

27 Read. Match the words in blue with the photos.

## City animals

Helen, UK

The animals that I see are not in the Natural History Museum! Londoners and visitors can often see lots of wild animals in the parks. At night, some people have seen **foxes** in the outskirts! Did you know that foxes play with their prey before they eat it?



Laxmi, India

I live in New Delhi, the capital of India. You can see lots of animals here. When there are parades, you can see elephants. Sometimes, you can even see cows in the streets. In the parks there are wild **monkeys**. Watch out! They can be playful or naughty. Did you know that monkeys live in big groups called troops?



Andrew, USA

Anchorage is the biggest city in Alaska, in the United States, and I share my city with about 300 **black bears**. They are beautiful animals, but they can also be dangerous. We need to be careful not to attract the bears to our homes. This means that we must not feed the bears and we can't put our rubbish in our outside bins overnight

because the bears come and look for food. There are other wild animals that live in my city too, like moose, deer and wolves. Alaska is in a remote part of the world with a lot of nature, and it's important for the people of my city to learn to live alongside the animals safely.



28 Ask and answer.

- 1 Do you think wild animals can be a problem in a big city? Why?
- 2 What animal do you think is the most interesting?
- 3 What kind of playful or naughty things do you think monkeys do?
- 4 What interesting wild animals can you see where you live?

29 Ask and answer.

Have you ever seen an unusual wild animal in a city?

Yes, once I saw a ...

## PORTFOLIO

Think and write.

Find out about a strange and interesting animal. Then write about it.

26 Read and circle the best summary of the text.

- 1 City animals are exactly the same as country animals.
- 2 The brains and behaviour of city animals have changed because of the city environment.
- 3 City animals have developed into new species.

Scientists want to find out if living in a city changes an animal's brain and behaviour. Studies have had interesting results:

- Some city animals have developed bigger brains than the same animals living in the country, for example mice and squirrels. Scientists believe that this is because they have had to change to live in a new environment.
- City animals are usually bolder when they are in danger than country animals.
- City animals are also usually less aggressive when they are around humans.
- City animals don't get as stressed as country animals. Scientists believe that this is because they have had to learn how to live with all the noise in cities.



Some scientists believe that these changes could in time lead to new species of city animals, which will be different from those living in the country.

27 Complete the sentences with *city animals* or *country animals*.

- 1 The brains of some city animals have become larger than those of country animals.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ are not as afraid of danger as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ are usually more aggressive than \_\_\_\_\_ when they see humans.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ get less stressed than \_\_\_\_\_ when they hear noise.
- 5 Scientists think that in the future \_\_\_\_\_ may develop into new species.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ have changed because they have had to learn to live in a new environment.