Mammals give live birth. This means that they give birth to a smaller live animal. An exception to this rule are the platypus and the echinad; they lay eggs, but are still considered mammals.

Mammals are vertebrates! They all have backbones.

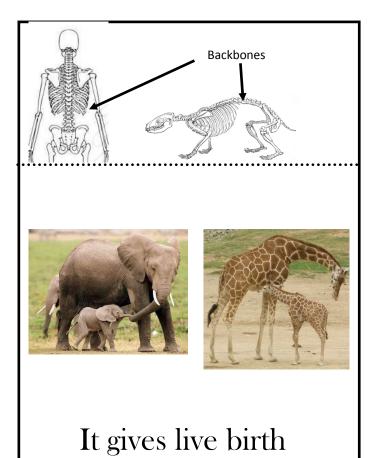
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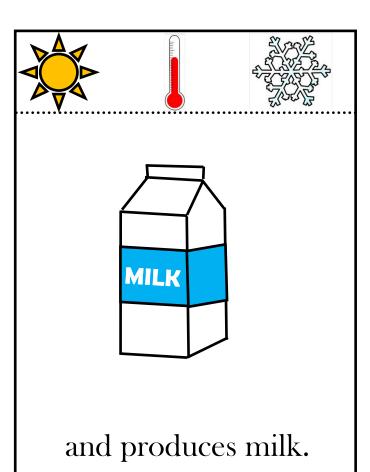
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Female mammals are equipped with mammary glands, which allow them to produce milk for nursing their abbies. All mammals make milk.

This means they create their own body heat. A warm blooded animal's body temperature is the same whether its warm or cold outside!

are warm blooded





All mammals have hair. Even whales, which don't look hairy, have hair when they are first born!

Glue some

fur here.

with hair.