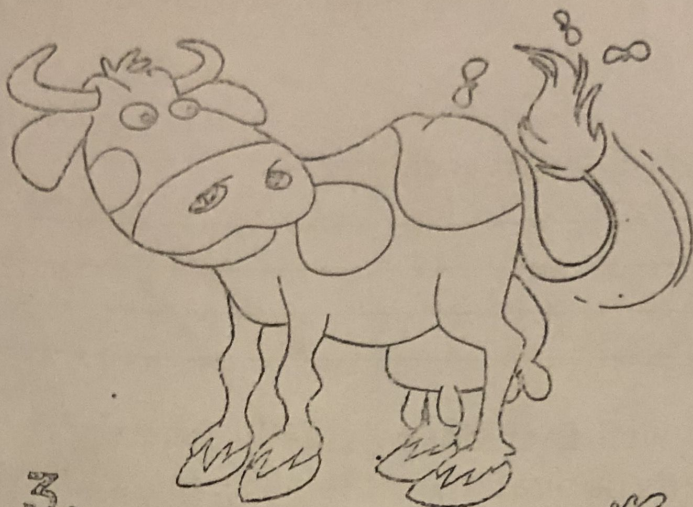


# TAIL

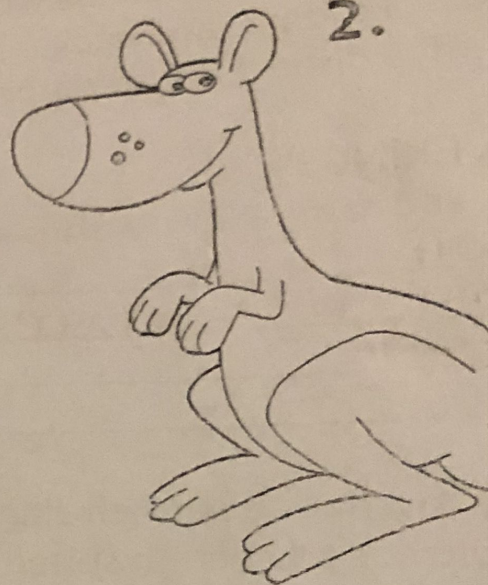
Many animals have tails. These tails are used for different purposes. Look at the pictures and decide what these animals are using their tails for.

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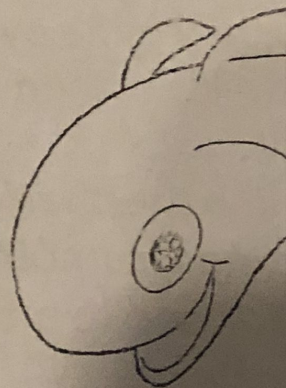
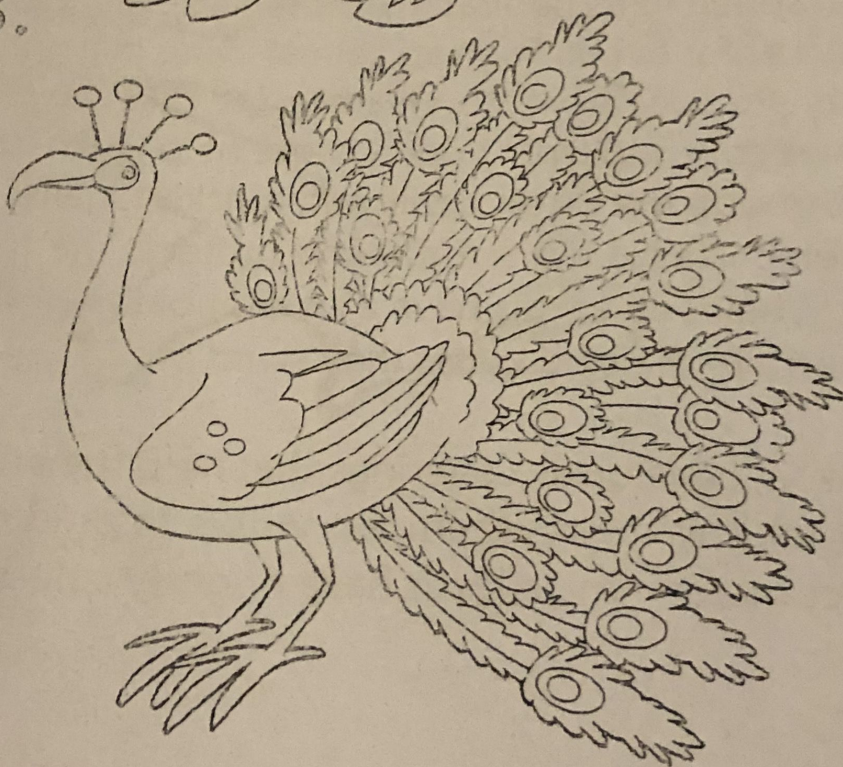


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1. Swatting flies

2. Balancing

### ACTIVITY 1:

Study the pictures below and place them in the correct box.

Living	Non-living
<del>bean</del> mushroom	bean
earthworm	fire
flowers	fire wood

3. Attracting a mate.

4. Swimming.

Other animals use their tails in other ways: Monkeys and lemurs use their tails to help them climb and swing in the trees. Crocodiles use their tails to help them spin in the water when they are killing their prey. Scorpions have venom in their stings in their tails to kill their prey. Beavers use their tails to help them build their homes. Squirrels use their fluffy tails to keep them and their offspring warm. Dogs and some antelopes use their tails to communicate - dogs communicate their emotions with their tails. Some antelope lift their tails so the white underside shows to warn others of danger. Other animals like lizards and geckos use their tails as a defense mechanism - they drop them off to distract the predator.

### BODY COVERINGS

Think about and name a few reasons why people wear clothes?

Protection

To belong to a group.

Comfortable

Animals have coverings over their skin as well. Each animal's body covering is designed to provide protection suited to its habitat (where it lives). An animal living in a cold area will have thicker fur or hair than an animal living in a hot area. Body coverings protect the animal's body from the weather, but they have other purposes as well. Fish have scales covering their body - these help them to be streamlined so they can glide through the water easily and quickly. Snails have a slime that covers their bodies which keeps them moist and protects them from rough surfaces they glide over. Whales and seals have a layer of blubber under their skin that helps to keep them warm in the cold water they swim in.