

Young Animals

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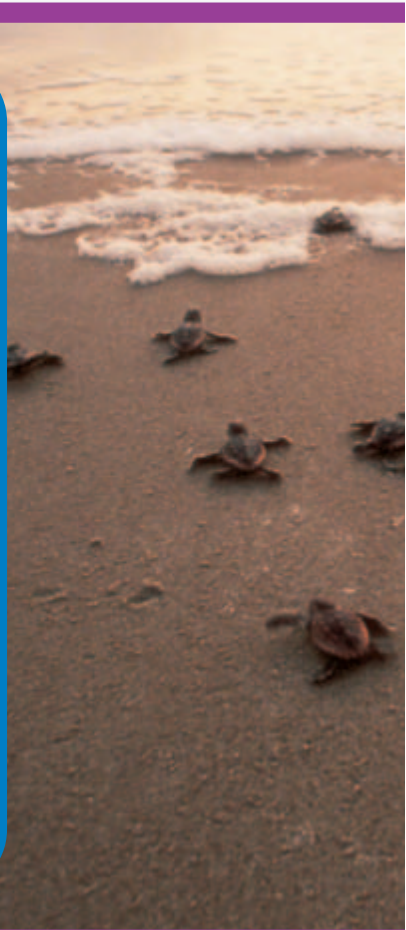
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▶ During the spring some animals are born. The young are cared for.



- ▶ Every animal is different. Each animal has different needs.



Even wild animals care for their young. Some stay with their mothers for a long time.



Other newborns come out and find their way all by themselves.



Some animals are born live. They do not hatch from eggs.



Other animals hatch from eggs. Both of these young animals are ready to see the world.



Animals need care before they are born. Some fathers take care of their eggs.



Most of the time, animals wait. That's what they do the most.



🔊 Animals know what their newborns need. They need to learn about the world.






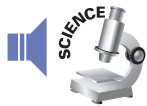
▶ They need to learn to take care of themselves. When they are ready, they will live on their own.

Animal Names

Animal	Young
bear	cub
cat	kitten
duck	duckling
rabbit	bunny
pig	piglet
horse	foal
chicken	chick

Think and Respond

-  **1** What do some newborn animals need?
-  **2** What is the main idea of this book?
-  **3** Which newborn animal do you think is the hardest to care for? Explain.



Newborn Needs With a partner, study the needs of a newborn animal that you know of. Make a list of the newborn's needs.



School-Home Connection Animals often live in groups. A group of dolphins is a *pod*. A group of ants is a *colony*. Discuss with your child the names of other animal groups.