



Freezer Mural Scavenger Hunt

Take a good look at the freezer mural and use the signs by the animal habitats to answer these questions:

1. Can you find the two American alligators? Besides the age and size, what makes them different?

What purpose do you think this difference serves?

2. Can you count:

- a. how many mammals are pictured? _____
- b. how many reptiles? _____
- c. how many predators? _____
- d. how many prey? _____

3. What is the largest and heftiest land mammal in America? (Clue: it's our National Mammal)

4. What species do you see that either need *water* to survive, or depend on it for food?

5. The two largest cat species pictured (both in the genus *Panthera*) live in the same river valley in far eastern Russia (and a very few in neighboring areas of China). What are they called?

6. Name the invertebrates you see:

7. One of the most specialized mammalian predators, this animal has a two foot long tongue with teeny, backward-pointing spines covered in sticky saliva, what is it?

How much does it eat every day?

8. Which pictured bird species are *not* birds of prey?

BONUS QUESTIONS:

9. Identify a large bird that is often a *kleptoparasite* (steals another animal's food or kill, often by chasing that animal away): _____

10. Identify an *opportunistic* bird (meaning it can live in multiple places and eat all kinds of foods):

11. Identify a South American bird species that is a *scavenger*:
