

# VANISHING TRICKS

## Secret creatures

Animals are masters of disguise and use different kinds of camouflage to hide. They've got lots of tricks... but which of these isn't actually true?

Stonefish

I hide among rocks in the sea. Don't step on me, as I have deadly poisonous spines.

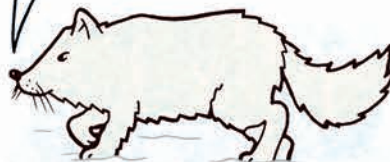


It's hard for a predator to spot me, as I look just like the trees I live on.

Leaf-tailed gecko

Arctic fox

My brownish coat changes to white in the winter, so that I'm hard to see in the snow.



Giant leaf insect

I like to sit on leaves, as I look just like one...

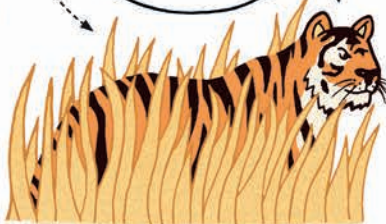
The best way for me to avoid hungry birds is to hide on something hairy.



Golden antler moth caterpillar

Tiger

My stripes blend in with long grasses. I can sneak up on animals that I want to eat.



See how many words you can find hidden in the word

## CAMOUFLAGE

Only use each letter the number of times that it appears in the word.

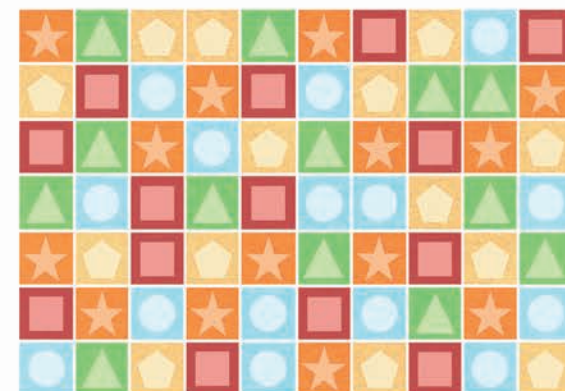
Write your words in this space.

## Stealthy shapes

It's not just animals that can hide... See if you can find these groups of shapes hidden in the pattern on the right.

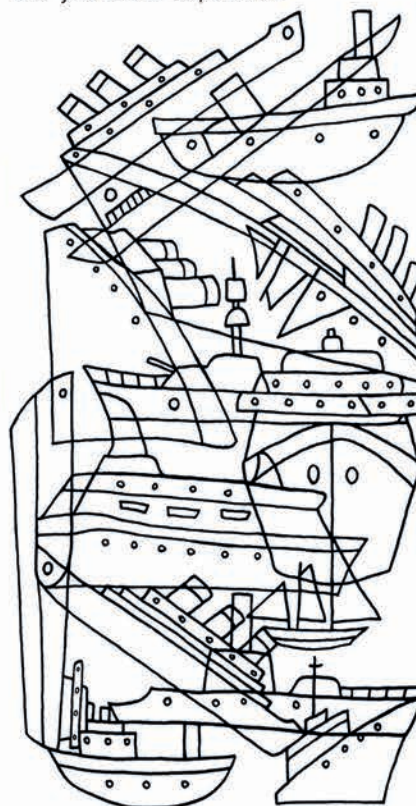


Draw around the groups of shapes when you find them.



## Missing ships

Can you find 15 ships here?



## Hidden messages

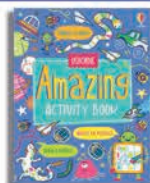
Below is the same message translated into three different codes. Draw a line to connect each coded message with the code that was used.

### The codes...

- Swap the first and last letters of each word.
- Write a message, split it into groups of different numbers of letters, then write each group backwards, like this: ROBBER - RO B BER - OR B REB
- Write the alphabet, then write it backwards underneath. A becomes Z, B is Y, and so on...

### The messages...

- EM GATE NE CALBT AK XIST.
- NVVG ZTVMG YOZXP ZG HRC.
- TEEM TGENA KLAGB TA XIS.



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ANIMAL PUZZLE:  
All the tricks are true apart from the one about the golden antler moth caterpillar.  
1. CODE 8  
2. CODE C  
3. CODE A

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