

## 1. Did you know?

There are three species of zebra:

The **a. Grevy's zebra**, **b. plains zebra**, and **c. Hartmann's mountain zebra**. Marwell Zoo is the only place in the UK you can find all three species!



Can you think of a famous mouse with similar ears?!

## 3. Name that Bottom!

Identifying the three different types of zebras requires careful observation of their patterns. Zebra stripes are also thought to help to camouflage individuals within the herd; making it difficult for predators to pick out their prey. Name these 3 zebra bottoms:

Pl\_\_\_s    G\_\_\_\_'s    \_\_\_\_mann's



## 5. Feeding

As their diet is relatively low in nutrition, zebras will spend much of the day grazing on grasses. They will also sometimes eat browse (the twigs and leaves of trees and shrubs).

## 6. Native

What can you find out about our native mammals? How many mammals are native to the UK? Which ones have patterned fur or hair?



## 7. Did you know?

**Plains zebra** are often seen grazing in the company of **giraffes**. It is thought that wild zebras use the giraffes as an 'early warning system' if predators are nearby. This means the plains zebras can graze more as they're not on the lookout for predators as much.

## 2. Adaptation

The distinctive wide, black and white stripes on the plains zebra are thought to reflect around 70% of incoming heat, helping them to withstand the heat of the African Savannah.



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## 4. Classification

Zebras are mammals. All mammals have a backbone. All mammals have fur or hair at least for part of their lives. All females have glands that can produce milk. Most baby mammals develop inside their mothers (not inside an egg). Mammals are warm-blooded. Can you see any mammals from your home? Any pets? Anything through the window? How about the mirror? (Humans are mammals too).



## 8. More here...

Head over to our website for more facts and resources.

**grevys zebra** <https://www.marwell.org.uk/animal/grevys-zebra/>

**hartmanns mountain zebra** <https://www.marwell.org.uk/animal/hartmanns-mountain-zebra/>

**plains zebra** <https://www.marwell.org.uk/animal/plains-zebra/>



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