



Ranger Marcy's Acorn Adventure Nature Charades!

*Act out these fun charades with your children & grandchildren, and then share the fun facts!
Come up with some of your own charades to do!*

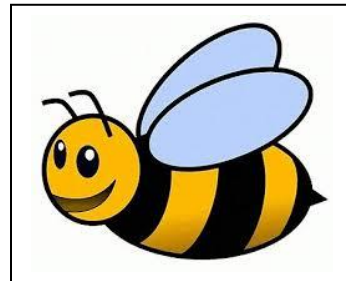
BEAVER:

- *Largest rodent in North America
- *Weighs up to 65 lbs. *How much do you weigh?
- *Mainly nocturnal (active at night)
- *Does not hibernate
- *Use their tails for support when standing, rudders while swimming, and to warn enemies (they slap them on the water!)



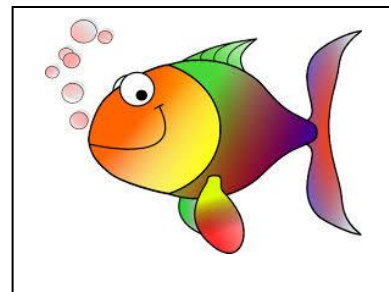
BEE:

- *The only insect that produces food eaten by Man (Honey!)
- *Wings beat 200 beat per second – try that!
- *They are pollinators = fertilization = Fruit/nuts/seeds = FOOD!



FISH:

- *Can you name some of the fish that live in The Last Green Valley?
- *Trout, bass, sunfish, pike, pickerel and ??



FISHING:

- *Have you been fishing?
- *Did you go to the May 2015 Acorn Adventure at the Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery?
- *We will be sure to go there again next year!



FROG:

- *They are amphibians.
- *Most are born in water as tadpoles and develop into frogs.
- *They eat mostly insects, like worms & spiders!



HIKE:

- *Have you hiked in Walktober?
- *Have you hiked any other time of year?
- *Do you know how to follow a trail by looking for markings on the trees?
- *Where is your favorite place to hike in The Last Green Valley?



ICE SKATING:

- *Always make sure the pond is safe if you skate outdoors.
- *Did you know we have some indoor rinks in The Last Green Valley?
- *Get your *Explore!* guide to find out where to go.



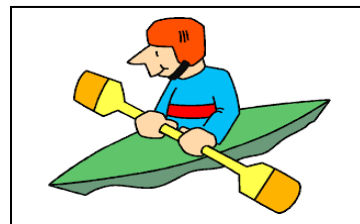
OWL:

- *Owls can turn their heads almost all the way around.
- *Have you ever seen an owl in The Last Green Valley?
- *Have you ever heard an owl in The Last Green Valley?



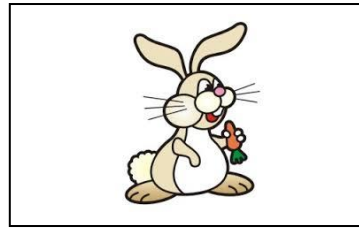
PADDLING:

- *Have you ever paddled?
- *Do you know anyone who paddles and kayak or canoe?
- *Where would you paddle in The Last Green Valley?



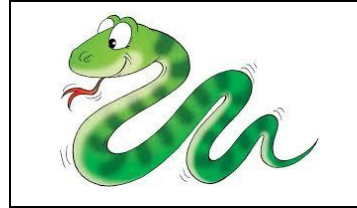
RABBIT:

- *Live in fields, meadows, grassy areas & thickets.
- *They have 2 – 4 litters of babies per year.
- *They have 3 – 8 babies per litter.
- *That could be up to 32 baby bunnies a year!



SNAKE:

- *Snakes are good to have in your yard and garden.
- *Garter snakes are common in The Last Green Valley.
- *Baby garter snakes are born in late summer.
- *Some favorite snake snacks are slugs, frogs, toads, salamanders, worms, tadpoles and bird eggs!



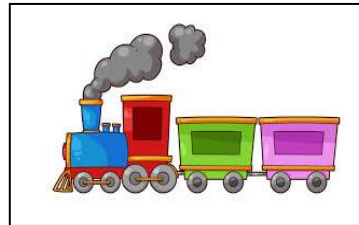
SWIMMING:

- *Do you know how to swim?
- *Who taught you?
- *What is your favorite place to swim?



TRAIN:

- *Have you ridden in a train and where did you go?
- *Have you walked on the Air Line Trail?
- *You can go to a train museum in Willimantic!



TREE:

- *Deciduous trees have leaves that fall off.
- *Coniferous trees are evergreens with needles that stay on and green year-round.
- *An easy way to remember the difference is to think of the word cone – as in pine cones. Those are the coniferous (cones) evergreens!



TURKEY:

- *A group of turkeys is called a rafter.
- *Turkeys roost (sleep) in trees.
- *Female turkeys are called hens.
- *You can see wild turkeys in The Last Green Valley.
- *You can also visit a turkey farm in The Last Green Valley, at Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm in Moosup. They offer a Walktober adventure every year, too!

