

Grzimek's Animal Life

Grzimek's Animal Life on the web provides students and researchers with a dynamic, interactive resource that fosters more discussion and critical thinking skills. This product uses the content from the Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopaedia to provide unequalled coverage on more than 4,000 species, and includes more than 11,000 images, videos, illustrations, and maps.

How to Use

The screenshot displays the Grzimek's Animal Life website interface. At the top, a search bar is highlighted with a red circle and labeled "Search animals...". Below the search bar, a navigation menu on the left is also circled in red, listing categories: Mammals, Reptiles & Birds, Amphibians, Fishes, Invertebrates, Biomes, and Evolution. A callout box points to this menu with the text "Search by category".

The main content area features a featured article on "Common hippopotamus" with an image of hippos. A callout box above this article states: "The keyword search will suggest spelling and related topics as you begin". Below the article, there are sections for "THREATENED SPECIES" and "FEATURED NEWS".

At the bottom of the page, a search result for "coyote" is shown. A callout box on the left points to the main content area with the text "Encyclopaedia and research articles". The search results include a "PHOTOS" section with a grid of images, an "AUDIO" section with a speaker icon and a link to "Coyote (Canis latrans) Calls", and a "WEBSITES" section with a link to "Canid Specialist Group (CSG): Coyote".

A few questions for you

1. What are three of the formats in which this database provides information? e.g. journals
2. The Advanced Search feature allows you to limit your search by Conservation Status, Content Type or _____.
3. The Title List provides a listing of all titles included in the database. What are the first three titles provided on this list?
4. Mammals and Biomes are two of the search categories listed on the left side of screen. What are the other listed categories?
5. When doing a keyword search, the database will suggest terms (keywords) as you type. For instance, if you type “bear” in the keyword search field, the database will suggest terms that contain the word “bear”. What are three of the suggested keywords provided?

Email your responses and/or any questions or comments about the databases to Christine Brown at cbrown@wpl.ca