

Vocabulary

LOTS OF LEMURS



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Hello, I am Rufus! Can you guess what kind of animal I am? I'll give you clues.



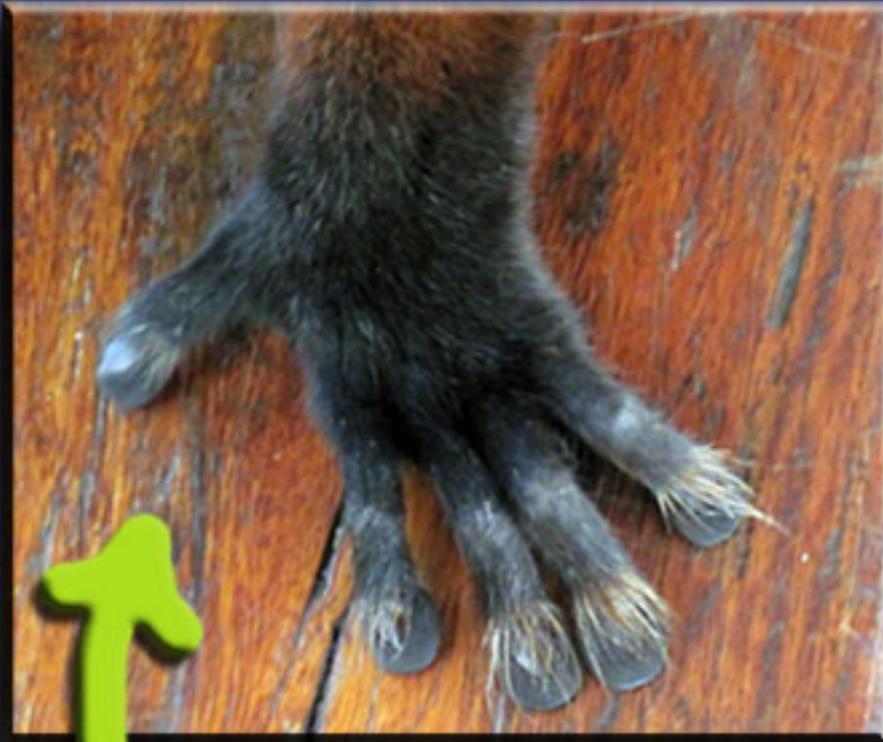
My
Eyes



Monkey
Eyes



Here is the first clue. My eyes look straight ahead, like a monkey's eyes.



My
Hand



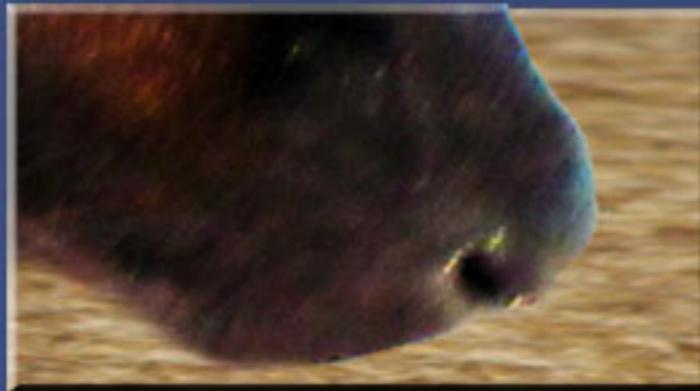
Monkey
Hand



I have little hands like a monkey, too! But I am not a monkey.



I have furry ears and a beautiful long tail like a cat.
But I am not a cat.

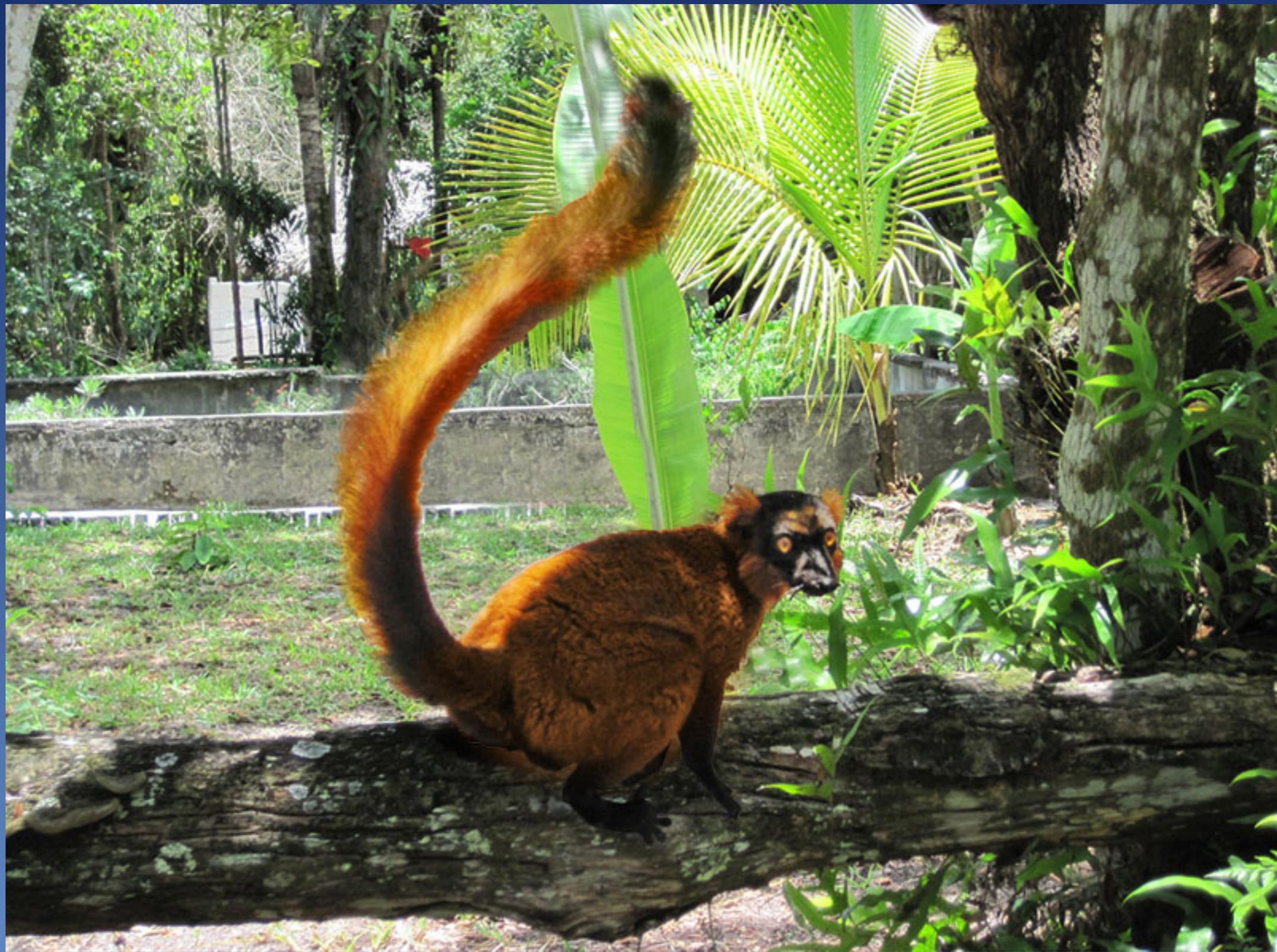


↑ My
Nose

↑ Dog
Nose



My nose is wet, like a dog's nose. But I am not a dog.
Okay, what am I?



Did you guess right? I'm a lemur! But not all lemurs look just like me.



Some are much bigger than me, like this Indri. He is as big as a four year old child!



And look at this lemur. It is as small as a mouse!
Lemurs can be many different colors, too.



Lemurs all live on the African island of Madagascar.
We can see lots of lemurs there. Ready? Let's go!



Here we are! It will be hard to see lemurs up in these thick trees. We need some help!



But don't worry! I have lots of friends who can help.
Here they come now!



This is Gavin. He's glad to meet you, but he is shy. That orange mark on his head looks like a crown, doesn't it?



Abby is a crowned lemur, too. She is not shy at all. She's excited! Abby says she and Gavin are very good at finding things in the forest.



Wait, that's Kiki! She wants to come, too. With all this help I know we can find lots of lemurs!



All lemurs live in trees. We have to climb up high if we want to see them. There is a place to sit and look around in this tree. Just follow me!

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Okay, everybody, let's see how many different kinds of lemurs we can find! If we get tired, we can go home and come back another day.



Don't be scared! This black and white ruffed lemur is telling us to walk quietly. His friend is taking a nap up in a tree just past this spot.



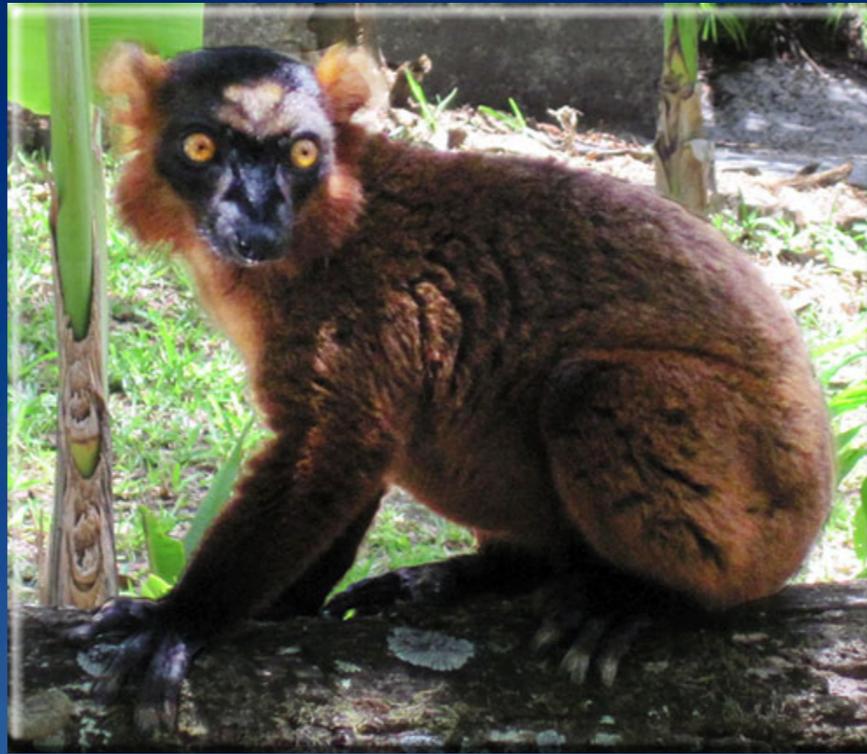
Do you see him? He is sleeping high above the ground.
He looks comfortable, doesn't he?



It's about time for our naps, too. That's enough lemurs for one day! We will say good-bye for now.



There are lots more lemurs to see in Madagascar, so come back soon. We'll be watching for you!



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I hear something. I see something too! Look up! Are those collared lemurs up there?



Yes, there's my little cousin Toby and his family. Toby, come down and meet my new friend!



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Toby looks like me a little bit, doesn't he? We both can jump a long way from one branch to another. Then we like to stretch out flat on a branch to rest.



Did you hear that zzz-vak sound? There are sifakas nearby! Sifakas are very pretty lemurs. Let's go see!



Do you see them? They are sitting up like people! Sifakas have beautiful colors and long, strong back legs. Their tails are long, too, but not as furry as mine!



Look, there's a baby! Sifakas can jump over 30 feet (9 meters) from tree trunk to tree trunk. They even hop when they are on the ground.



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Sifakas don't look like me, but they eat the same foods I do. We both can eat leaves and stems. But can you guess our favorite foods? Fruit and flowers!



What is that clucking sound? I hear something up in this giant bamboo. Gavin, can you see anything up there?



Yes, Rufus. I see my friend Koto. He's a bamboo lemur. Hey, Koto, come down here! He's almost as shy as I am, but he will come down and talk to us.



Hi, Gavin! Hi, everyone! Did you hear me eating lunch?
Bamboo is my favorite food.



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I think bamboo is yummy! Giant bamboo is also a great place for a lemur like me to hide and be safe.



Listen to that screeching! Only one kind of lemur makes that much noise. It's a bunch of ring-tails playing up in the trees. They are even louder than Kiki!



Ring-tailed lemurs live in big friendly groups. They do everything together and take care of each other. But they don't let other ring-tail groups come close.



See that ring-tail? He is the lookout. If he sees strange ring-tails nearby, he will bark and shriek and shake his tail at them to chase them away.



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All his friends will come to help. The strange ring-tailed lemurs will bark and jump around, too. Ring-tailed lemur battles are noisy, but nobody gets hurt.



Lots Of Lemurs Vocabulary

adapted Changed to fit into a new place or situation.

Africa Large continent in the eastern hemisphere south of the Mediterranean Sea.

bamboo lemurs Small, shy lemurs who eat bamboo stems and leaves.

black and white ruffed lemurs Big lemurs who have a stiff mane of hair around their necks.

collared brown lemur Lemurs related to crowned lemurs that have reddish longer fur like a collar sticking out on both sides below their chins.

continent One of the six or seven great divisions of land on the globe, such as Africa, North America, and Europe.

crowned lemurs Medium-sized lemurs with an orange mark just above the eyes shaped like a crown. Boy and girl crowned lemurs are different colors, but both have the crown mark.

endemic Only living and growing in one location.

extinct Not existing anymore. If a kind of animal once lived in a place, but none of the animals live there now, then that animal is extinct there.

habitat The type of place where a plant or animal normally lives or grows.

indri The largest type of lemur. It is about the size of a four year old child. It is black and white, has a loud, wailing call, and has a short tail.

island Land that is completely surrounded by water.

lemurs A group of mammals related to monkeys and apes that live only on the island of Madagascar. Lemurs come in many sizes and colors but all live in trees.



Madagascar The fourth largest island on earth. Madagascar is near the southeast coast of Africa and is the home of many unusual plants and animals including baobab trees and lemurs.

monkey A furry animal with grasping hands, eyes that see in 3-D, and a long tail. Monkeys live in warm parts of the world such as Africa and South America.

mouse lemur Any of a group of very tiny lemurs that sleep in the daytime and look for food at night.

predator An animal that lives by catching and eating other animals.

ring tailed lemurs Fairly large lemurs whose bushy tails have dark and light rings. They also have dark rings around their eyes. Ringtails live in big groups and spend more time walking on the ground than most lemurs.

sifakas Tall, slender lemurs who make the "sss-fak" sound that gives them their name. Most kinds of sifaka are white with dark or rusty-colored markings down the arms and legs. Sifakas stand up straight holding a tree trunk, and even stay up straight when they leap to another tree trunk.



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