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Baby Animal Names

Match eight animals to the names of their babies, from a calf to a joey.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Draw a line from each animal to its baby.

cow ●	● duckling
kangaroo ●	● kid
cat ●	● puppy
dog ●	● joey
goat ●	● foal
frog ●	● calf
duck ●	● tadpole
horse ●	● kitten

What is a baby person called?

_____

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Does the Baby Look Like Its Parent?

Circle yes or no for eight baby animals, then draw a baby animal and its parent.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Does the baby look like its parent? Circle Yes or No.

a kitten and a cat	Yes	No
a caterpillar and a butterfly	Yes	No
a calf and a cow	Yes	No
a tadpole and a frog	Yes	No
a puppy and a dog	Yes	No
a foal and a horse	Yes	No
a grub and a beetle	Yes	No
a baby elephant and its mother	Yes	No

Draw a baby animal and its parent. How are they alike?

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Inherited or Learned?

Sort ten traits and skills into inherited from parents and learned, then name one of each of your own.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



An **inherited** trait is passed from parents to their young, like eye color. A **learned** skill is something you practice, like riding a bike.

Write each one in the right column.

speaking Spanish · riding a bike · reading a book · curly hair · freckles · a zebra's stripes · a duck's webbed feet · a dog sitting when told · playing the piano · eye color

Inherited	Learned

Name one trait you inherited and one thing you learned.

_____

_____

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Class Traits Survey

Survey your class for six traits, tally the results and tell which trait was the most common.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

How to do it: ask each classmate about each trait. Make a tally mark in the yes column or the no column.

Trait	Yes (tally)	No (tally)	Total yes
Dimples			
Freckles			
Curly or wavy hair			
Brown eyes			
Left-handed			
Can whistle			

The most common trait was _____

The least common trait was _____

Which one on the list is learned, not inherited?

_____

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Who Takes Care of the Babies?

Sort ten animals into the ones whose parents care for their babies and the ones whose babies are on their own.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Write each animal in the right column.

salmon · sea turtle · garter snake · elephant · penguin · robin · wolf · ladybug · monarch butterfly · kangaroo

Parents take care of the babies	The babies are on their own

How do grown-ups take care of you?

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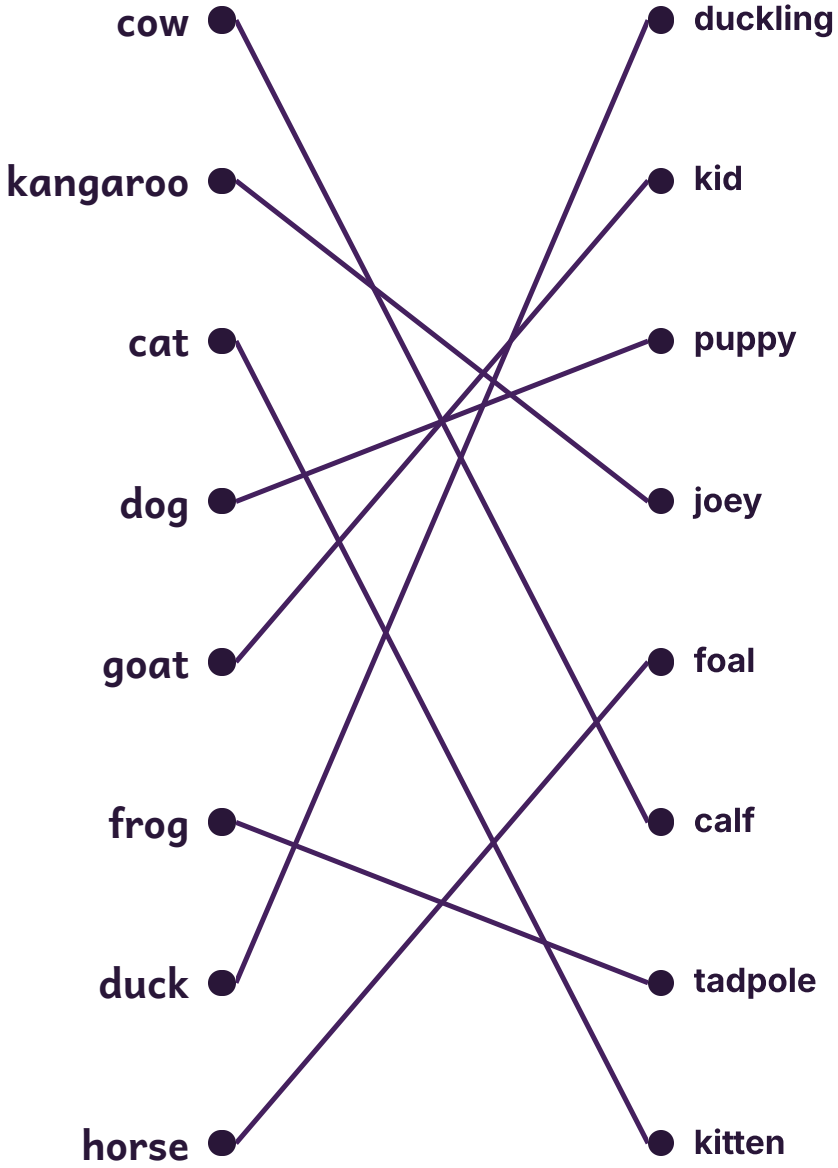
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Answer Key: Baby Animal Names

Answers for grown-ups. Some questions have more than one good answer.



Draw a line from each animal to its baby.



What is a baby person called?

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Answer Key: Does the Baby Look Like Its Parent?

Answers for grown-ups. Some questions have more than one good answer.



Does the baby look like its parent? Circle Yes or No.

a kitten and a cat	**Yes** / No
a caterpillar and a butterfly	Yes / **No**
a calf and a cow	**Yes** / No
a tadpole and a frog	Yes / **No**
a puppy and a dog	**Yes** / No
a foal and a horse	**Yes** / No
a grub and a beetle	Yes / **No**
a baby elephant and its mother	**Yes** / No

Draw a baby animal and its parent. How are they alike?

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Inherited	Learned
eye color	riding a bike
curly hair	speaking Spanish
freckles	a dog sitting when told
a zebra's stripes	reading a book
a duck's webbed feet	playing the piano

Name one trait you inherited and one thing you learned.

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elephant	salmon
penguin	ladybug
robin	garter snake
wolf	monarch butterfly

How do grown-ups take care of you?

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