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What animals can you see in the picture?



There was once a kind lion king who loved all the animals in the forest. He wanted them to be well and happy.

One day, the animals visited the king. They wanted to speak to him. The king was sitting on a tree stump wearing his golden crown.

"Hello, my friends! How can I help you?"

"King Kaleb, you are always kind and generous. There are many animals that don't have tails. We want to have tails like you. Can you help us?" asked Randy Racoon.

"We want beautiful tails like yours," said Debbie Deer.



What do the animals want?

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# ACTIVITIES

for pages 10-11



## 13 Listen and say.



try on



monkey



throw away



long and thin tail



bowl



dassie



vegetables



lift

## 14 Write **yes** or **no**.

- 1 The animals tried on their new tails. yes
- 2 Miles Monkey liked his long, thin tail. .....
- 3 Dani Dassie likes eating vegetables. .....
- 4 King Kaleb gave Miles Dassie's tail. .....

## 15 Complete the sentences with the words from the boxes.

try on

bowl

vegetables

monkey

dassie

- 1 Look! The **monkey** is playing in the tree.
- 2 Put some fruit in that ....., please.
- 3 The ..... is a small animal.
- 4 Mr Smith wants to ..... this new jacket.
- 5 I like eating ..... . They are healthy.

# ACTIVITIES

for pages 12-13



16  Listen and say.



soft



furry



angry



lazy



jealous

17  Read the text and complete the words.

Miles' new tail is **1)** s \_ \_ \_ and **2)** f \_ \_ \_ . Dani didn't come to the ceremony because she is **3)** l \_ \_ \_ , so King Kaleb gave her new tail to Miles Monkey. Dani was **4)** j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ because she didn't get a tail. Miles thinks Dani will be **5)** a \_ \_ \_ \_ with him.

18  Read and choose the correct answer.

- 1 A: That new tail is so furry. I like it!  
B: **a** It's for Dani Dassie.                      **b** Great idea!
- 2 A: That cat is very lazy.  
B: **a** No, they aren't.                              **b** Yes, she sleeps all day.
- 3 A: Laura is jealous of my new dress.  
B: **a** She can get one, too.                      **b** It's soft, too.
- 4 A: The new tail is very soft.  
B: **a** Yes, Miles lost his chance.              **b** Yes, Miles really likes it.

# WORD LIST

angry	fur	peacock tail
artist	furry	pleased
bear	generous	raccoon
bowl	golden crown	soft
ceremony	jealous	tail
dassie	lazy	tailless
deer	lift	throne
donate	lion king	throw away
elephant	long and thin tail	tree stump
feathers	meat	try on
forest	monkey	vegetables
fox	offer	vegetarian
fruit	peacock	wise

## KEY STRUCTURES in this story:

- Present Perfect
- *just, already, yet, ever, never*
- animal body parts

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Dassies are animals with no tails.  
Legend says that there is a reason  
they don't have one. Why didn't Dani  
Dassie get a tail? Was it her fault?



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