



GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST & PARKS AUTHORITY

Animal features

Animals have many special features. This activity will help you explore animals which live in and around your home or school and the features that help them survive.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Something to take or draw pictures with (tablet, camera, scrapbook, pencils, chalk)
- Craft materials to fill in pictures. For example wool, cotton balls, string, sandpaper, material cut offs, dry leaves, pipe cleaners, leaves, dirt or feathers
- Glue or sticky tape
- Scissors
- Internet or animal books (see the last page for a list of great online resources).

Activity

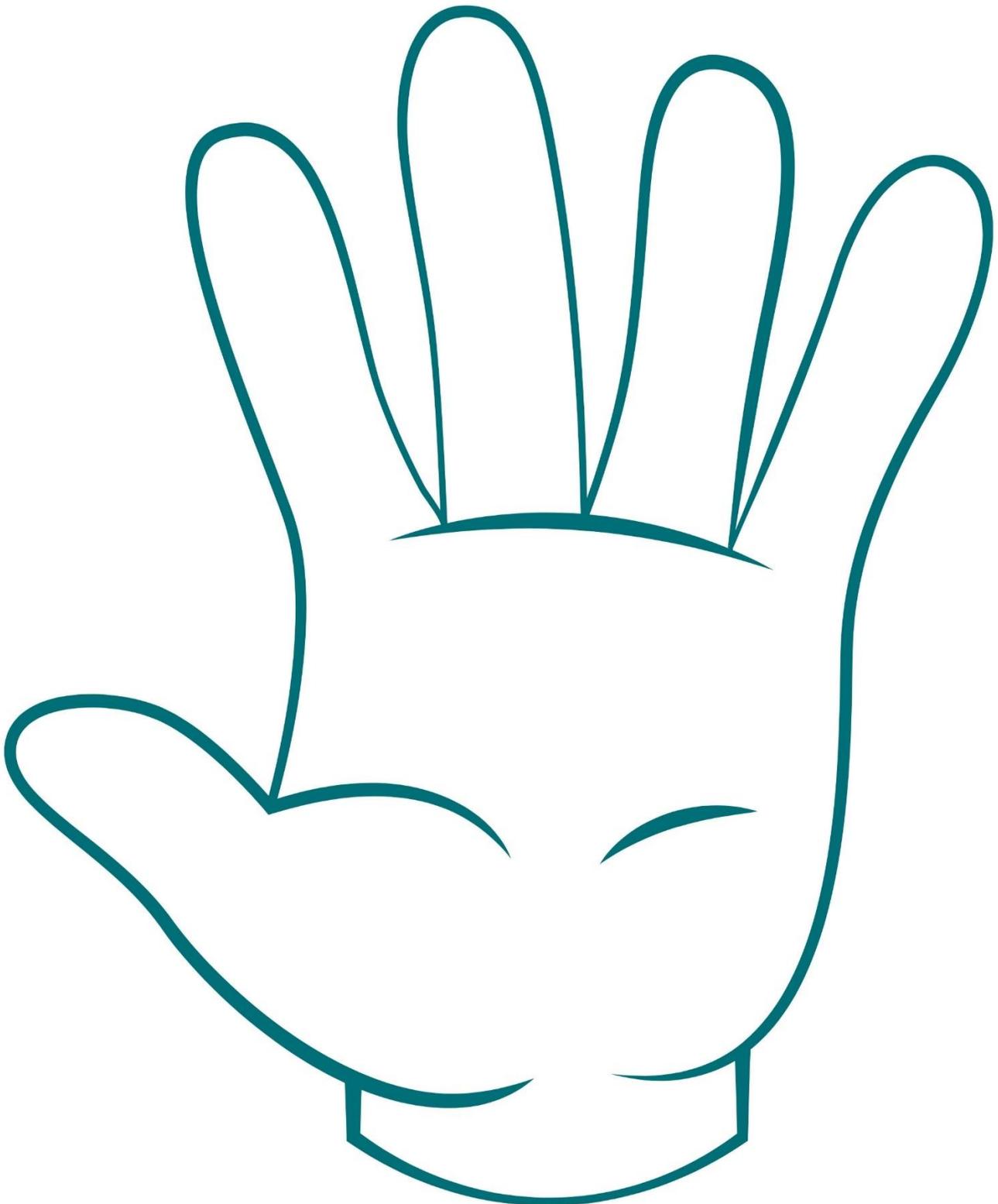
1. Find an animal in or around your house that you can watch or take a picture of easily and safely. This could be a beetle, butterfly, moth, possum, magpie, wattlebird, pigeon or a different animal.
2. Use words and different materials to describe the animal's features on the following pages. You can also use the online resources on the second last page to help you research more information about them.



I think the animal would feel...

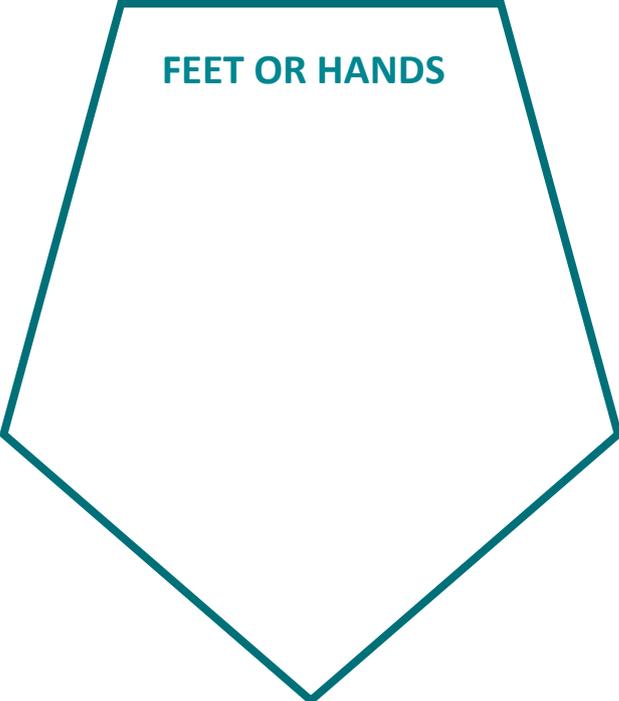
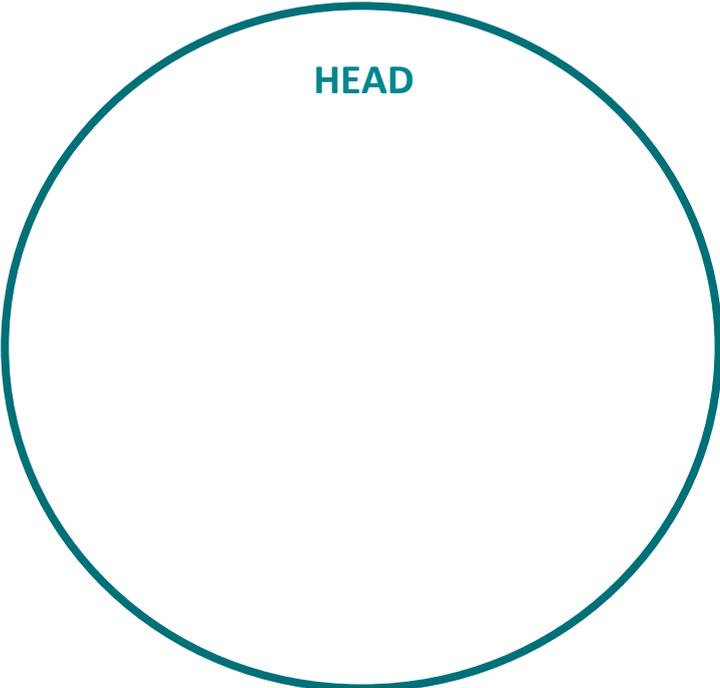
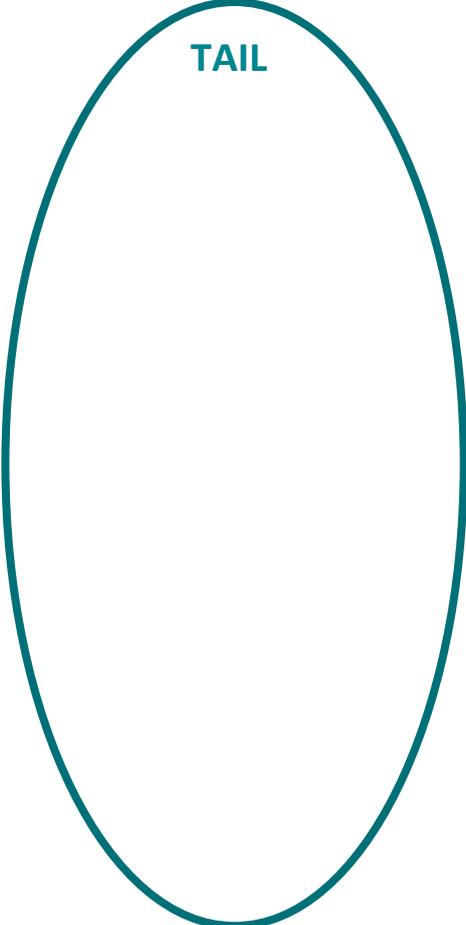
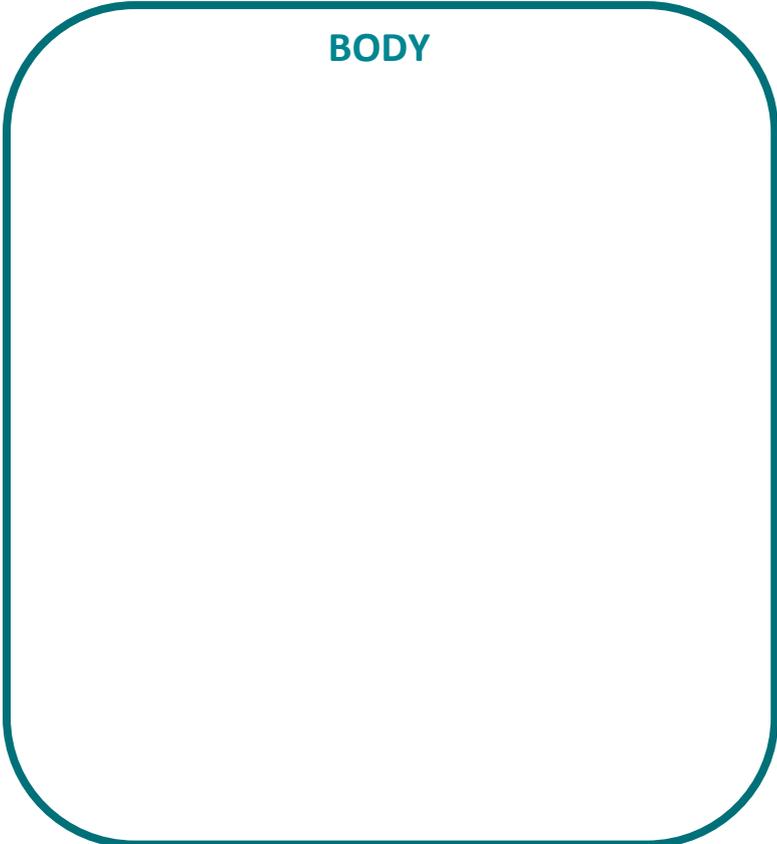
Looking closely at an animal's body will give you all the clues you need to know about how they would feel. What are they covered in? What shape are they?

Write describing words and stick on materials below which you think are similar to how the animal would feel. For example, they might look soft like cotton balls, or hard and smooth like an apple seed.



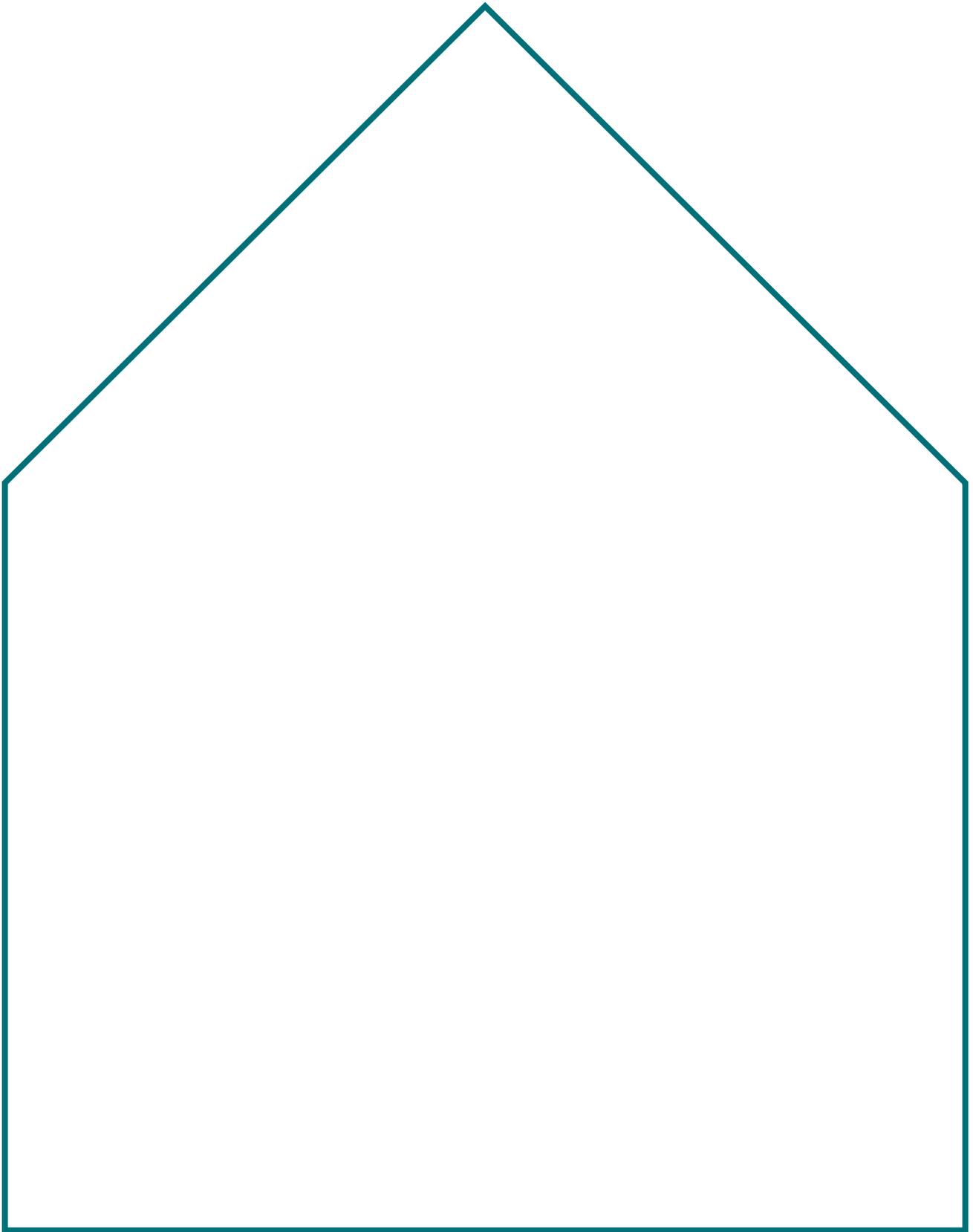
The animal's body looks like...

Use describing words or draw the patterns or shapes you see on different parts of the animal's body.



The animal's home looks like...

Draw or make a collage of different materials the animal uses to make their home. If you can't find their home, use the online resources on the last pages to help you look up this information.



Online Resources

All animals

Australian Museum

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals>

Backyard Buddies

<https://www.backyardbuddies.org.au/explore-backyard-buddies>

Birds

Australian Museum: Urban Birds

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/birds/birds-in-backyards-top-30-urban-birds/>

Botanic Gardens

https://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/documents/RBGV_Birds_of_the_Melbourne_Gardens_-_2017-_FINAL.pdf

Insects and spiders

Aboriginal Victoria: Fact sheet – Aboriginal Coastal Shell Middens

<https://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/fact-sheet-aboriginal-coastal-shell-middens>

Torquay museum without walls: Wathaurong and the land

<https://www.torquayhistory.com/our-collections/first-austsralians/wathaurong-and-land/>

Australian Museum: Beetles

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/species-identification/ask-an-expert/common-identifications-beetles/>

Backyard Buddies: Explore Bugs & Insects

<https://www.backyardbuddies.org.au/explore/bugs-and-insectsBackyard>

Buddies: Butterflies

<https://www.backyardbuddies.org.au/fact-sheets/butterflies>

CSIRO: Insect Families

<http://anic.ento.csiro.au/insectfamilies/>

Spidentify: App store

<https://identify-spiders.com/>

How to make an animal friendly garden

Backyard Buddies: Create

<https://www.backyardbuddies.org.au/create>

Gardening Australia: Backyard Biodiversity

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/backyard-biodiversity/11260610>