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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age- appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open- source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

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To access these early childhood books online, please go to the Ministry of Education website: www.moe.gov.lr

"Mommy, look at the goat, it has hair on the body," Altina told her mom. "Yes Altina, the goat has hair that is called fur." "What is a fur?" she asked her mommy. A fur is a short, fine, and soft hair of certain animals.



Animals have different covering on their bodies Altina's mommy continued telling her. Their coverings are used to keep them warm when it is cold. Really? Tell me about animals and their different coverings, Altina said.



"Okay," her mom said excitedly! *Animals have four different kinds of coverings. They are fur, feathers, shell, and scale.*



Goat has fur.



GOAT



FUR



Turtle has shell.



TURTLE



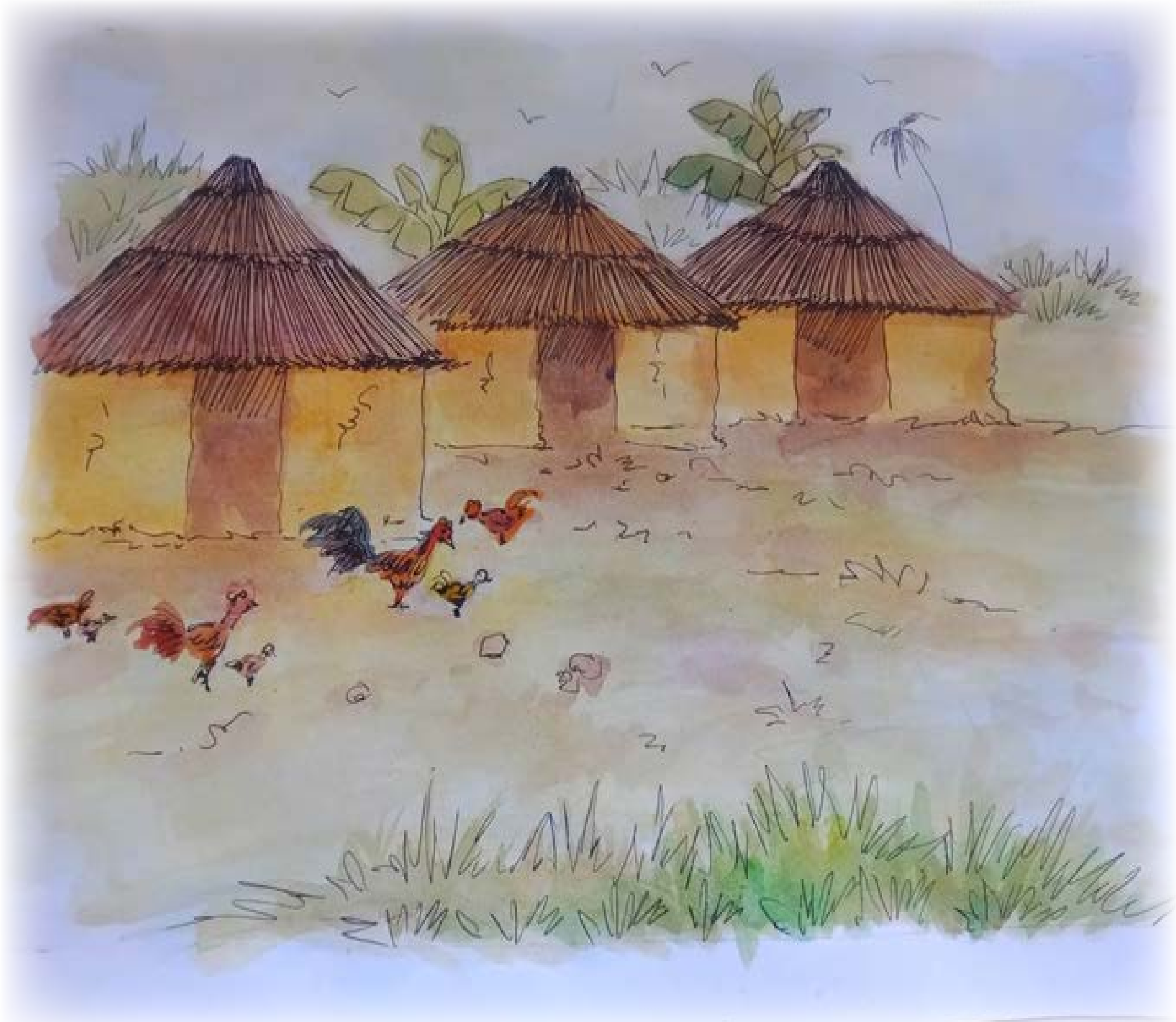
SHELL



Fish has scales.



Chicken has feathers.



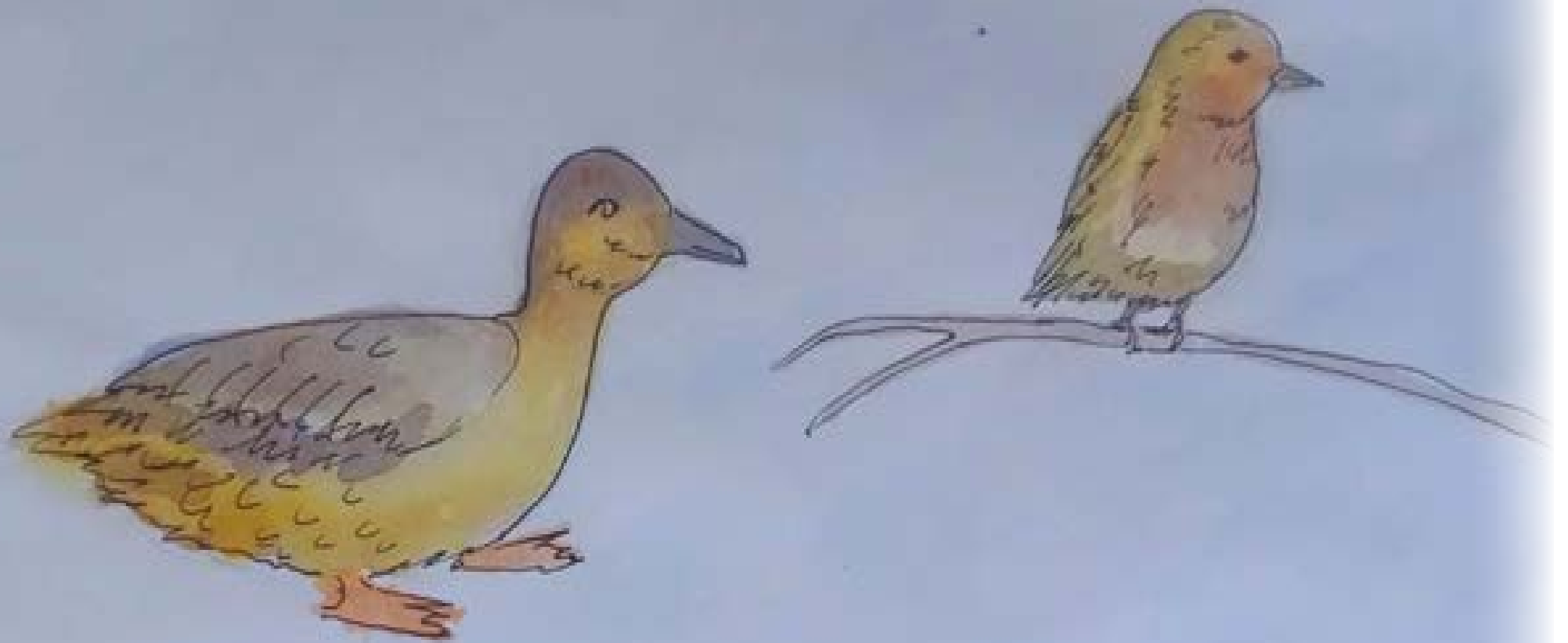
Now you have heard the different coverings of animals. What other animals do you know that have the coverings I told you about?



Mommy, mommy, a dog, a cat, and a rabbit have fur.



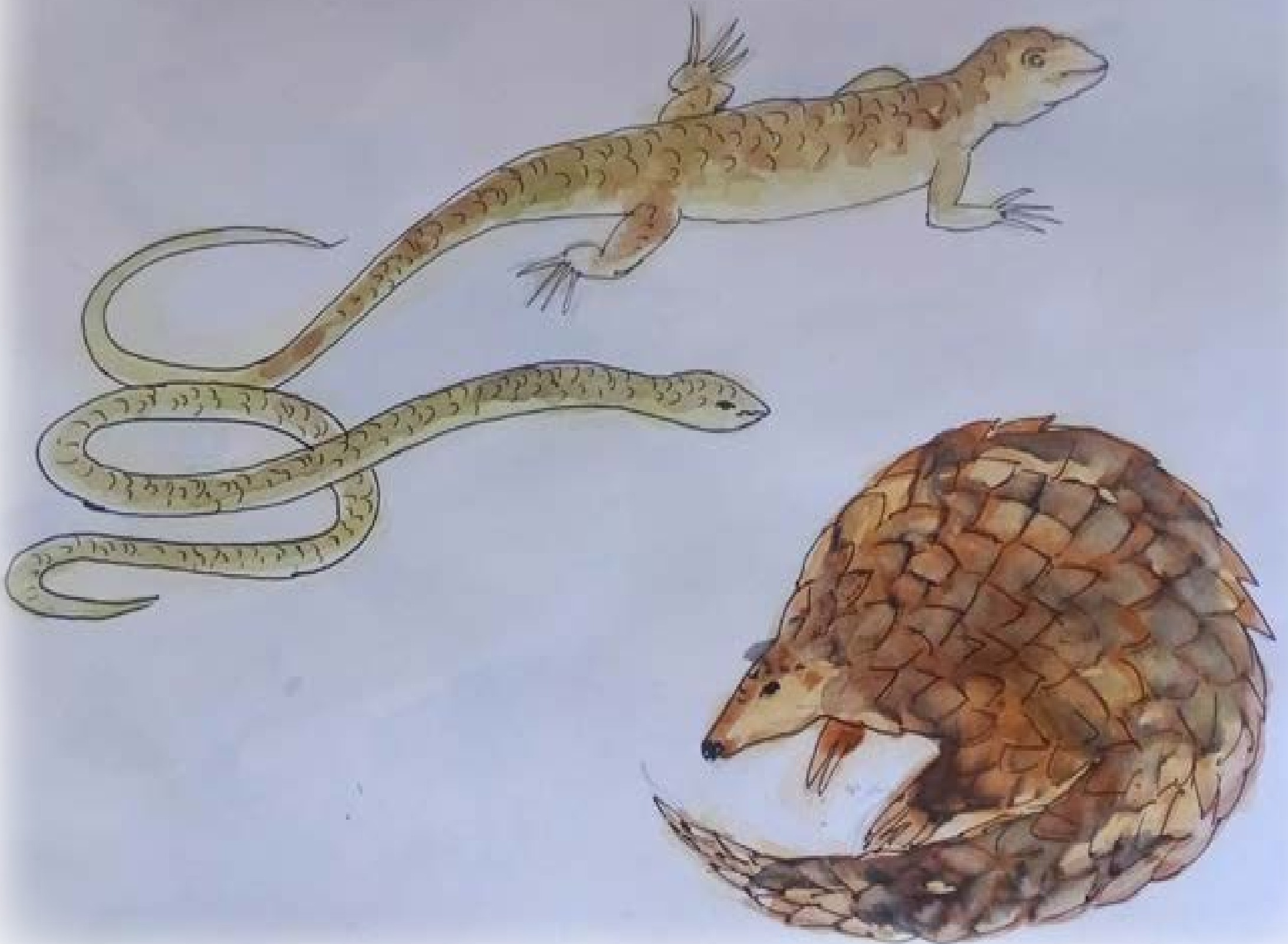
A duck and a bird have feathers,



A crab, a snail, and a lobster have shells.



A snake, a lizard and a pangolin have scales.



Great Altina! You can tell your friends Rose- Mary and Jackie about animals and their coverings; her mother told her.



Reading Level: All Levels (Age 3 -6)

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Synopsis

Learn about the different kinds of coverings animals have on thier bodies.

