

Worksheet:

Fact + Imagination = Story

Pick an animal you like or find interesting: _____

Now come up with three facts about your animal. A fact is a true piece of information.

Here are some examples of facts:

Kangaroos can hop as fast as a car.

Owls are awake at night and sleep during the day.

An octopus has eight arms.

Here are some questions to get you started if you need help finding some facts about your animal.

1. What does your animal eat?
2. What size is your animal?
3. Does your animal have fur, skin, scales, or feathers? Describe.
4. Where is your animal usually found?
5. Is your animal fast or slow?
6. How does he or she get around?

Your Facts:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Ok, now the fun part!

Imagine that this animal is your new pet. Here are questions to help you think about how you will take care of your pet. You don't have to answer all of them.

- How will you feed your new pet?
- How do you brush, comb, wash, or otherwise groom your new pet?
- What will you do to make sure your pet gets exercise?
- What kind of a bed will you make for him or her?
- How do you have fun together?
- Will you train your pet to do certain things?

You can write your notes or answers on a piece of paper.

Now, you're ready to write a short, fun letter to your best friend, cousin, or pen pal telling all about your new pet. (You can get an older classmate or a grown-up to help you, if you need help with the writing part.)

Here's the beginning of this very exciting letter.

Dear [write the name here],

You'll never believe the present I got for my birthday!