

Mammals Curriculum-Based Readers Theatre Script

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1	Welcome to Animal Boot Camp!	1	Any questions?
All	Yes, sir! [gesture]	All	Do all mammals live on land, sir?
1	I am Officer Bear, your mammal sergeant.	1	No! Whales and dolphins are mammals that live in the ocean.
All	Yes, sir! [gesture]	All	Thank you, sir, for keeping us straight. [gesture]
1	These are my cadets,	1	I don't know what you have heard. (marching in place)
2	Ricky Raccoon,	All	(echo) I don't know what you have heard. (marching in place)
3	Sally Dog, and	1	Mammals All have hair or fur.
4	Herbert Horse.	All	(echo) Mammals All have hair or fur.
2	For the next month, you will learn about classifying animals.	1	Mammal babes are born alive.
3	Classifying animals!	All	(echo) Mammal babes are born alive.
All	Classifying animals?	1	They need their mama's milk to thrive.
4	What's that? [gesture]	All	(echo) They need their mama's milk to thrive.
1	Putting animals that are alike in some ways	1	Sound off!
2	into the same group.	All	Hair or fur!
3	This week's group—Mammals!	1	Sound off!
All	Yes sir, mammals, sir! [gesture]	All	Born alive!
1	First, you need animals with fur or hair. [gesture]	1	Sound off!
2	What comes first?	All	Mama's milk!
All	Animals with fur or hair, sir!		Sound off 1 , 2 —Mammals!
2	Right! Fur or hair is one characteristic of a mammal!		[gestures]
3	Next, you need an animal born alive.		
All	Not in an egg, sir?		
1	No! Most mammals are born alive.		
All	Born alive, sir. [gesture]		
1	Also, mammal babies drink their mama's milk.		
All	Mammals—mama's milk—yes, sir!		