

Dingoes - Facts File and Worksheet

 *Subject: Animals*



Learn About Dingoes

Meet the dingo — Australia's incredible wild dog that has been roaming the continent for thousands of years! These amazing animals are super smart, excellent hunters, and have some truly surprising abilities that will blow your mind.

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Quick Facts

- 1** Dingoes are wild dogs with the scientific name *Canis lupus dingo* - they're more closely related to wolves than pet dogs!
- 2** Most dingoes have beautiful ginger fur, but they can also be black, white, striped, or even spotted like a patchwork quilt!
- 3** Dingoes can turn their heads 180 degrees - that's like looking completely behind them without moving their body!
- 4** Dingoes live everywhere in Australia except Tasmania - from scorching hot deserts to snowy mountains!
- 5** These clever hunters can eat over 170 different types of animals, from tiny mice to large kangaroos!
- 6** Dingoes can smell their prey from over 1 kilometer away - that's like smelling cookies from 10 football fields away!
- 7** Dingo puppies are born tiny (only 200 grams!), blind, and helpless, but both mom and dad help raise them!
- 8** Dingoes can swim, climb trees, and jump 2 meters high - they're like the athletes of the dog world!
- 9** Dingoes use at least 10 different sounds to talk to each other, including their famous group howling sessions!
- 10** These brainy dogs can figure out how to open doors and containers - they're smarter than many pets!



Learning Activities

A. Fill in the Blanks

Complete these sentences with the correct words:

1. Dingoes are more closely related to _____ than to pet dogs.
2. Most dingoes have beautiful _____ colored fur.
3. Baby dingo puppies are born completely _____ and helpless.
4. Dingoes can eat over _____ different types of animals.
5. A dingo can turn its head _____ degrees to look behind itself.



Word Bank: ginger, 180, swimming, 10, Australia, wolves, pack, howling, 170, blind

B. True or False

Circle **T** for True or **F** for False:

T / F

Dingoes can only be found in Australian deserts.

T / F

Dingoes bark just like regular pet dogs.

T / F

A group of dingoes is called a pack.

T / F

Dingoes can survive up to 10 days without food.

T / F

Dingoes breed twice per year like domestic dogs.

C. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer:

1. How many different sounds can dingoes make to communicate?

- a) 5 different sounds
- b) At least 10 different sounds
- c) Only howling sounds
- d) They don't make sounds

2. What is the longest fence in the world called?

- a) The Great Wall Fence
- b) The Rabbit Fence
- c) The Dingo Fence
- d) The Australia Fence

3. How far can dingoes smell their prey?

- a) 100 meters away
- b) 500 meters away
- c) Over 1 kilometer away
- d) Only when very close

4. When do dingoes have their puppies?

- a) Twice per year
- b) Once per year during Australian winter
- c) Any time of year
- d) Only in summer

5. How much do newborn dingo puppies weigh?

- a) 2 kilograms
- b) 1 kilogram
- c) 500 grams
- d) About 200 grams



Draw and Label

What do dingoes look like? Draw one and label its important parts:

A large, empty rectangular area with a dashed teal border, intended for drawing a dingo.

• **Parts to label:** Ears, Long snout, Neck, Legs, Tail, Paws



Answer Key

Section A - Fill in the Blanks:

1. wolves
2. ginger
3. blind
4. 170
5. 180

Section B - True or False:

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False

Section C - Multiple Choice:

1. b) At least 10 different sounds
2. c) The Dingo Fence
3. c) Over 1 kilometer away
4. b) Once per year during Australian winter
5. d) About 200 grams

Draw and Label Guide:

Students should label: Ears, Long snout, Neck, Legs, Tail, Paws

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