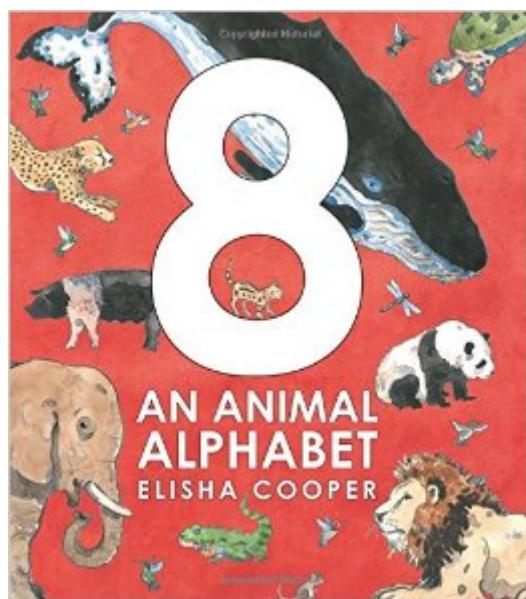


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## 8: An Animal Alphabet



## Synopsis

Explore the animal world, from aardvark to zebu! Discover hundreds of animals, great and small. Lion and lizard, whale and wombat. Learn one wild fact about each animal. (Did you know that gorillas yawn when they are nervous?) Look carefully, because for each letter of the alphabet, one animal is pictured eight times. Why 8? Come inside and find out.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This is a truly wonderful book for children and adults to share or for children to peruse on their own. Each page has attractive watercolor pictures of several animals that begin with the same letter of the alphabet. The twist is that there is one animal that has eight pictures. This turns the typical alphabet book into an alphabet book cum counting book. It's trickier than it sounds, too. On the O page, there are eight otters, but some are river otters and some are sea otters. In other cases some of the eight animals are babies and others are adults. Sometimes there is one crawling on the big letter at the top of the page or somewhere else unexpected. Additionally, some of the animals are ones I had never heard of such as the upupa and quoll. The pictures of the animals are not labelled, but their names are listed at the bottom of the page. It's up to you to figure out which one is which. You are helped in this project by a 4-page "Did you know?" section at the back that shows a small picture of each animal and gives a fun fact about each. Example: Elk: Elk antlers grow about an inch

a day during the summer. I can imagine that this book will be a candidate for re-reading and re-reading, noticing new things each time.

We had such a great time poring over the pages of this book. My kids loved reading the lists of animals. The author chose words that make your mouth move in all directions. Some of the animals we certainly hadn't heard of. So fun for me (the parent) to continue to be surprised by new creatures. My kindergartner loved seeing all the words that started with the same letter of the alphabet like she's doing in class. The fun facts at the back are fun and surprising--the kinds of facts with which you can impress the carpool immediately. Little hidden gems hidden throughout have been great to find on subsequent readings, too. All in all, a wonderful book. I've recommended it to many friends and will continue to do so. Keep it up Mr. Cooper!

**SUMMARY:** On each page animals are illustrated and listed for each letter of the alphabet. For an extra challenge, there are 8 of one of the animals to seek and find. In the back of the book is a short "encyclopedia" listing the animals with a one sentence fact for each one.

**ILLUSTRATIONS:** The illustrations were created with paint. Unfortunately, they did not lend themselves well to the busy layout of this book.

The animals are a little bit muddy. Add to that an ENTIRE page full of animals and it becomes very challenging to find each named animal. The pages are also lacking in color which decreases visual interest.

**THE GOOD:** This is a different type of ABC book. It is more of a seek and find and encyclopedia combined. At the bottom of each page is a list of the animals for that letter and you must seek each animal on the page. Plus, there are 8 of one of the animals to seek and count. Why 8? Because it is the author's favorite number. This book would be good for grades 1-2 classrooms and used with an animal unit. It is an opportunity to learn a large amount of new animal vocabulary. Children who need a challenge or who love animals will enjoy this book.

**THE NOT AS GOOD:** As stated above, the pages are very very busy. For the littlest ones trying to learn their ABCs or for pre-readers, this is very challenging. Many of the animals are not common animals so this is not a quick read-a-loud, but rather a learning opportunity that will take several sittings to get through. I did not know some of the animals and would have to look them up before being able to point them out to a child (such as a quoll, uakari, and kakapo).

**AGE RECOMMENDATION:** Advertised for ages 3-5, but lends itself better if used as an encyclopedia of animals for grades 1-2. If used for ages 3-5, I recommend using it for learning time rather than story time.

When I got this book by mail and opened up the package to read it, the cover page confused me. It said "An Animal alphabet" but also had a big number "8" on it. I had no idea what that meant! But once I read the inside flap, I realized that there's a number 8 game included in the book! On each page, there is the letter of the alphabet and a lot of animals whose names start with that letter. Some of the animals drawn are really unusual. It was interesting to learn the names of animals I did not know of until I read this book, like abalone, uakari and quoll. The names of the animals are on the bottom of each page. Our job is to discover and identify all the animals on the page. I thought the upupa was a really cute name! Each page also has one animal repeated 8 times and we have to figure out which animal that is - and that's why the cover page has an '8' on it! Sometimes, it is hard to find all the 8 animals on the pages, because some are facing different directions, some are baby animals and some are adult animals. But, we learn a lot about how animals look too. The drawings are nice, but not very colorful. But I guess that's how animals really look. This is an ABC book, but it is for older kids who want to learn more than just simple ABC's. Not only do we get to find 8 of the same animal on each page, but we also learn a fun fact about each animal. At the back of the book, there is a four-page fun facts index from A to Z, with a picture of each animal and an interesting fact about it. The pictures help us figure out if we guessed all the animals correctly. And the facts are fun. The most fun thing I learned was how different animals keep cool - pigs wallow in mud, seals flip sand on their backs, and the most funny of all, vultures poop and pee on their legs to keep cool! But, one thing I did not enjoy was flipping back and forth between the letter pages and the fun facts index - that was not easy to do and I often needed a bookmark to do it! I give this book 4 stars. I thought this book was fun. I learned the names of a lot of animals that I did not know before. I really enjoyed getting to know so many interesting facts about animals. But, it is not a simple book and not for everyone. I liked it because I am 6 years old, I love science and love learning new facts. But my brother who is 2 years old, did not enjoy it much. He did not understand many of the drawings, and only liked the letters on each page and the familiar animals. He did not seem to enjoy it much and found it too long, especially when I wanted to flip to the back of the book to read out the animal facts to him! I also wasn't able to finish the whole book in one sitting. So I don't think this book would be fun for anyone too young. My mom found it interesting, because she learned facts about animals and discovered animals she had not heard of before! So, this book could be read by anyone 6 years old and above! This would be a great book for kids who love animals and love learning new and interesting things about them. I will be reading this book over and over, because every time I read it, I notice something new on the pages and remember a new animal fact! Review by Dhruv K., age 6, North Texas Mensa

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