

# THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

**WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.**

In Sura Nur (ch. 24): verse 45 we are reminded:-

“And Allah has created every animal from water : of them there are some that creep on their bellies; some that walk on two legs; and some that walk of four. Allah creates what he wills; for verily Allah has power over all things.”

Certain facts of the animal kingdom have been described in Al-Quraan to make us think about the favours and mercies of our Rabb.

Humans have divided the animal kingdom into groups; e.g., frogs belong to the class called, ‘**amphibians**’ and snails to ‘**molluscs**’.

**Amphibians** are creatures that are able to live in and out of water.

**Molluscs** are creatures which have soft bodies without backbones or limbs and are usually covered with a shell. **The octopus is also a mollusc.**

Together, the members of the animal kingdom form a wondrous variety of life and a magnificent sign of the greatness of our Rabb. We find communities in the animal kingdom.

Listen to Sura An’am (ch. 6): verse 38:-

“There is not an animal (that lives) on the earth, nor a being that flies on its wings, but (forms) communities like you. ...”

They live individual and social lives like us!

Animals like sheep, cattle, camels, horses, etc., serve us in more ways than one. We ride on them, eat some of their meat, and make clothes from their skins.

## **Worksheet**

1) What is an amphibian and what is a mollusc?

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