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# AMAZING ANIMAL ATHLETICS

How do you compare against nature's champions?  
On your marks, get set, go!



## EVENT 1 HIDE OR SHOW OFF?

What colour (s) are you wearing today?

.....

My bright clothes are good to 'show off'.  
YES / NO

My clothes mean I could camouflage myself  
easily today.  
YES / NO

Chameleons are camouflaged by their green  
colour.

They change colour with their mood. Males (boys)  
show bright colours to rival males.

Most frogs hide but poison frogs often use bright  
colours to warn other animals away. Wasps and lots  
of other insects do the same.

Many male animals use bright colours to show off  
to females (girls) or other males (boys).

## EVENT 2 FASTEST FLAP

How fast can you flap your arms?  
(moving your arms up and then down = 1 flap)

..... flaps per minute

A hummingbird flaps its wings 5400 times a minute!

I bet you flap your arms go slower the longer you try  
because your arms get tired.

## EVENT 3 BREATHLESS!

How long can you hold your breath?

..... seconds

A sperm whale can hold its breath for over an hour!

## EVENT 4 STANDING JUMP

How far can you jump from standing still?

.....cm

An agile frog is just 8 - 9cm long and can jump as  
far as 2m!

## EVENT 5 HEIGHT

How tall are you?

.....cm

Giraffes can be as tall as 5m. The male bear and  
male gorilla are Jersey Zoo's tallest animals.





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## EVENT 6 HEAVY / LIGHT

How much do you weigh?  
..... kg

Badongo the silverback gorilla weighs 181kg.

Blue whales weigh between 90718.5kg and 181437kg (100 – 200 tons). The whale's tongue alone weighs as much as an elephant.

## EVENT 7 SMELL A blindfold and some food/flowers are useful for this activity

I could smell .....  
from ..... Cm away

A fruit bat can smell ripe fruit from about 5km or 3 miles away.

## EVENT 8 ARM SPAN

I measure ..... cm  
from fingertip to fingertip.

Adult male orangutans can reach up to 2m between trees and are very strong.

## EVENT 9 HANG ON!

I hung by my arms for .....  
Seconds on the climbing frame.

Do you think you could beat the orangutans or howler monkeys?

## EVENT 10 STAND ON 1 LEG

I stood on 1 leg for ..... Seconds.

Flamingos can stand on one leg for a very long time!

Why not invent your own animal athletics events?  
You will get lots of ideas from the species you see at the zoo.

Perhaps you could visit some of our nocturnal animals.  
Which specialist skill do they use?

## EVENT 11

