

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

There are so many interesting facts and tales behind animal names. Take part in our true or false quiz to see if you can work out 'what's in a name?'

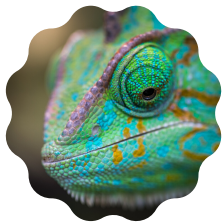
1. The name in Chinese for a red panda is "hun-ho," meaning "fire fox."

True

False



2. Chameleon means 'the green one'. In Latin 'cham' means green and 'meleon' means one.



True

False

3. In Ancient Greek times the hippopotamus was named - literally meaning 'hairless river bear'.

True

False



4. Early Dutch settlers in South Africa named the "aardvark," which translates to "earth pig" (aarde + varken).

True

False



5. Kookaburras' English name came from the Wiradjuri Aborigine word guuguubarra, which sounds like the bird's laugh-like call.

True

False



6. The word lemur comes from the latin word lemures which means ghosts! This is because lemurs are nocturnal and have large, perhaps ghostly, reflective eyes.



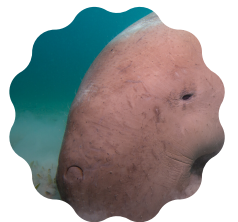
True

False

7. A Dugong is a large marine mammal. Their name comes from the deep sounds that they make!

True

False



8. A mountain chicken is a bird.

True

False



ANSWERS!

1. TRUE

2. FALSE
Chameleon means 'the littlest lion'. In Ancient Greek chamai can mean low to the ground or dwarf and leon means lion.



3. FALSE
Herodotus from Ancient Greece named the hippopotamus as river horse as it was the only description that he thought suited it!

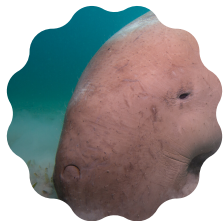
4. TRUE



5. TRUE

6. TRUE

7. FALSE
A Dugong is a large marine mammal. Their name comes from the Malay word 'duyung' meaning mermaid!.



8. FALSE
A mountain chicken is actually a frog! Sadly, these frogs are critically endangered and are a local delicacy on the islands of Montserrat and Dominica. Apparently they taste like chicken! There is a species recovery programme for mountain chickens.

