



## **Stick Your Tongue Out**

Do you think tongues are just soft and pink? Animals have tongues of various shapes, sizes and colours. They use their tongues in many different ways, but not for talking like humans do.



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Blue tongue Black tongue



Long tongue Strong tongue



Spiky tongue Sticky tongue



Rough tongue Smooth tongue



Forked tongue Fast tongue

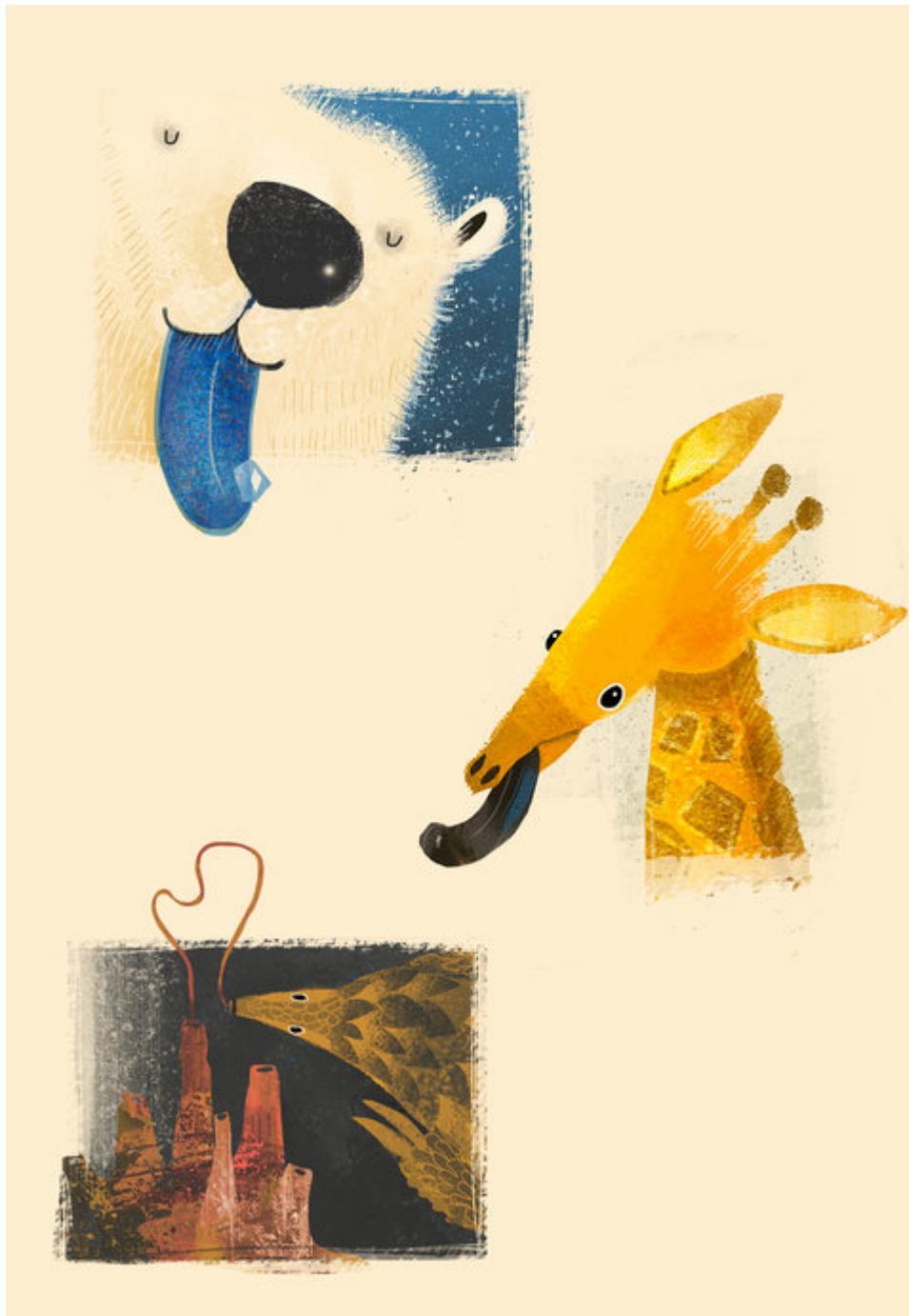




Heavy tongue Hairy tongue



What is YOUR tongue like?



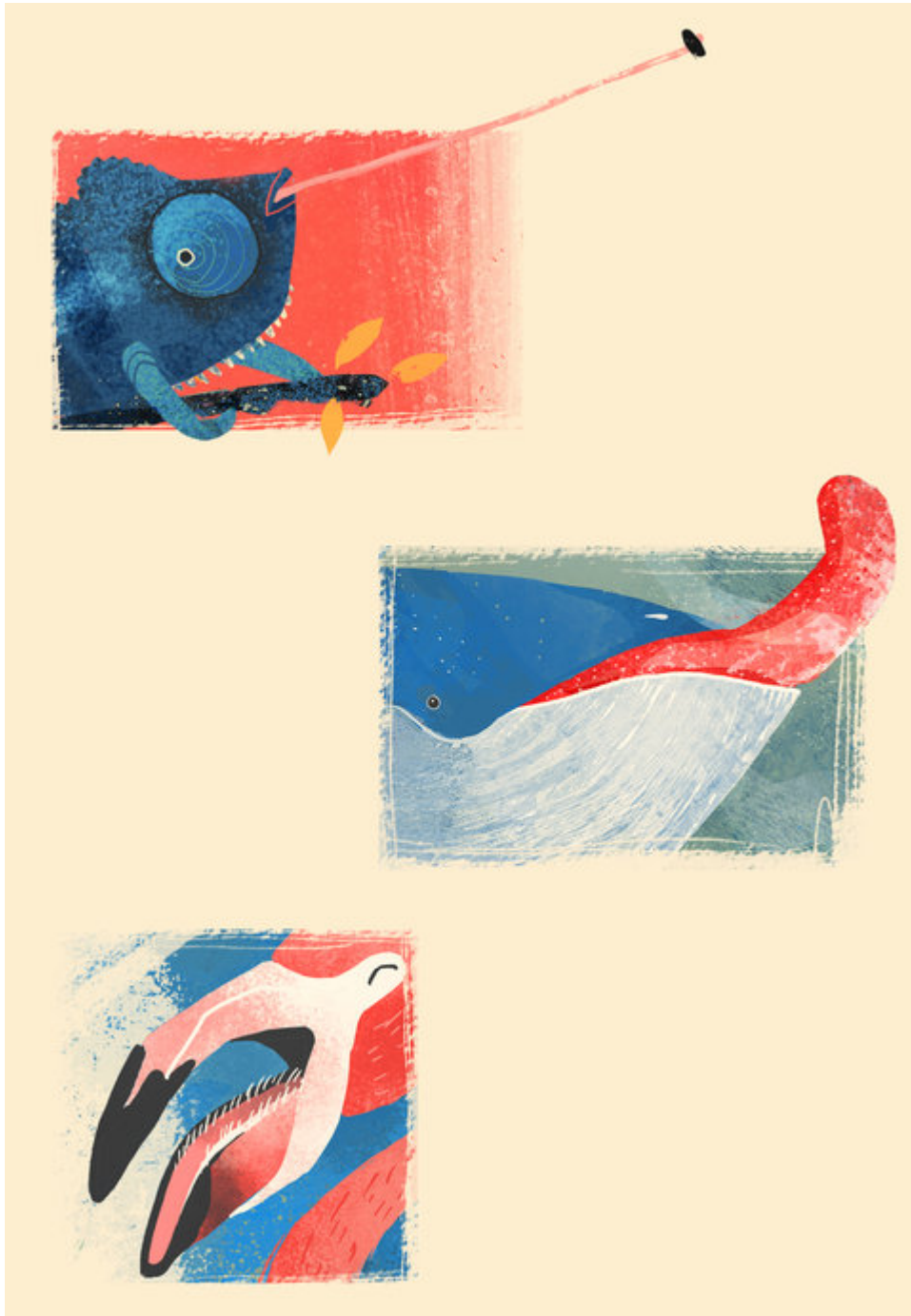
Let's Talk About Tongues Did you know that tongues are made up of muscles and are able to do many different things? Yet tongues never get tired or sore! Polar Bear's blue tongue absorbs the sun's heat to keep warm. Giraffe's tongue is dark, which protects it from sunburn in the African savannah. Pangolin puts its long tongue into anthills to slurp up ants - its favorite snack.



Salamander shoots out its powerful tongue to snatch crickets and fruit flies. Goose grips grass with its spiky tongue and tears it off to munch. Frog catches flies with its sticky saliva and stretchy tongue.



Cat's rough tongue helps it brush its fur. Dog cools off by sticking out its tongue that swells up when it gets too hot. Snake uses its forked tongue to smell its surroundings.



Chameleon's tongue darts out with lightning speed to grab that grasshopper before it hops away. Blue Whale, the largest animal on earth, has the heaviest tongue that helps trap tiny krill that it loves to eat. Flamingo's hairy tongue helps filter blue-green algae and shrimps that are its favorite food.

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