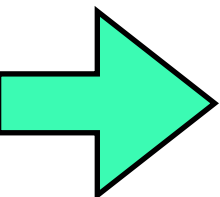


Identifying Animals

Today we will be...

Identifying and naming UK mammals.



Do you recognise any of these animals?



Hedgehogs and shrews eat insects. There are three types of shrew in the UK. Can you guess what water shrews live near?



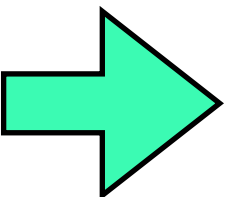
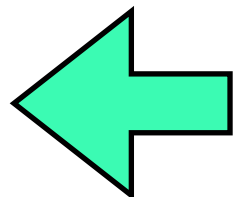
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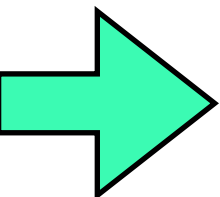
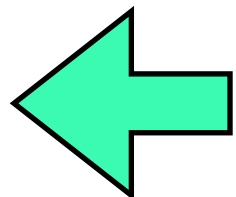
rabbit



water shrew



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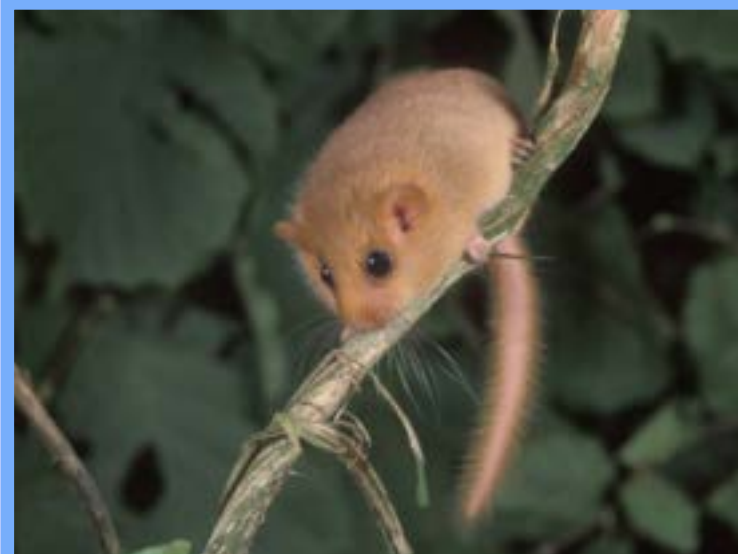
These animals are part of the rodent family. Their teeth are always growing so they gnaw hard things to keep them short.



red squirrel



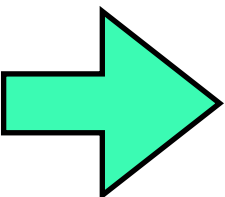
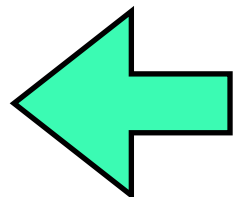
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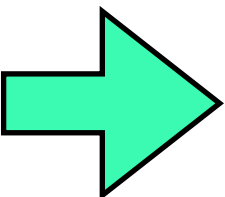
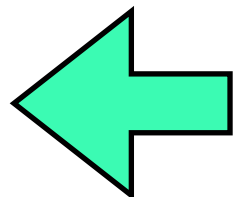
dormouse



bank vole



Do you
recognise
any of these
animals?



These animals eat meat. Dogs and cats are popular pets. Some people even have pet weasels.



domestic cat



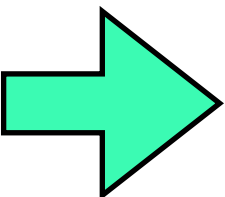
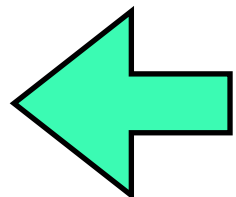
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weasel



dog

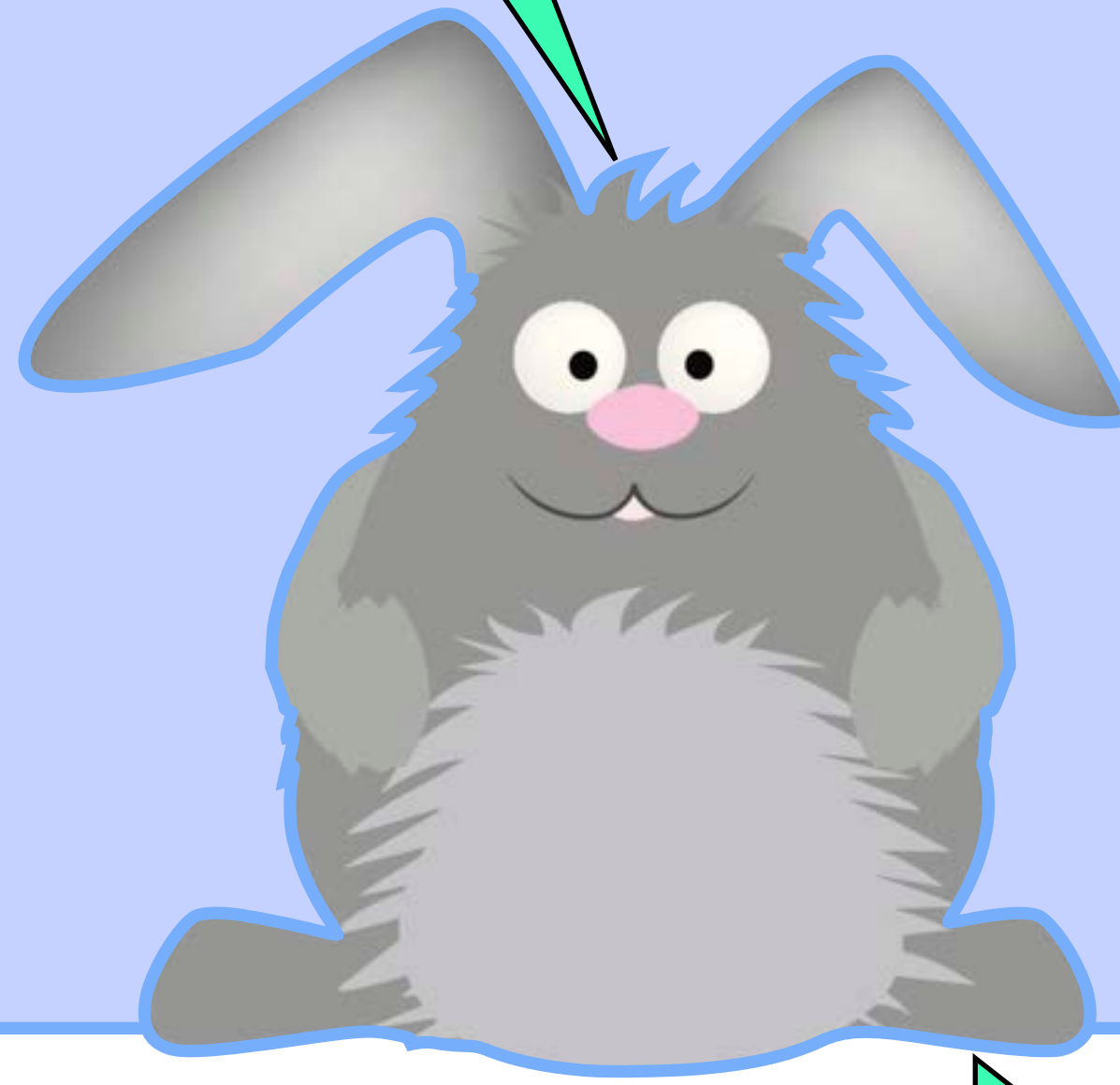


What do all the animals we have just seen have in common?

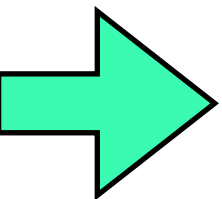
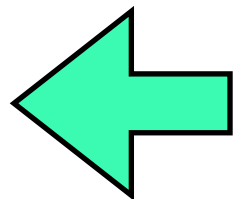


Even though they look very different all these animals are the same class of animals.

They are all mammals!



All mammals have fur or hair.



All mammals are vertebrates. This means they have a backbone.

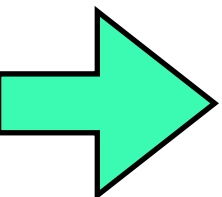
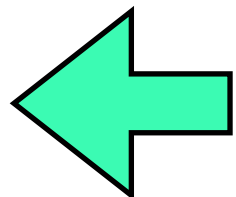
Humans are mammals. Can you feel your backbone?



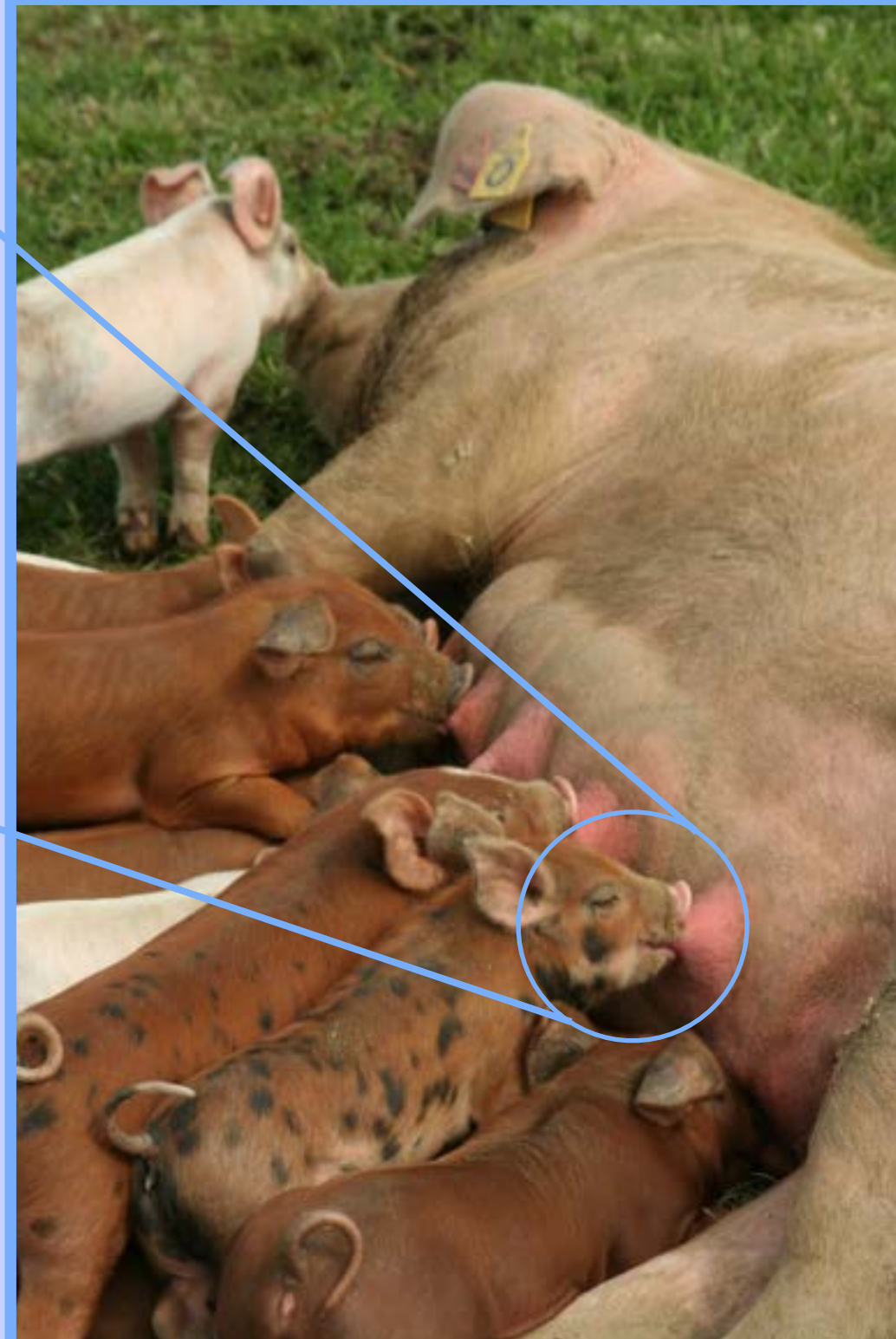
All mammals are
warm blooded.



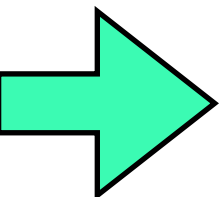
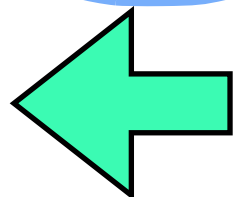
This means they can
keep their body
temperature the same, no
matter what the weather!



All mammals feed their young with their milk.



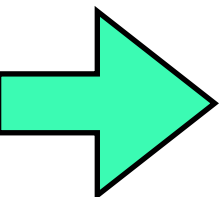
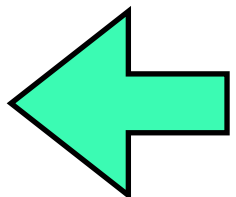
Most mammals give birth to live young,
unlike birds who lay eggs.

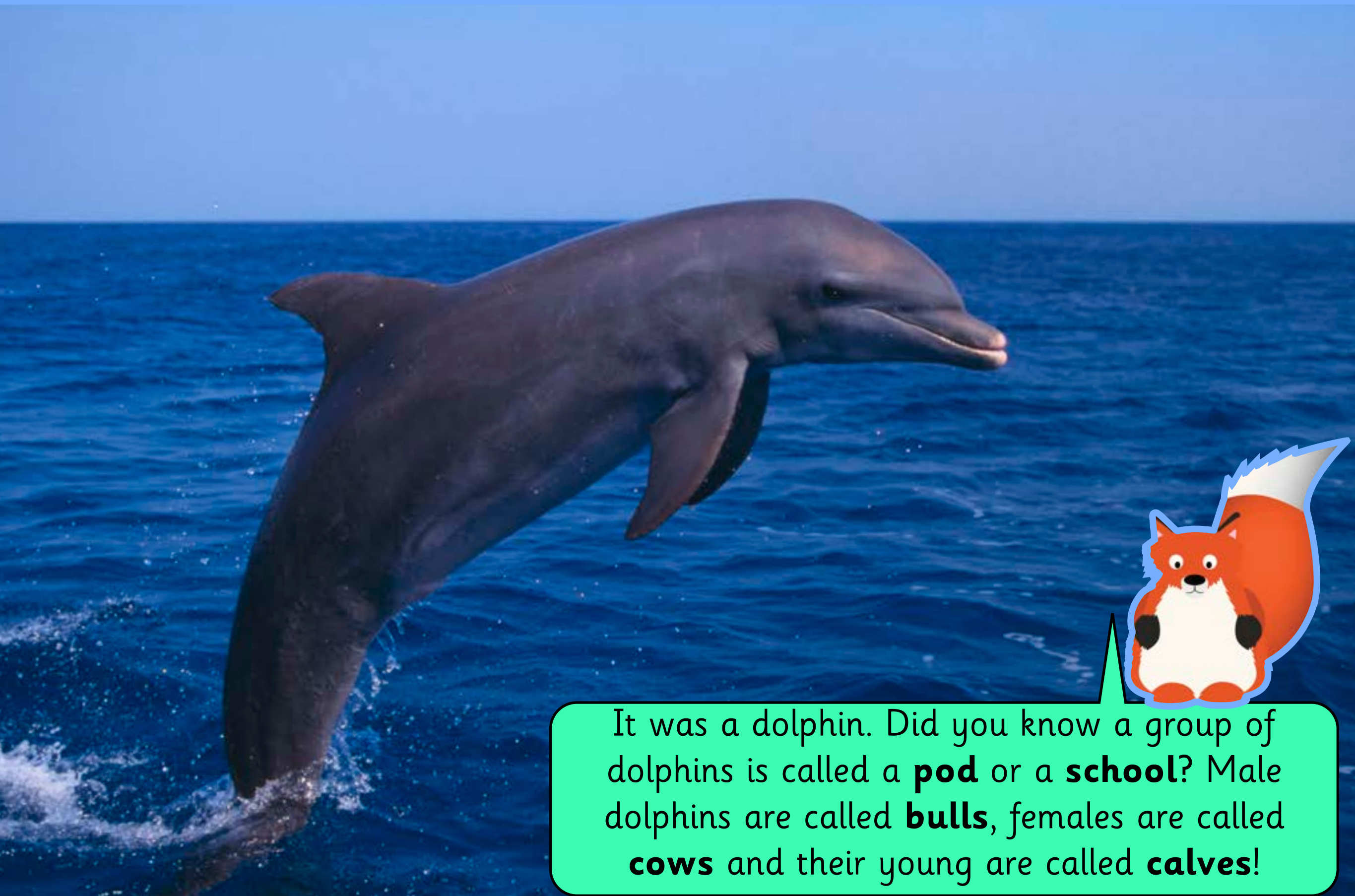


Guess which **mammal** I am describing!

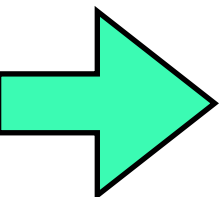
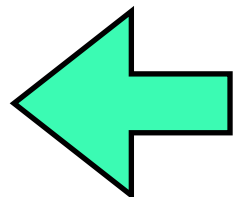


It mainly eats fish and squid.
It lives in the sea.
It is often blue or grey.
It is friendly and likes to play.

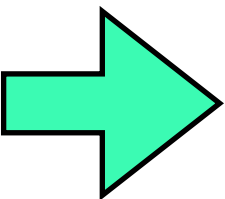
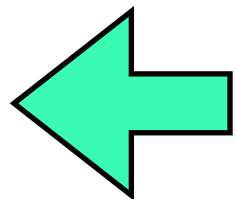




It was a dolphin. Did you know a group of dolphins is called a **pod** or a **school**? Male dolphins are called **bulls**, females are called **cows** and their young are called **calves**!



When dolphins are born they have hair on their chin.
Their hair falls out when they are very young.



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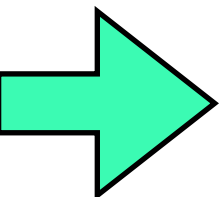
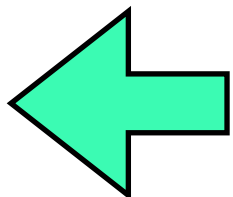


It mainly eats insects and spiders.

It hunts at night.

It can fly.

It hangs upside down.





It was a bat! Bats fly silently at night and sleep in small spaces during the day. They hibernate during the winter.

