

Proboscis Game
(The Nose Game)

To Play: Someone reads the clues, the others must guess the creature. Best if played with more than 2 people. As the reader read the clues, guessers place your finger on your nose if you know the creature identified in each clue. Remember if you don't really know, find a way to cover your mistake by pretending to do something other than touching your nose. When the last clue is read, the reader picks a player who still has their finger on their nose to tell everyone who the creature is. If they don't really know keep asking until either all the fingers are off the noses or someone guesses right.

To figure out the answer to what each creature is write the letter that follows alphabetically in the answer keys below.

Creature #1

- I'm born from an egg
- I can be found almost anywhere: grasses, forests, gardens, the country and cities
- I eat small insects and am an important part of pest control
- As a child some say I look like a tiny alligator
- If you eat me, I taste horrible!
- I come in many colors and patterns but most people recognize me as red with spots
- My name suggests that all of us are girls, but our species has both boys and girls.

Answer Key: KZCXATF

Creature #2

- As an adult I look NOTHING like I did when I was young
- I can be found all over the world except Antarctica
- I can taste with my feet
- I have a special tongue in which to eat my food
- I have wings and I come in many colors
- I have four stages in my life cycle
- I get my wings while I'm in a chrysalis.

Answer Key: ATSSDQEKX

Creature #3:

- I'm about the size of a gummy bear
- I collect nectar and pollen
- I have a special tongue in which to collect my food
- I like flowers that are yellow, blue or purple the best
- I'm an important part of the life cycle of plants
- I live with thousands of other like myself in a hive
- I make honey.

Answer key: ADD

Creature #4:

- I only live in the Americas
- I feed mostly on flowers, but occasionally I'll eat small, flying insects
- I am highly territorial, which means I don't share well with others
- I can go into a torpor which is a deep sleep-like state that slows my whole body
- I'm the only one of my species that can hover in mid-air and fly backwards
- My heart can beat up to 1200 times per minute when I'm flying, and my wings can flap at 70 times per second in flight (200 times per second in a dive)
- I am the smallest bird on the planet

Answer key: GTLLHMFAHQ

Creature #5:

- I don't live in the desert or the arctic regions of the world
- I'm typically only a few inches long
- I'm important to the health of soil and plants
- I eat soil and decomposing organic matter (such as leaves, roots and fruits)
- My body is covered in tiny hairs that I use to tunnel underground
- I have to keep moist as I breathe through my skin, but in too much water I can drown
- I have no eyes or ears, but I can feel vibrations in the ground which helps me know that predators are near.
- Lots of creatures like to eat me so I make a very good bait especially for catching fish

Answer key: DZQSGVNQL