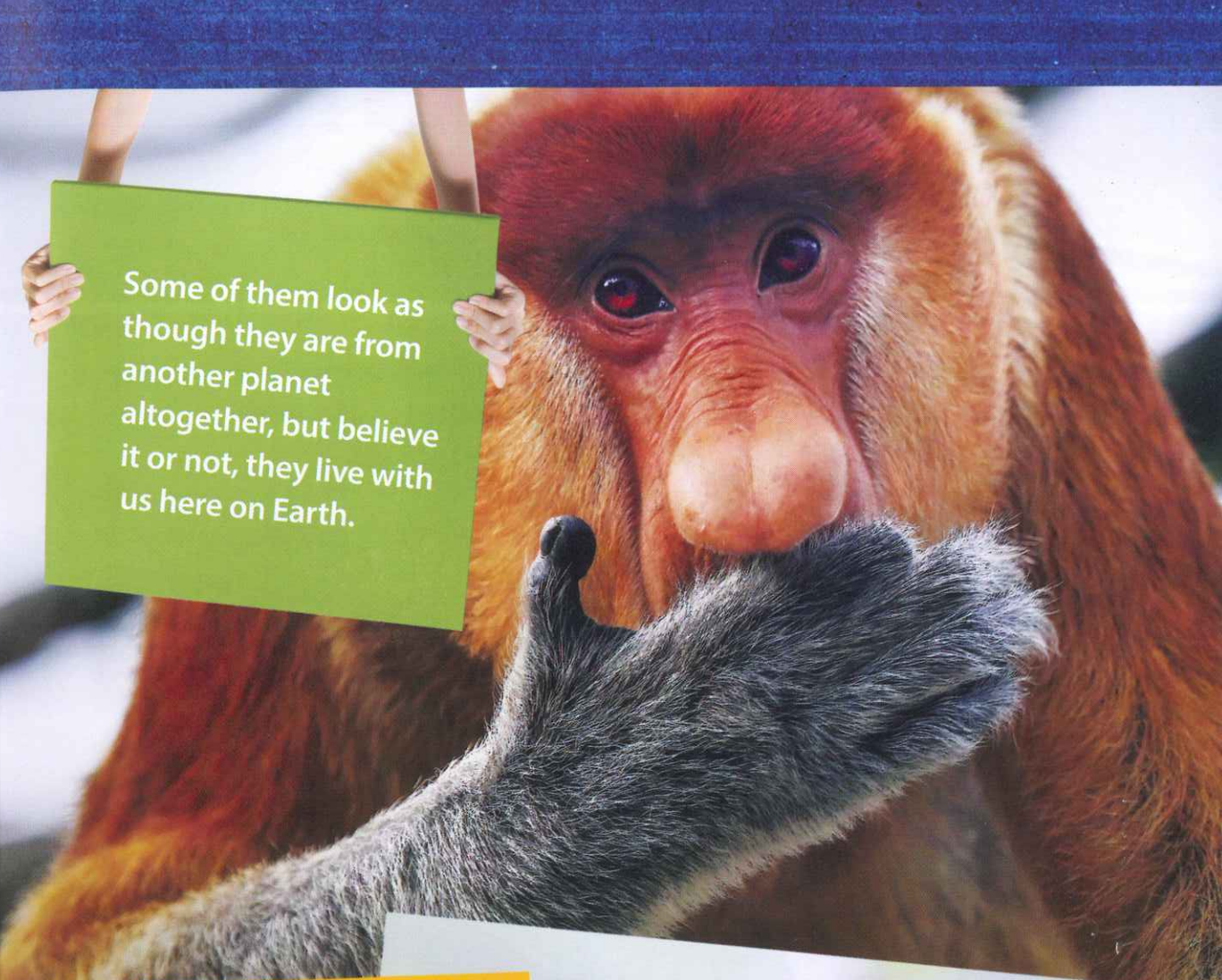


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LET'S START!

Our planet is a place of many wonders, especially when it comes to animals. You might think you know about most of the creatures on our planet, but there are numerous animals that we don't see or hear about often.





Some of them look as though they are from another planet altogether, but believe it or not, they live with us here on Earth.



Prepare yourself for some very strange sights!



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MARVELLOUS MAMMALS

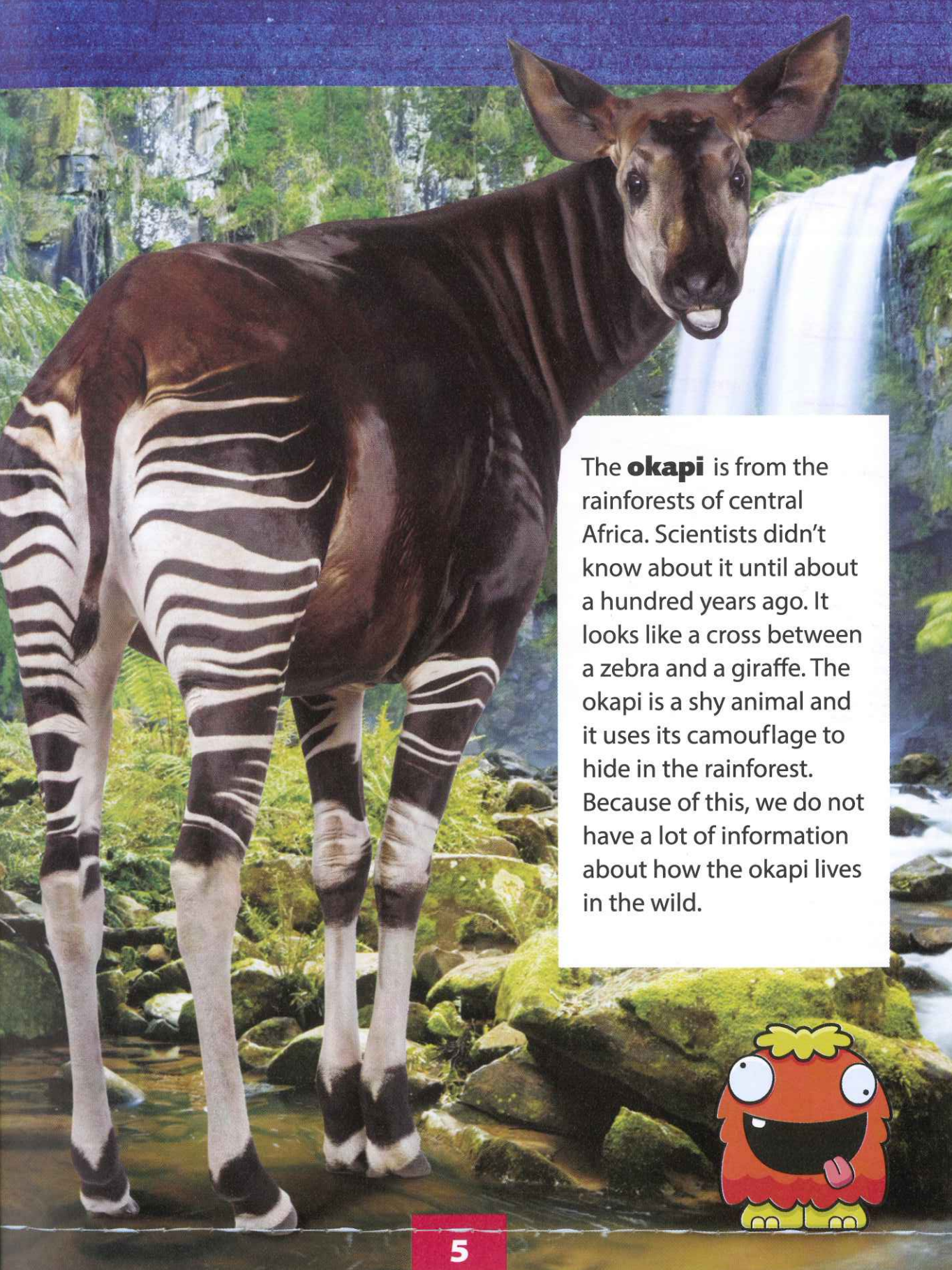
Mammals are warm-blooded animals who give birth to live young. They have got fur or hair. Young mammals drink milk from their mothers. They come in many shapes and sizes, as you will see!

The **star-nosed mole** is from the USA and Canada. It is blind but it uses its nose to look for food. It is a carnivore and spends a lot of time underwater looking for prey. The star-nosed mole can smell underwater and it can find food faster than any other mammal in the world!



The **saiga** is a type of antelope found in Russia and Kazakhstan. It is an endangered species because it is hunted and killed for its horns. During the summer, the saiga's nose acts as a filter for dust and it also cools down its blood. In the winter, the saiga's nose heats up the cold air before it goes into its lungs. The saiga is a herbivore and eats many different kinds of plants, including some that are poisonous to other animals!





The **okapi** is from the rainforests of central Africa. Scientists didn't know about it until about a hundred years ago. It looks like a cross between a zebra and a giraffe. The okapi is a shy animal and it uses its camouflage to hide in the rainforest. Because of this, we do not have a lot of information about how the okapi lives in the wild.



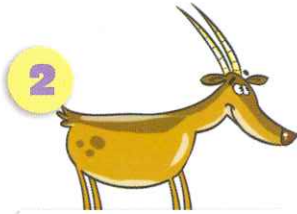
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MARVELLOUS MAMMALS

1 Find the words. Label the pictures.



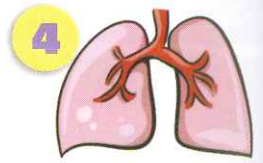
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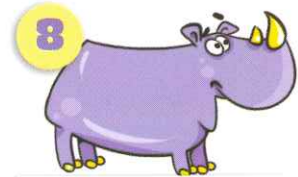
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2 Use words from Ex. 1 to complete the sentences.

- Some of the plants the saiga eats are
- The star-nosed mole can't see; it is
- The okapi looks like a cross between a zebra and a(n)

- When tapirs are underwater, they use their noses like
- The saiga is killed for its
- The gerenuk is the only that can stand upright.

3 Read and match.

- 1 It lives in the desert of Eastern Africa.
- 2 It is the fastest food-hunter in the world.
- 3 It has got stripes as a baby.
- 4 It lives in the rainforests of central Africa.
- 5 Its nose helps cool down its blood.
- 6 It is a shy animal.
- 7 It uses its nose to look for food.
- 8 Only the male of this animal has got horns.
- 9 Its biggest enemy is humans.
- 10 It can be found in Russia and Kazakhstan.

A Star-nosed mole

B Saiga

C Okapi

D Gerenuk

E Tapir



4 **OVER TO YOU:** @ Find information about another **weird mammal** and write about it. Use the Internet to help you.

Draw picture
or stick photo here

Name:

Where it lives:

What it eats:

What it is like:

Special characteristic(s):

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