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## Platypus

1. Read the questions, watch the video and after that answer the questions:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNoQvjlmGdk>

What animal is the video about? \_\_\_\_\_

Where does it live? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it a mammal or reptile? \_\_\_\_\_

Can it run quickly? \_\_\_\_\_

Which part of body does it use to hunt? \_\_\_\_\_

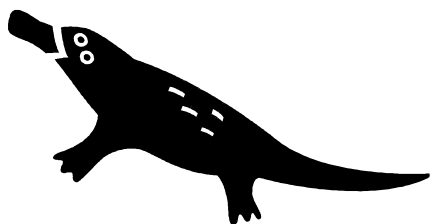
Which part of its body is venomous? \_\_\_\_\_

Can it kill dog or cat with that venomous part? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Now read the text:

This unique animal looks like it has been composed out of many different animal parts. It has duck-like bill and webbed feet, a beaver-like tail and an otter's fur. Although it is a mammal, it lays eggs like snakes. The first scientists to examine their bodies thought they had played trick on them.

The platypus only lives along the banks of the rivers and coasts of eastern Australia and in Tasmania. It is about the size of a cat. Males are a bit larger, about 50 cm long, and weigh about 1.5 kilos.



Platypuses hunt underwater. On land they are a bit awkward but in the water they are very good swimmers. Their strong webbed feet and flat tails help them paddle when looking for food. They hunt for insects, larvae, worms and shellfish. Hunting takes them a long time. The rest of the time they spend rating in their burrows in riverbanks. They are very shy and it is not easy to observe them.

The female platypus lays two or three eggs in her burrow and keeps them warm by holding them between her body and her tail. The eggs have large yolks and rubbery shells like snakes. The babies hatch after 10 days and their mother takes care of them for about four months until the babies can swim on their own.<sup>1</sup>

a) Translate the first paragraph into your language:

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b) Find the words in the text:

Not common = \_\_\_\_\_  
The person who examines something = \_\_\_\_\_  
Opposite to female = \_\_\_\_\_  
Looking for a prey = \_\_\_\_\_  
A hole dug for a shelter = \_\_\_\_\_  
Not wanting to attract attention = \_\_\_\_\_  
Watch somebody or something = \_\_\_\_\_  
Yellow part of an egg = \_\_\_\_\_  
Look after = \_\_\_\_\_

c) Complete the text:

Platypus lives in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
It has a \_\_\_\_\_ like a duck.  
It has a \_\_\_\_\_ like a beaver.  
It has \_\_\_\_\_ like an otter.  
It is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a cat.  
It is a mammal, but it \_\_\_\_\_ eggs like a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
It hunts in the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
For swimming he uses \_\_\_\_\_ feet and a \_\_\_\_\_ tail.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ lays two or three eggs and keeps them \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The babies \_\_\_\_\_ after 10 days and mother looks after them  
For about \_\_\_\_\_ months.

d) Find the information about venomous spurs and answer the questions

( <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platypus> )

Where do the platypus have spurs?

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Who has venomous spurs – males or females? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the venom lethal to humans? \_\_\_\_\_

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What animal is the video about? **It's about platypus.**

Where does it live? **It lives in Australia and Tasmania.**

Is it a mammal or reptile? **It's a mammal.**

Can it run quickly? **Yes, it can.**

Which part of body does it use to hunt? **It uses a beak /snout.**

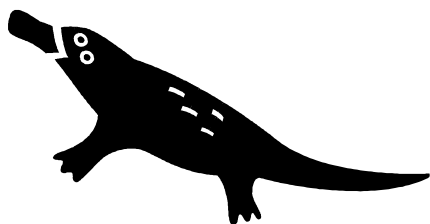
Which part of its body is venomous? **Its spurs.**

Can it kill dog or cat with that venomous part? **Yes, it can.**

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- A hole dug for a shelter = **burrow**
- Not wanting to attract attention = **shy**
- Watch somebody or something = **observe**
- Yellow part of an egg = **yolk**
- Look after = **take care of**

g) Complete the text:

- Platypus lives in **Australia** and **Tasmania** .
- It has a **beak** like a duck.
- It has a **tail** like a beaver.
- It has **fur** like an otter.
- It is as **big** as a cat.
- It is a mammal, but it **lays** eggs like a **snake**.
- It hunts in the **water**.
- For swimming he uses **webbed** feet and a **flat** tail.
- The **female** lays two or three eggs and keeps them **warm**.
- The babies **hatch** after 10 days and mother looks after them for about **four** months.

h) Find the informatik about venomous spurs and answer the questions

- ( <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platypus> )
- Where do the platypus have spurs? **On their hind legs.**
- Who has venomous spurs – males or females? **Males**
- Is the venom lethal to humans? **No**

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