

MONKEYS ARE **AMAZING!**

UNIT GOALS

By the end of this unit, you will be able to:

- describe your favorite animals
- use adjectives to compare animals
- sounds of the letter *a*: /æ/ and /eɪ/

Mona monkeys,
Monkey Sanctuary, Ghana

Preview

A 🎧 1-11 Listen. Number the animals.

B 🎧 1-12 Match. Write the words in the box under the animals. Listen and check.

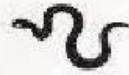
snake frog parrot monkey jaguar



1. frog



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____

C Talk with a partner. What's your favorite animal on this page?

What's your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is the parrot.



Language Focus

REAL ENGLISH Wow!

A 1-13 Listen and read. Then repeat the conversation and replace the words in **blue**.

B Practice with a partner. Replace any words to make your own conversation.

1 This is my **parrot**. His name's Otto.
Thanks!
Wow! He's amazing! He's really beautiful!

2 He's very **colorful**.
Yes, he is.

3 Is he **noisy**?
Yes, he is. He's very noisy!

4 And he's really **big**! Argh!

lizard
frog

beautiful
small

quiet
friendly

scary
noisy

1-14

DESCRIBING ANIMALS—ADJECTIVES AND COMPARATIVES (P. 165)

Lizards are **amazing**.

They're **quiet**.

They're **small**.

Jaguars are **big**.

Parrots are **noisy**.

Tigers are **beautiful**.

They're **quieter than** birds.

They're **smaller than** dogs.

They're **bigger than** lizards.

They're **noisier than** monkeys.

They're **more beautiful than** parrots.

C 1-15 Listen. Circle the words you hear.

1. Frogs are (noisy / quiet).
2. Jaguars are (big / small).
3. Parrots are (ugly / beautiful).
4. Monkeys are (shy / friendly).
5. Lizards are (scary / beautiful).

IDIOM

What is a "teacher's pet"?
a. the teacher's computer
b. the teacher's favorite student

D Write questions about the animals in C. Then ask a partner to answer them.

1. monkeys / quieter / parrots Are monkeys quieter than parrots?
2. frogs / shier / jaguars _____
3. jaguars / friendlier / parrots _____
4. parrots / quieter / jaguars _____
5. lizards / more beautiful / monkeys _____

Are monkeys quieter than parrots?

Yes, they are.

E Play a memory game. Work in a group. Use the photos in this unit to help you.

Tigers are big.

Tigers are big, and frogs are ugly.

Tigers are big, frogs are ugly,
and monkeys are noisy.



Marine iguana

The Real World

Animals from South America



Many amazing animals live in the rain forests of South America. Look at the pictures. Do you know any of these South American animals?

A 1-16 Listen. Label the pictures with the names of the animals in the order you hear them. Use the words in the box.

green iguana howler monkey macaw

B 1-17 Listen. Complete the chart. Then listen again and check your answers.


	Macaw	Howler monkey	Green iguana
Type of ...	1. _____	monkey	6. _____
What are they like?	beautiful and 2. _____	black, brown, or 4. _____	long, 7. _____, and strong
How long do they live?	up to 3. _____ years	up to 5. _____ years	up to 8. _____ years

Discussion. Describe your favorite animal.




Pronunciation

Sounds of the letter *a*: /æ/ and /eɪ/

A  1-18 Listen and repeat.

1. /æ/, animal
2. /eɪ/, name

B  1-19 Complete the chart below. Use the words in the box. Listen and check your answers.

parrot jaguar same
black favorite amazing

Sounds like /æ/ in animal	Sounds like /eɪ/ in name
black	

C Work with a partner. Take turns to read the words in B.

DO YOU KNOW?



This lizard is really small. It is the size of a coin. Where's it from?

- a. Madagascar
- b. Thailand
- c. Brazil

Communication

Play a true-false game. Work in pairs. Take turns to describe an animal.

Student A: Say two true sentences and one false sentence.

Student B: Guess the false sentence.

Tigers are orange and black.

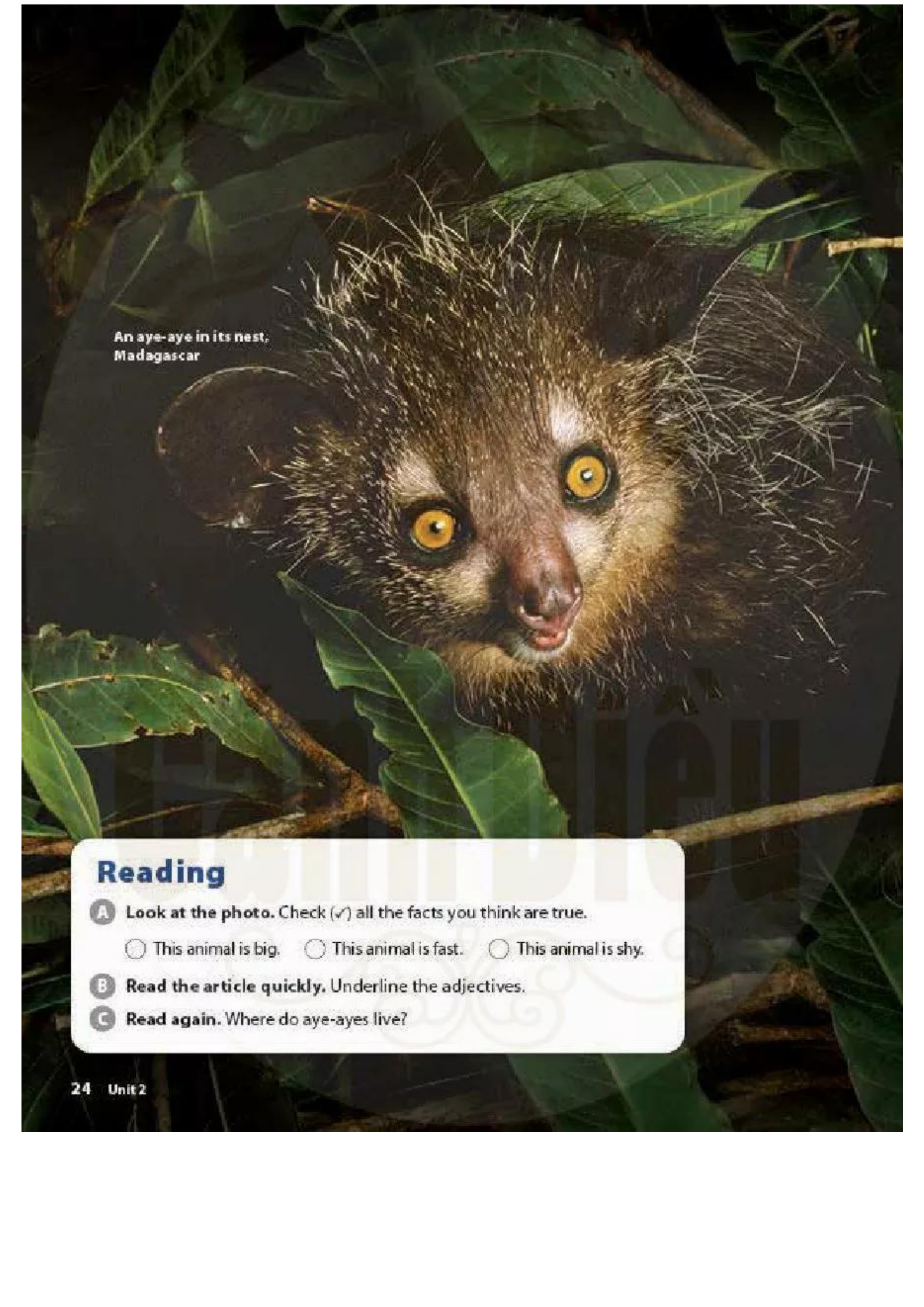
That's true!

Tigers are from Africa.

That's false! They're from Asia!



Tiger



An aye-aye in its nest,
Madagascar

Reading

- A** Look at the photo. Check (✓) all the facts you think are true.
- This animal is big. This animal is fast. This animal is shy.
- B** Read the article quickly. Underline the adjectives.
- C** Read again. Where do aye-ayes live?

THE AMAZING AYE-AYE

This amazing animal is an aye-aye. It's from Madagascar. It lives in the rain forest.

Aye-ayes are black or brown. They are very small. Their tails are long. Their eyes are big and so are their ears. They have really long, strong fingers. They catch food with their fingers. When they move, they're not fast—they're very slow.

Some people think aye-ayes are scary because they look strange. But aye-ayes are friendly animals!

1-20 OPTIONAL AUDIO



Comprehension

A Choose the correct answers for *The Amazing Aye-Aye*.

- Main Idea** What is this article about?
a. Madagascar b. rain forests c. a strange animal
- Detail** What color are aye-eyes?
a. brown or black b. black or white c. brown or grey
- Detail** Aye-eyes catch food with their long _____.
a. hands b. tails c. fingers
- Detail** Some people think aye-eyes are scary because _____.
a. they are slow b. they are small c. they look strange
- Detail** Aye-eyes are NOT _____.
a. small b. fast c. friendly

B Label the picture. Use the words in the box.

ear eye tail finger

C CRITICAL THINKING Talk with a partner. What animals do you think are scary? Why?



Writing

Make a poster about an amazing animal. Find a photo of the animal. Then show your poster to the class.



Jaguar

This big cat is called a jaguar. It lives in the rain forests. It is orange and white. It has black spots. It's very strong and fast. It's also shy. Some people think jaguars are scary.

OPTIONAL

V I D E O

Canopy Creatures

ABOUT THE VIDEO

Many interesting animals live in the forest on Barro Colorado Island, Panama.

BEFORE YOU WATCH

Look at the photo. Which animals do you think are in this rain forest? Make a list.

WHILE YOU WATCH

- A** Check. What animals on your list did you see?
- B** Watch the video again. Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

noisy big small long

1. The rain forest on the island of Barro Colorado is very _____.
2. The howler monkey is really _____.
3. The coati's tail is very _____.
4. The red-eyed tree frog is _____.

AFTER YOU WATCH

Talk with a partner. What animals live in rain forests? What interesting animals do you know?

A capuchin monkey in a rain forest

