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What if you could talk to animals and understand what they're saying?

In Disney and Pixar's all-new animated comedy adventure "Hoppers," animal lover Mabel (voice of Piper Curda) seizes an opportunity to use a new technology to 'hop' her consciousness into a life-like robotic beaver and communicate directly with animals. As she uncovers mysteries in the animal world beyond anything she could have imagined, Mabel befriends charismatic beaver, King George (voice of Bobby Moynihan), and must rally the entire animal kingdom to face a major, imminent human-threat: smooth-talking local mayor Jerry Generazzo (voice of Jon Hamm).

The all-star voice ensemble also features Kathy Najimy, Dave Franco and Meryl Streep. "Hoppers" is directed by Daniel Chong and produced by Nicole Paradis Grindle. The film opens exclusively in theaters on March 6, 2026.



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WELCOME TO THE POND

Meeet Mabel. She is a passionate animal lover and cares deeply for nature and the environment. Her love for a special spot in nature—a glade with a pond where she spent many of her favorite moments with her grandma—inspires her to work towards protecting it when she learns it is under threat from Mayor Jerry’s development plans. When she stumbles upon a new technology that allows her to “hop” her consciousness into a life-like robotic animal body to experience the natural world from a beaver’s point of view, she discovers that the pond is even more special—and surprisingly wilder and weirder—than she ever imagined.

Dancing beavers, gossiping deer, an inter-species governing body referred to as “The Council,” and even flying sharks! Life at the pond is not all easy, though she gets help from some newfound friends—King George, Ellen, Tom, and Loaf, a beaver just trying his best to keep up.

By “hopping” into a beaver’s body, Mabel connects with nature in ways she never dreamed possible. But you don’t need to use the latest technology to discover the incredible world of animals. Embark on your own unique journey into nature in the pages ahead as you learn more about the many animals Mabel interacts with and how important they are to our world. Don’t miss Disney and Pixar’s “Hoppers,” exclusively in theaters March 6th, 2026.



MEET THE POND CREW



MABEL

Mabel Beaver has the same passion for animals, but this time—she is one herself! One glance in a reflective pond confirms that Mabel’s consciousness is inside an adorable, small, furry robot beaver. Appropriately disguised, she infiltrates all aspects of the animal world and is PUMPED at the thought of solving the glade’s problem with help from within. Forced to think on her tiny webbed feet, Mabel Beaver quickly learns the ropes of her new world by gaining the trust of a strange animal leader, King George.



KING GEORGE

King George, a larger-than-life beaver with a jovial personality to match, is the leader of the pond and king of the mammals. Although he didn’t set out to be King, he embraces the role with enthusiasm every day and created some rules to help everyone in the pond get along: “Pond Rules!” Undeniably optimistic and kind, George loves: learning everyone’s names, working together in harmony and, of course, wood. When conflicts arise in his community, George just points to his “Pond Rules:” “We’re all in this together!”



LOAF

Loaf is not the smartest beaver in the pond, nor the sharpest stick in the dam. A slow yet staunch protector of “Pond Rules,” even to his own detriment, Loaf is... just trying his best to keep up.



TOM

Though Tom Lizard prefers to avoid drama at all costs and rise above the fray, his insatiable curiosity typically puts him in the middle of it. Tom may be a little green reptile, but he’s got some big animal friends who have his back.



ELLEN

Ellen is a big, menacing, mostly grumpy bear always on the lookout for her next meal. While she lives by the motto “When you gotta eat, eat,” behind that forbidding exterior Ellen is surprisingly community-minded and very loyal to her friends.



THE COUNCIL

Made up of animal kings and queens representing species from sky, water and land, “The Council” is summoned to address a great danger posed by the humans. Will their solution to the human problem work for everyone or did Mabel stir up more than her beaver teeth can chew?

WHERE WILL YOU HOP?

The pond that Mabel explores is an incredible habitat that is home to some amazing animals, many of which can be found in our own backyards. From colorful caterpillars to leaping lizards, this ecosystem is an interconnected world full of animal diversity and natural beauty. "Hopping" into a beaver, nothing is as she expected and Mabel is in awe hearing animals communicate for the first time and discovering the intricate (and surprisingly wacky!) society they've created at one of her favorite places on earth.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to become an animal? Would you want to see how a lizard sees or move through the world like a snake? How about flying like a bird, swimming like a beaver or running as fast as a rabbit?

Head to the next page to meet some of the unique animals Mabel encounters on her adventure. You can then decide which species you would want to hop into, or you can pick your own favorite animal from any species around the world.



CHOOSE YOUR CHARACTER

With so many amazing animals out there, choosing an animal to hop into is a hard decision!

To help you choose, think about some of the **traits** and **abilities** different animals have that you might want to experience. Look below for some inspiration! Once you make your decision, checkmark any of the below traits that belong to the animal you chose.

- SCALES**
for protection
- FUR**
for warmth
- WEBBED FEET**
for swimming
- WINGS**
for flying
- ANTENNAE**
for sensing and navigation
- GILLS**
for breathing underwater
- LONG EARS**
for excellent hearing
- TOES**
for climbing



DRAW YOURSELF AS YOUR CHOSEN ANIMAL!

When Mabel hops into the beaver, she retains some small pieces of her human form such as her expressions and part of her hairstyle. Think about how your own features could help people identify you in animal form.

WHAT'S YOUR HOPPER NAME? _____

Your First Name

Animal You Hop Into

NATURE NOTE: Do you have any of these animals living near you? Go on a photo safari of your neighborhood (make sure to bring an adult with you) and take pictures of the animals that you see!



One of the most jaw-dropping discoveries Mabel makes after ‘hopping’ into a beaver is that animals are always talking—and they always have something to say! From chit-chattering birds to Ellen Bear arguing for her next meal to Tom Lizard discovering the joys of emojis... the pond and its animals are loud, zany and talkative! And, they live by a certain set of guidelines to keep order in the crowded glade, referenced to all animal species as “Pond Rules.” While we might not be able to speak to animals or understand them as fully as Mabel Beaver, we can learn about what and how animals communicate by observing them.

Think about the animals that you see regularly where you live. It might be a bird, a squirrel, an insect or even a pet that you have at home. **Choose an animal and spend some time watching and listening to them.** Think about how they might be communicating with each other and other animal species. Do they make different sounds or have special facial expressions when interacting?

Now that you’ve spent some time with an animal or two, head to the next page to write down your observations and perhaps imagine what kind of “Pond Rules” exist in your own backyard!

EXPRESS YOURSELF



POND RULES

At the pond, the animals follow King George’s “Pond Rules” to help them all get along: “Don’t be a stranger,” “When you gotta eat, eat,” and “We’re all in this together.”

Just as those rules help keep the pond community running smoothly, other animal communities have different “rules,” relationships and ways that they might communicate with each other about things like who’s in charge, when it’s time to eat and when they need their space!



MATCH THE ANIMAL TO THE RULE THEY ARE EXPRESSING

- 1 Sharing is caring.
- 2 Respect personal space.
- 3 Rest when you can.



Think about the animals you observed outside.

I OBSERVED:

What do you think they are saying to each other? Were they communicating any of the same rules as the animals above?

These animals communicate by:

I think they were talking about:



Which animal did you choose to hop into earlier in this guide?

I CHOSE TO HOP INTO A:

If you could talk to that animal, what would you talk about? Are there any questions you would want to ask them? Maybe you would ask a lizard about the highest place it ever climbed or talk to a butterfly about what it was like to get wings.

I would talk to this animal about:

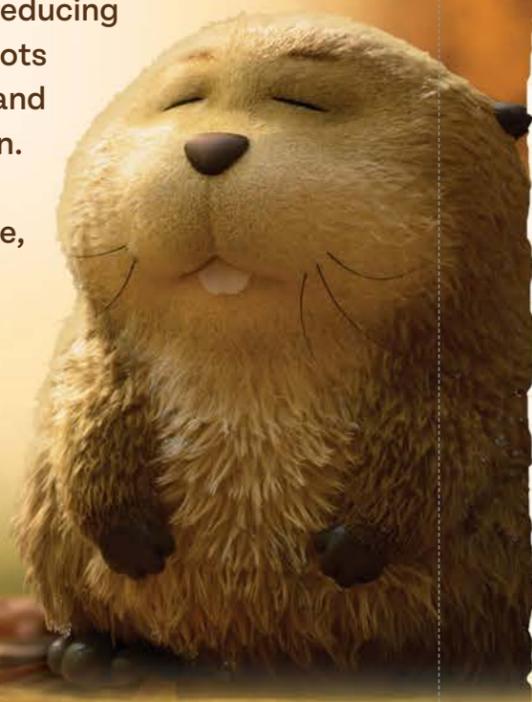
Answers: 1) C; 2) A; 3) B



HOME IS WHERE THE DAM IS

When Mabel visits the pond as a beaver, she learns it's not just a fun place for her furry friends—it's a fully functioning animal society, complete with rules, routines and a delicate balance between nature and its critters that keeps everything running smoothly. The pond is part of an incredible river woodland habitat that is full of trees and grasses for animals to live and hide in, water to drink and unique relationships between predators and prey. Without these components that make up their habitat, animals would not have the ability to survive, which is why Mabel works so hard to protect this special place from development. But river woodlands not only provide benefits to animals, but humans as well! These unique ecosystems help slow the flow of water, reducing flooding impacts to communities. Tree roots act as natural filters to reduce pollutant and pesticide run-off and keep our water clean. Perhaps most enjoyable, river woodlands provide families and kids places to explore, swim and connect with nature.

Head to the next page to keep exploring what makes the river woodland special and build a unique habitat for the animal you've hopped into this whole time!



NATURE NOTE:

Some animals help build their own habitats, like beavers building their own dams and lodges. But many animals have to find places where food, water and shelter already exist. Can you spot any habitat elements for animals around your house?

You can help provide habitats for animal by:

- Planting native trees and plants
- Leaving leaves on the ground
- Hanging a bat box
- Putting out a bird bath or shallow water dish



THE ESSENTIALS

Animals, just like people, need food, water and a safe place to live. We call the areas animals live their **habitats**.

River woodlands provide habitats for many animals. Find the examples of food and shelter and think of different animals that might use each one!

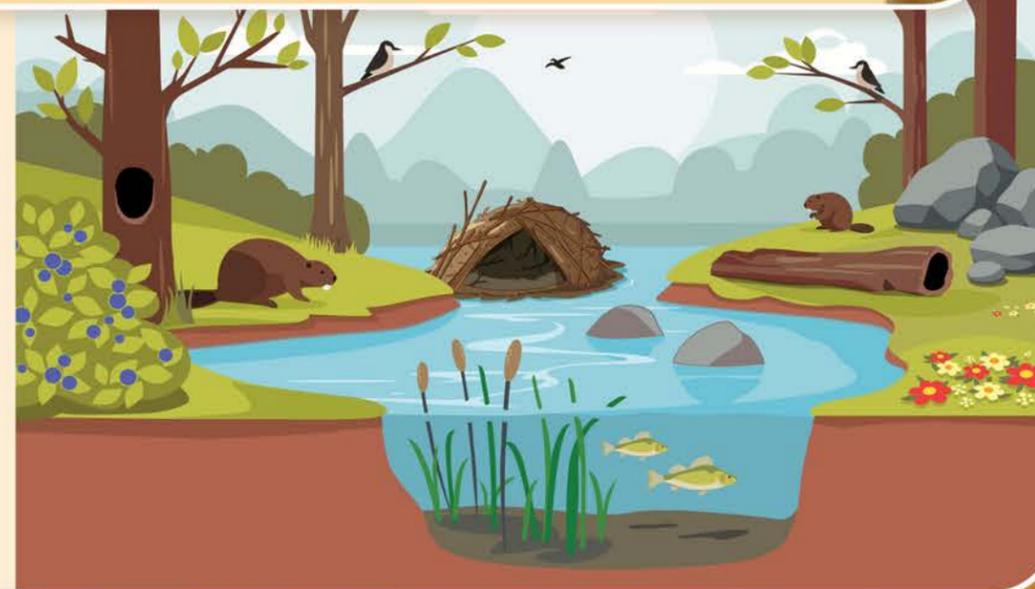


Food:

- Berries
- Fish
- Flowers
- Aquatic plants

Shelter:

- Rocks
- Hollow tree
- Beaver lodge
- Fallen logs



DRAW AND COLOR A HABITAT FOR YOUR ANIMAL:

Now think about the animal you chose to hop into. What type of habitat does it need?

Think about what your animal eats, where they get water and what shelter they might need. Does your animal dig a burrow or live in a tree? Do they eat nectar, fruits or seeds?

Possible items to include:

- Burrow Leaf piles Shrubs
Trees Rocks Pond
Flowers

Mabel will do anything and everything she can to preserve this wooded pond that she calls "The Glade" and the animals that inhabit it. This lush forest ecosystem is home to some amazing critters who quickly become Mabel's new friends, like beavers, bears, lizards and birds—and some not so friendly critters that Mabel learns to watch out for. Mabel learns from her new friends how to use her beaver body's adaptations for swimming and building dams.

Some of the world's most amazing animals can be found right outside your front door. The animals you can see in your backyard, rooftop garden or near your school playground all have unique characteristics that help them survive and thrive in their habitats where they live. These characteristics are called **adaptations**, and these unique attributes allow animals to find food, move about their environment or defend themselves against predators. Head to the next page to discover how some of the animals we see almost every day have the most amazing adaptations!

AMAZING ANIMALS



ANIMAL MATCHING

From the ways they move to how they experience the world, animals have so many wild, wonderful and some downright weird features! Can you guess which animal has which adaptation?

Cut out the pieces below and flip them face down. Flip over two pieces at a time and see if they match. If not, flip them back over. Keep playing until you find all the pairs!



1

Many species of this animal can **separate their tails** to escape predators.

2

This animal can **taste with its feet**.

3

This animal can **survive frozen over winter** by making a natural antifreeze.

4

This animal can **hold its breath** for several minutes, even up to 15 minutes if needed.

5

These animals have **long tongues** that can be barbed, brushy or sticky, depending on the species.

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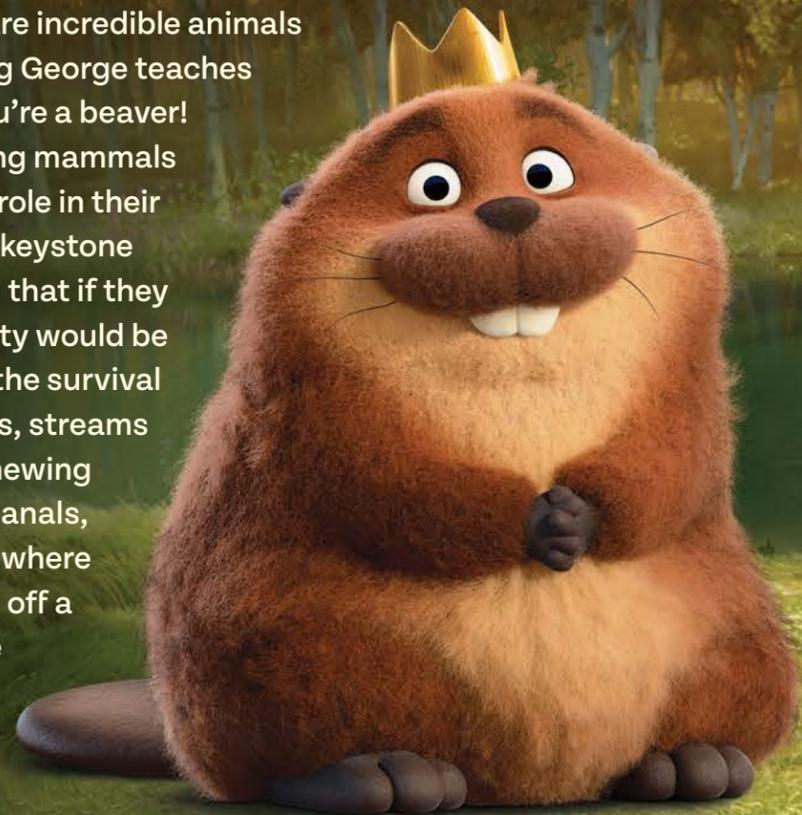
This animal can **rotate its ankles nearly 180°**, making it an excellent climber.

Answers: 1) Lizard; 2) Butterfly; 3) Woodfrog; 4) Beaver; 5) Woodpecker; 6) Squirrel

KEYSTONE CONNECTIONS

As Mabel quickly discovers, beavers are incredible animals that love to build and have fun. King George teaches Mabel that work is the party, if you're a beaver! Not only are they one of the cutest looking mammals on earth, but they play a very important role in their environment. Beavers are considered a "keystone species," an animal within an ecosystem that if they were to be removed, the whole community would be changed drastically. They are critical to the survival of other animals, helping transform rivers, streams and lakes into flourishing habitats. By chewing down trees, building dams and digging canals, beavers help clear and create new areas where life flourishes. Each building project sets off a chain reaction helping to provide wildlife with food, bringing insects to pollinate fresh wildflowers and transforming the earth to create unlocked river corridors that support fish and reptiles.

By simply being themselves and building their homes, beavers make positive changes to their entire environment that also benefit many other animals. Head to the next page to complete a maze to reach the beaver pond. Along the way, look for a variety of living things who benefit from beaver ponds.



BENEFITS OF BEAVERS

START

As you make your way to the pond, you'll encounter the humans and animals that beavers help. The statements below explain their relationship to beaver ponds. Write or draw the corresponding animal below each statement.



1 These animals, which look similar to small beavers, sometimes share beaver lodges:

2 These animals feed on new shoots, buds and branches that spring up where beavers have taken down trees:

3 Wetland habitats maintained by beavers help protect these from flooding and wildfires:

4 Beaver ponds provide a safe habitat for egg laying for these animals, while adults can find lots of insects to eat and will sometimes take shelter in beaver lodges:

5 Both dead standing trees (called "snags") and new trees and vegetation growing around beaver ponds provide nesting sites and food for these animals:

6 Beaver dams create safer, cooler ponds for these aquatic animals to grow up:

Answers: 1) Muskrats; 2) Deer; 3) Human Communities; 4) Frogs; 5) Songbirds; 6) Salmon



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