



Do Animals Think?



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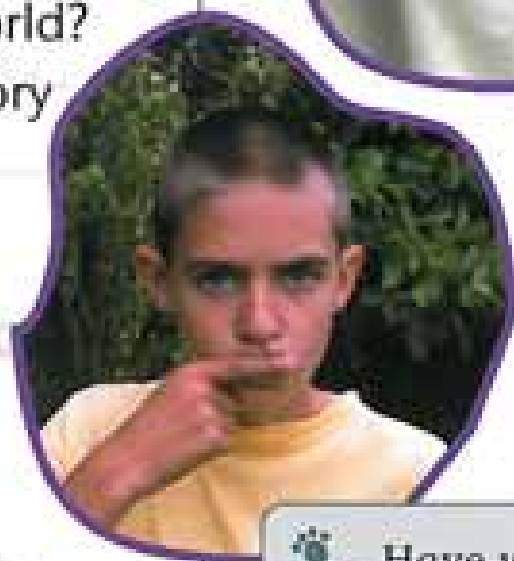
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Have you ever
licked a cut?



Introduction



Animals lick their cuts, too. It's a good idea. Licking a cut covers it in **saliva**. Saliva has things in it that can help cuts heal, and kill **microbes**.



Definition

Saliva (say sal-i-vah) saliva is liquid in a person's or animal's mouth

Microbe (say mike-robe) a living thing that is so small you need a microscope to see it. Some microbes can infect cuts.

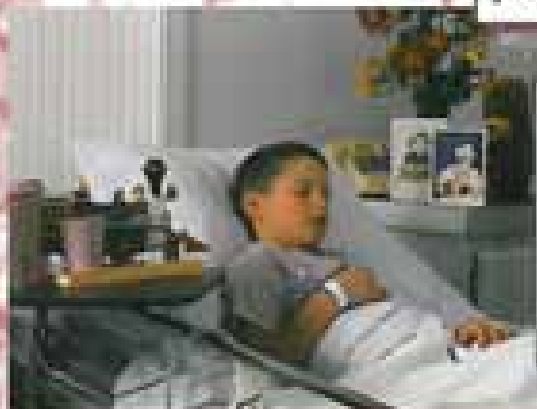


Sick animals often find somewhere safe to hide and rest while they get better.

Just like we do!



Do animals know that licking and resting is good for them, or do they just do it? *Do animals think?*



Do Animals Think?



People have been asking this question for a long time.

Definition

instinct: something people and animals know how to do without learning it



Some people say animals do everything by instinct.



Does a spider *think* about spinning a web, or does it just do it by instinct?



Others say that animals can think.

This crow figured out that to get to the food in the tube, it needed to bend the wire first to make a hook.

