My favorite animal is ________

You might like to draw a picture of your favorite animal in the box below.
You might enjoy writing a poem about **Your Favorite Animal**.

Cats like to curl up with me when I read books.

Adorable.

Too cute for words.

Every April, we celebrate National Poetry Month. Just like animals, there are lots of different types of poems. One type is an acrostic poem. Try writing an acrostic about your favorite animal. To start your poem, put the letters that spell out its name in the space below.

Then go back to each letter and think of a word, phrase, or sentence starting with that letter. To the left is an example using Eric Carle’s favorite animal, CAT. Remember that this type of poetry doesn’t need to rhyme. Be creative and share your poem!
When Erin Stead wants to see her favorite animal, a penguin, she visits the penguinarium at the zoo. Most penguins live in Antarctica and spend half their time on land and the other half underwater.

Can you draw a picture of your favorite animal and its home? Think about what might be nearby (water, mountains, trees, flowers) and what other animals might be there, too.
Lane Smith made a joke about his favorite animal, the elephant. Now it’s your turn to be funny! You can write a knock-knock joke about your favorite animal, write a funny story, ask a funny question and give a funny answer, draw a silly scene, or anything else you can think of. Be creative!

Here’s an example using an elephant:
Q. What is the same size as an elephant, yet weighs nothing?
A. An elephant’s shadow!
What does Your Favorite Animal like to eat?

Peter McCarty’s favorite animal is a bunny. His very favorite, Mr. Hopper, likes to eat his food out of a ceramic bowl. What kind of food does your favorite animal like to eat?

Can you draw the food your favorite animal eats?

What else does your favorite animal eat? Circle the food(s) your favorite animal eats:

- carrots
- peas
- lettuce
- grass
- eggs
- spiders
- other stuff
- string beans
- bees
- flowers
- fish
- pet food
Write a tale about
Your Favorite Animal

The blue carp is Peter Sís’s favorite animal. In his picture, he drew his blue carp with wings. Can you imagine a fish having wings? Does your favorite animal have wings? Do you want your favorite animal to have wings? You get to decide!

You might enjoy writing a story about your favorite animal. Complete the story below by filling in the blanks with the best word based on the part of speech indicated. Once completed, read your story to the class. For inspiration, use your classroom, school, or public library to read books about a variety of animals. Don’t forget to look back at the activities you already completed about your favorite animal, too.

My favorite animal is the ________________. This is my favorite animal because I like its
noun

_____________________. It likes to ______________________ a lot, and it loves to eat
noun verb

_____________________. Sometimes the ______________________ can be ________________,
noun animal noun adjective

______________________, or even ________________. The coolest thing about the
adjective adjective

______________________ is that it ______________________________________________________.
animal noun insert fact about the animal

The funniest thing about the ________________ is that it ______________________
animal noun insert fact about the animal

________________________. It lives in _________________ environments and hangs out with
adjective

other animals like the _________________. My favorite thing about the ________________
noun animal noun

is that it __________________________________________________________. If I ever
verb or other fact

have this animal as a pet, I would want to name it _________________.
noun
What's Your Favorite Animal?

Word Search

Can you find these animals in the jumble of letters below?

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What's Your Favorite Animal?

Matching Game

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