

1. Read about this animal!

The Mongolian five-toed jerboa

The five-toed jerboa lives in China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Turkmenistan. It's a little sandy-coloured animal. It's a mammal.

It lives mostly in rocky desert and other dry places. It lives in a hole under the ground, called a burrow.

What does it look like? It's a very small animal. It's like a small mouse, but it has big ears, and it has long back legs, like a kangaroo. Its front legs are very small. It has a very long, thin tail. It's very light – it only weighs about 0.118 kg.

Other animals, and big birds, like owls, eat jerboas, so a jerboa is very fast. It can even run 24 km an hour. It sleeps in the day and it is awake at night.

It can hear very well, with its big ears, and it sees very well, because it has to see in the dark. When it moves, it hops, like a kangaroo.

The jerboa eats seeds and leaves and dead grass and it lives for about five years.



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desert – aavikko

rocky – kivinen

dry – kuiva

a hole – kolo

ground – maa

back – taka...

front – etu...

light – kevyt

like – kuten

an owl – pöllö

the dark – pimeys

hop – hypätä

seeds – siemeniä

leaves – lehtiä

grass – ruoho

a mammal - nisäkäs

2. Which picture is a jerboa? Mikä kuvista on jerboa?

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5. How do you know? Mistä tiedät? Kerro englanniksi!

6. Why are the other animals not jerboas? Miksi muut eläimet eivät voi olla jerboaa?

7. What does the text tell us in general about jerboas? What parameters can you find? Mistä yleisasioista teksti kertoo?

Can these things help us to talk about Finnish animals? Voiko nämä asiat auttaa, kun kerromme suomen eläimistä? How? Miten?

What else do we need to talk about Finnish animals in English? Mitä muuta tarvitaan?