 **Test Strategy**
Think and Search
The answer is in more than one place.
Keep reading to find the answer.

Animal Parents and Their Babies

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All animals have babies. Animal parents have different ways of taking care of their babies. Mammal and bird babies cannot care for themselves right away. They need their parents to keep them safe, warm, and fed.

A mother cat feeds her kittens. Kittens cannot walk until they are three weeks old. ▼

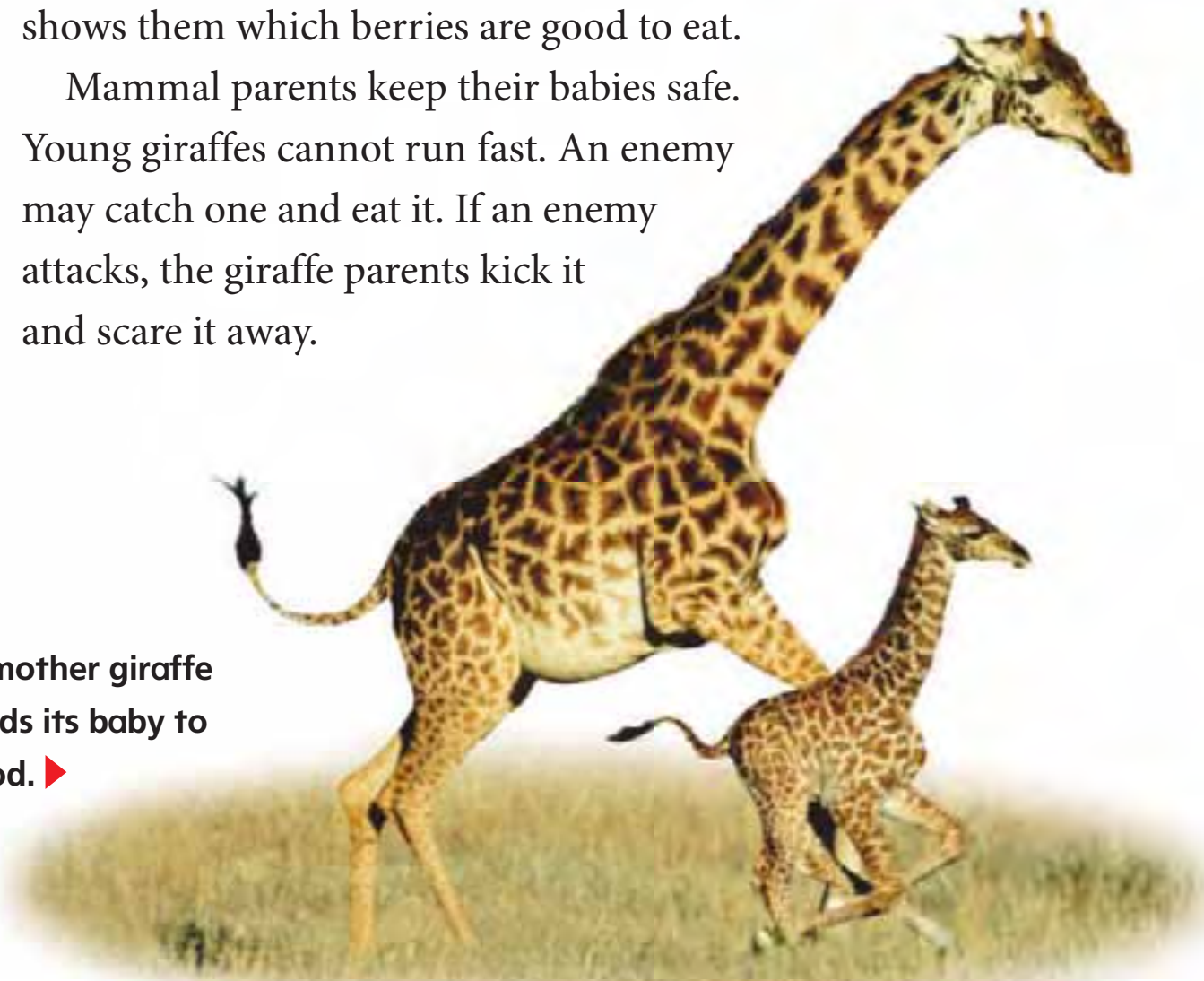


Mammals have backbones and fur or hair. Bears, giraffes, and human beings are all mammals. Most baby mammals do not know how to feed themselves. They depend on others. The mammal mothers feed their babies with milk from their bodies.

When the babies get older, mammal parents teach them to find food. Bear cubs learn to catch fish by watching their mother. Their mother also shows them which berries are good to eat.

Mammal parents keep their babies safe. Young giraffes cannot run fast. An enemy may catch one and eat it. If an enemy attacks, the giraffe parents kick it and scare it away.

A mother giraffe leads its baby to food. ▶



Answer Questions

Most baby birds do not know how to feed themselves. A penguin chick cannot swim or fish for food. So penguin parents work together. One catches fish. The other keeps the chick safe at home. After a while, the chick grows adult feathers. Then it can fish for its own food.

After some time, animal babies become adults. Then they take care of themselves. They may have their own babies, too.

This penguin father feeds his chick. He coughs up food from his stomach. Then he puts it into his chick's mouth. ▶



Tip

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Directions:
Answer the questions.

1. How do some animal babies first get food?

- A Mammal babies learn to fish.
- B Their parents feed them.
- C Bird babies start to swim.
- D All babies stay helpless.

2. How do some animal parents care for their babies?

- A Giraffes swim with the babies.
- B Penguins kick their enemy.
- C They feed them and keep them safe.
- D They feed fish to the birds.

3. Look at the photo captions. How are some baby animals fed?

Writing Prompt

Think about someone who has taken care of you. Write a journal entry about how this person cared for you.

