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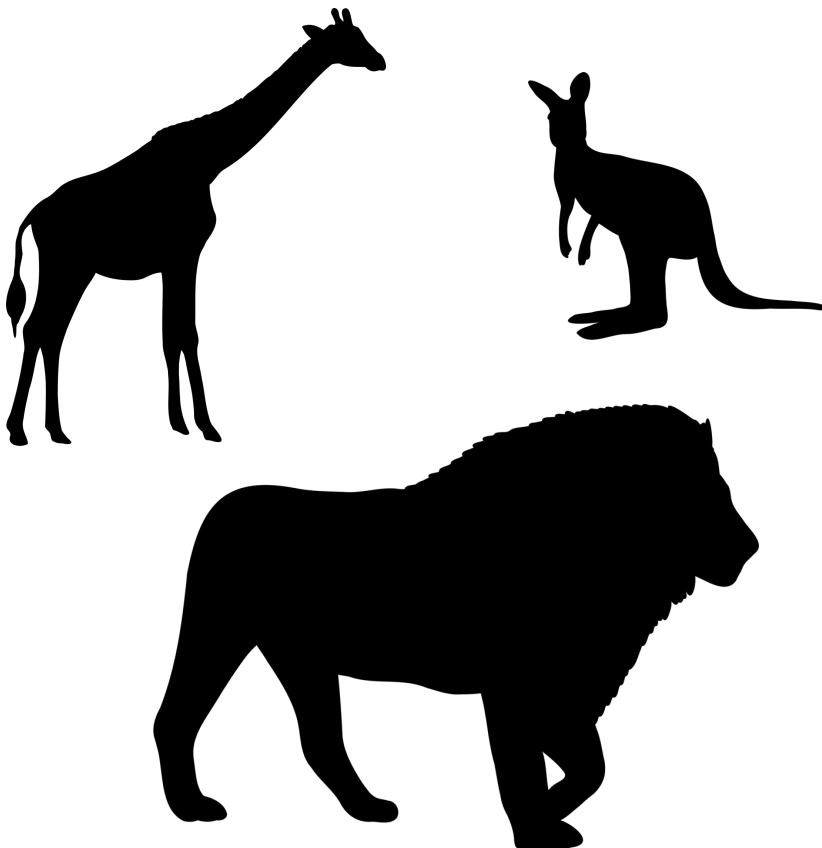
ZOO ANIMALS SHADOW AND NAME MATCH

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What's Included:

- Animal shadow (silhouette) cards
- Animal name word cards

Recommended Age

Ideal for **ages 3 – 6** | Preschool | Pre-K | Kindergarten. Perfect for early literacy, visual discrimination, and vocabulary development

Domain

Targeted Skills & Behaviours

Literacy & Language

- Word recognition
- Vocabulary development (animal names)
- Early reading skills
- Letter recognition within words

Cognitive / Executive Function

- Visual discrimination
- Matching and association
- Memory recall
- Problem solving

Fine-Motor Development

- Handling and placing cards
- Hand-eye coordination

Positive Learning Behaviours

- Focus and engagement
- Independent learning
- Persistence

Materials:

- Shadow cards (included)
- Animal name cards (included)
- Optional: Velcro dots or matching mat

Preparation:

1. Print on cardstock for durability
2. Laminate for long-term use
3. Cut out all shadow and word cards
4. (Optional) Add Velcro dots for matching
5. Organize cards into a bin or tray

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Instructions for Engagement:

Core Activity: Match the Shadow to the Animal Name

- Learners select a shadow card, and carefully observe the shape and features
- Learners then look at the available word cards and identify the correct animal's name, and match the word to the shadow
- Encourage learners to say the animal's name aloud, and look for beginning letters and familiar sounds

Classroom Centre Ideas!

- **Literacy Centre** – Place cards in a bin for independent matching
- **Small Group Instruction** – Support learners with sounding out words
- **Morning Tub Activity** – Quiet vocabulary-building task
- **Word Workstation** – Pair with alphabet or phonics activities
- **Themed Animal Unit** – Integrate into zoo or wildlife learning

Variations and Extensions

1. **Say It First** – Learners must name the animal before matching
2. **Beginning Sound Focus** – Identify the first letter/sound of each word
3. **Sorting Activity** – Group animals by type (wild, farm, etc.)
4. **Memory Game** – Turn cards face down and match pairs

Differentiation

Beginning Learners

- Use 2–4 cards at a time
- Provide picture support if needed
- Focus on familiar animals

Developing Learners

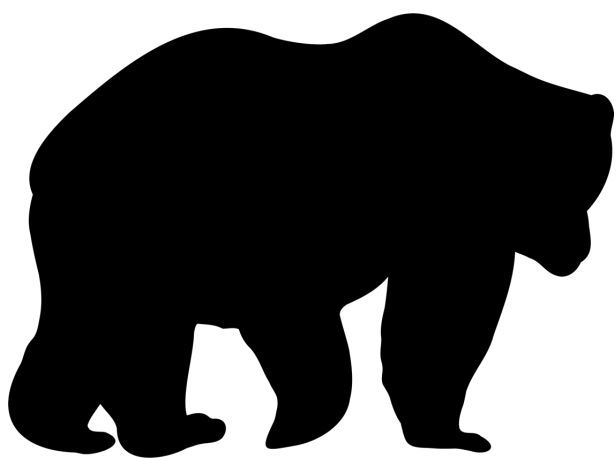
- Use a larger set of cards
- Encourage sounding out words
- Support independent matching

Advanced Learners

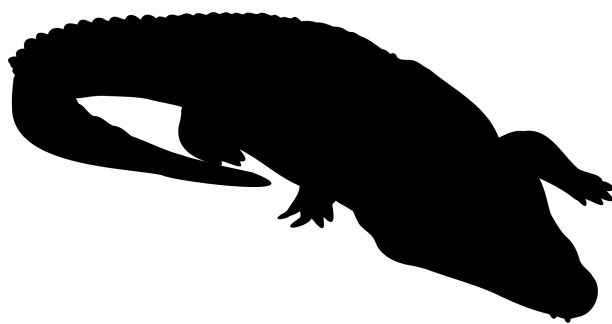
- Remove supports and mix all cards
- Ask learners to spell or write the animal names
- Introduce timed matching challenges

Teacher Talk Prompts

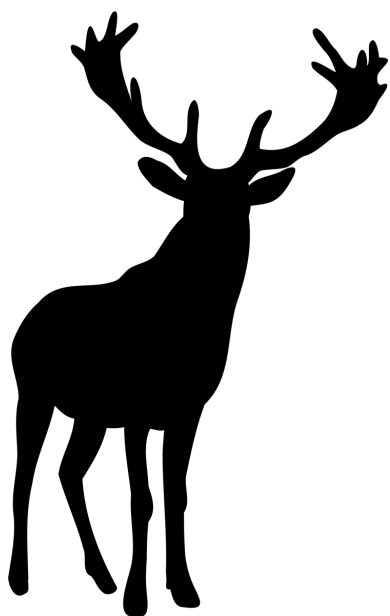
- “What animal do you think this is?”
- “What shape do you notice?”
- “What letter does this word start with?”
- “Can you find the word that matches this animal?”
- “How do you know that's correct?”



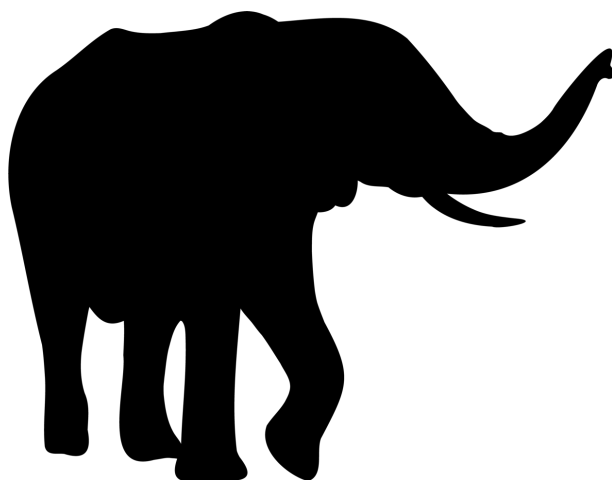
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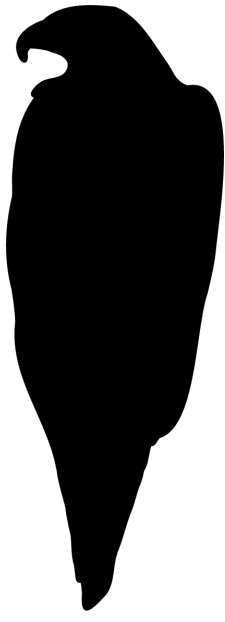
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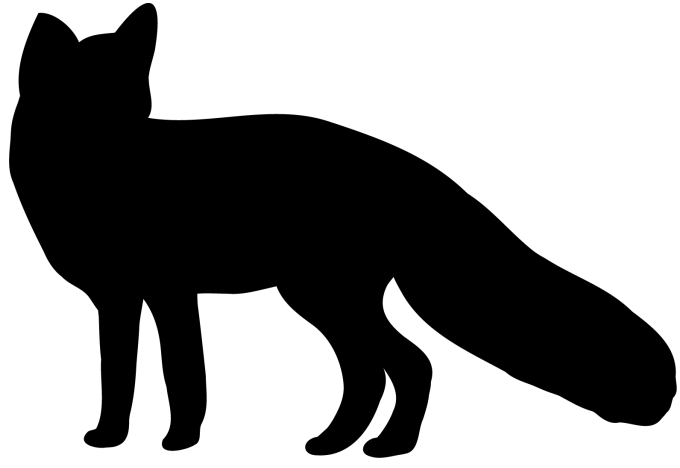
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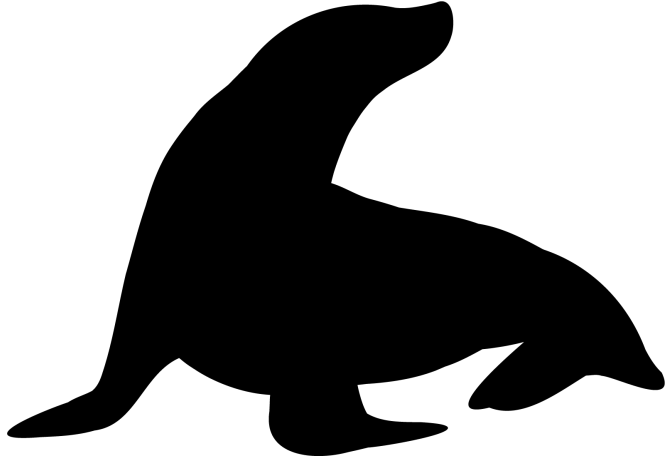
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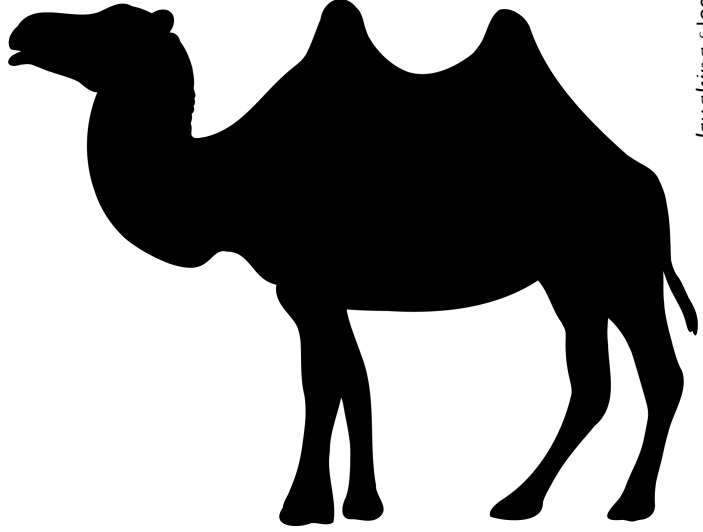
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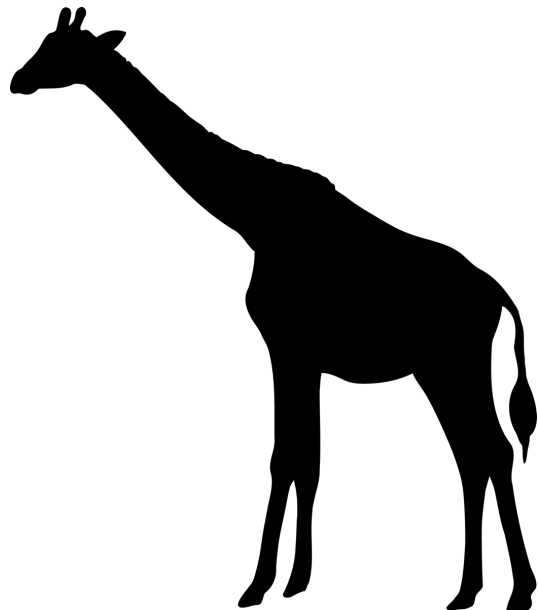
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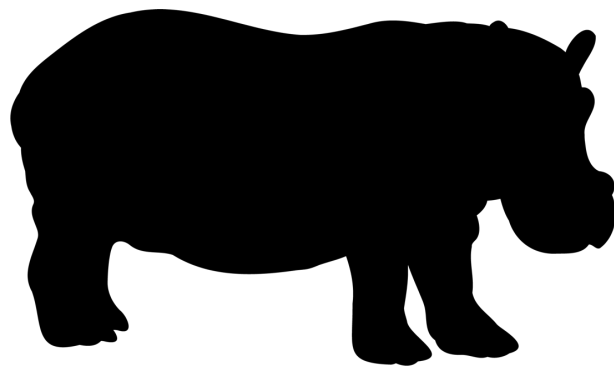
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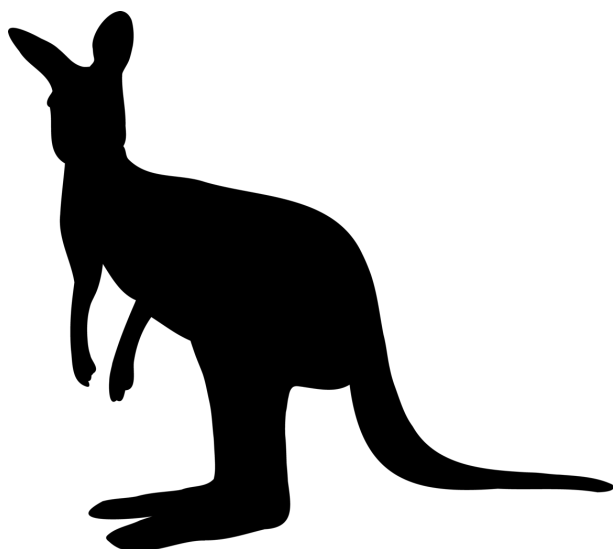
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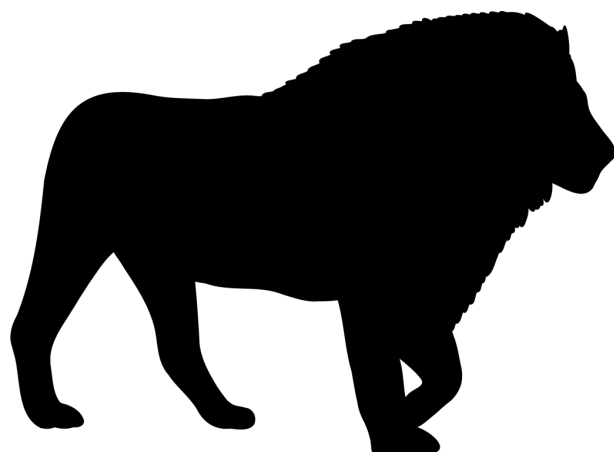
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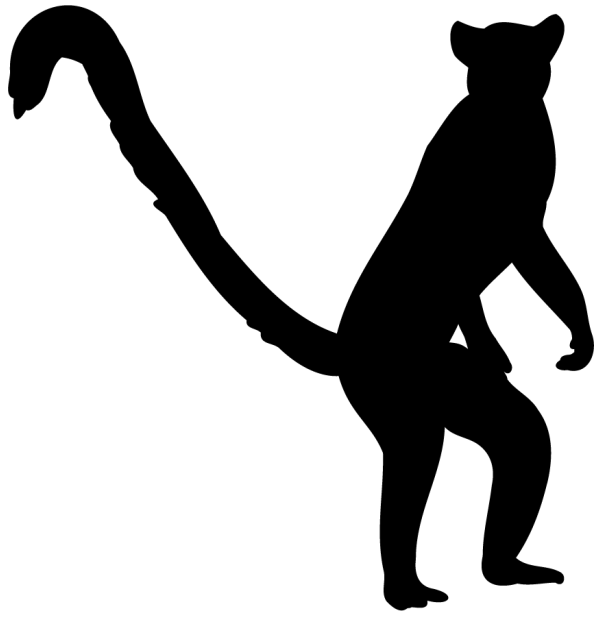
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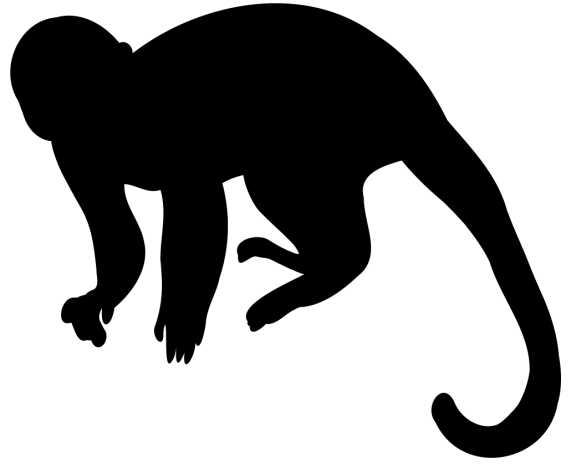
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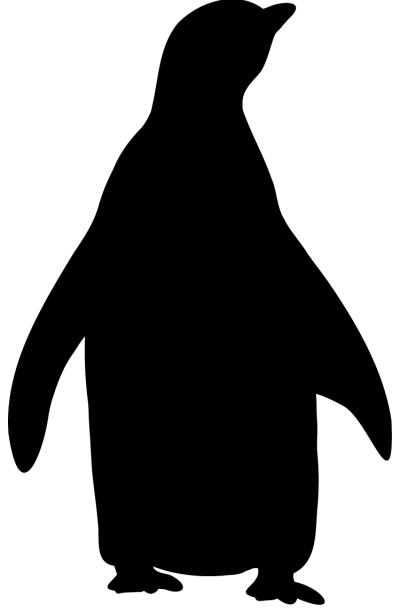
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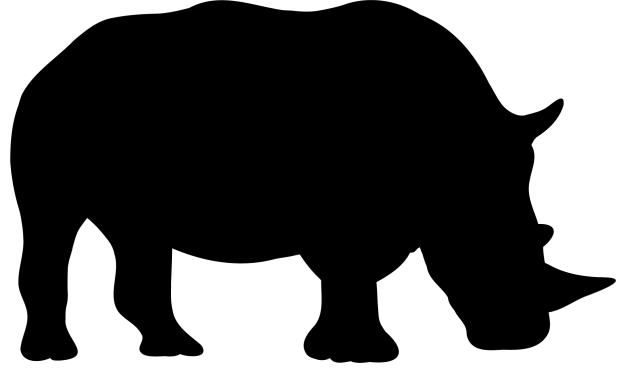
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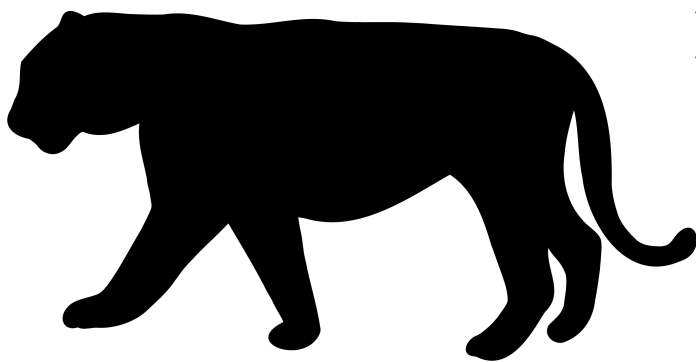
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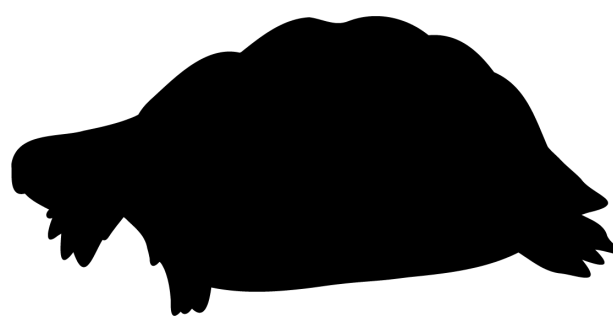
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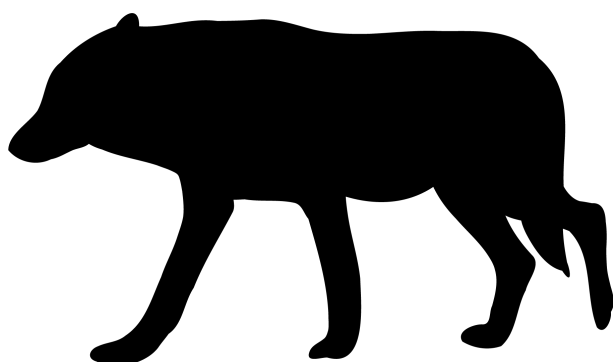
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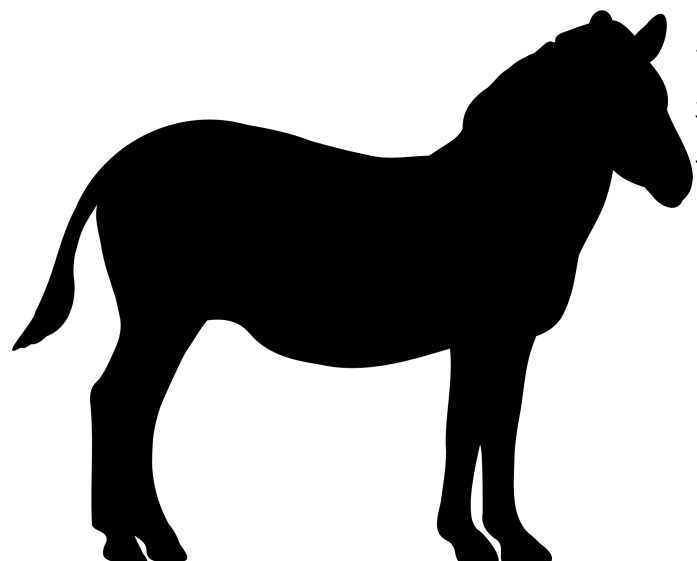
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Bear

Crocodile

Deer

Elephant

Fox

Seal

Camel

Giraffe

Hippo

Kangaroo

Penguin

Rhinoceros

Eagle

Lion

Meerkat

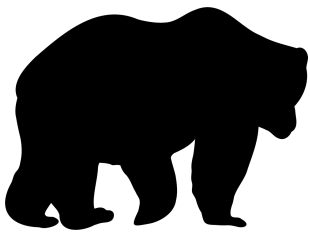
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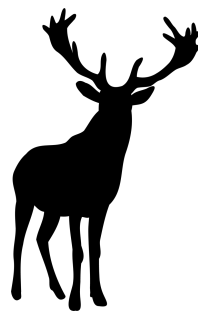
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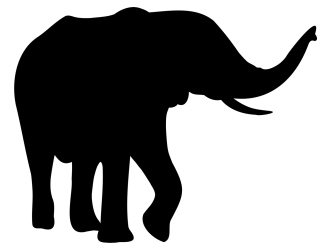
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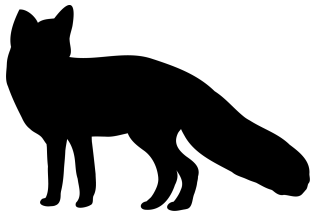
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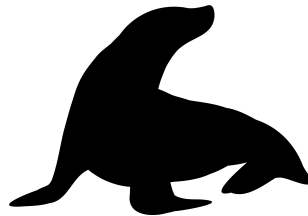
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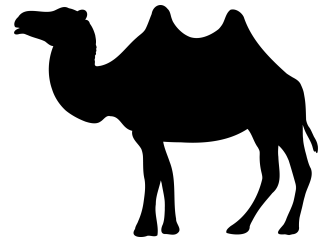
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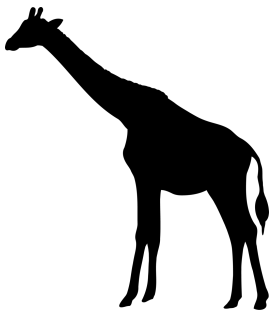
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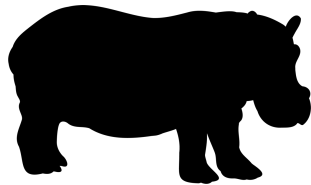
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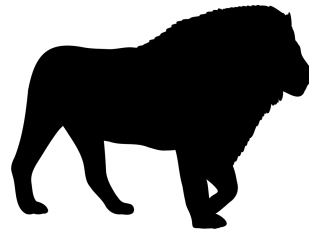
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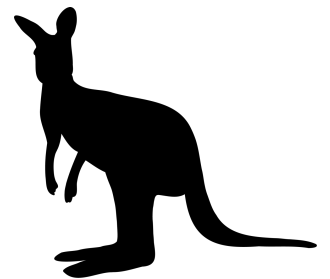
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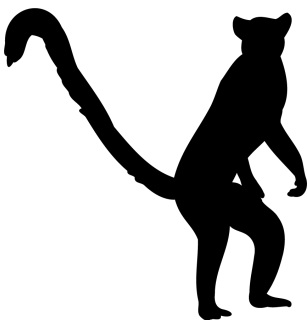
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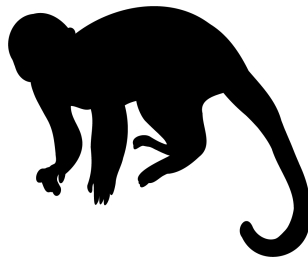
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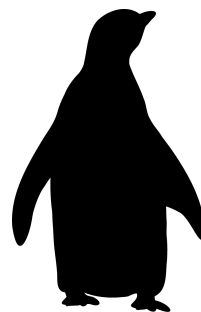
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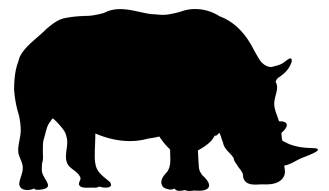
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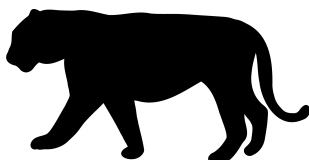
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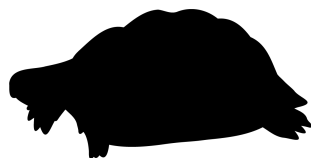
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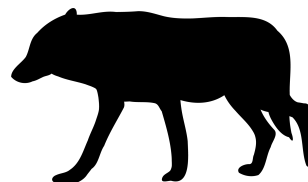
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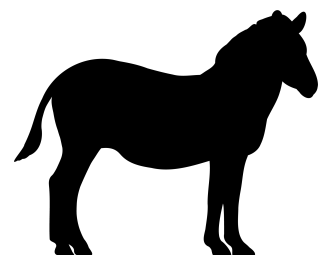
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