

Sacks

for carrying food

Hamsters are small rodents that live on the steppes and prairies of Europe and Asia. They look like mice with very short tails and they can be all different colors. Like other rodents, they use their teeth to chew through the hard shells of the seeds and nuts that they eat. Hamsters also have two sacks in their cheeks that they fill with food and carry to their nests later. How clever! These bags are called pouches.

I puff up when

I get mad

The blowfish swims very slowly, but it doesn't matter: it has several secret weapons. First, it can swim away quickly by flapping its tail quickly, back and forth. And if it keeps being bothered, the blowfish swallows a bunch of water, which fills up its stomach and turns its body into a big ball full of quills. If a predator is unlucky enough to catch it by surprise and bite it, it will soon find out that the blowfish is very poisonous.



River horses

Did you know that “hippopotamus” means “river horse”? They must have called them that because they do spend almost all day in the water. At night, they like to leave the river to eat grass. Although they are enormous, they are good swimmers. They can also close their nostrils and dive underwater for around six minutes. You can see them sometimes with their mouths hanging wide open, like they are yawning, showing us their giant teeth. But watch out, because that means they are mad!

