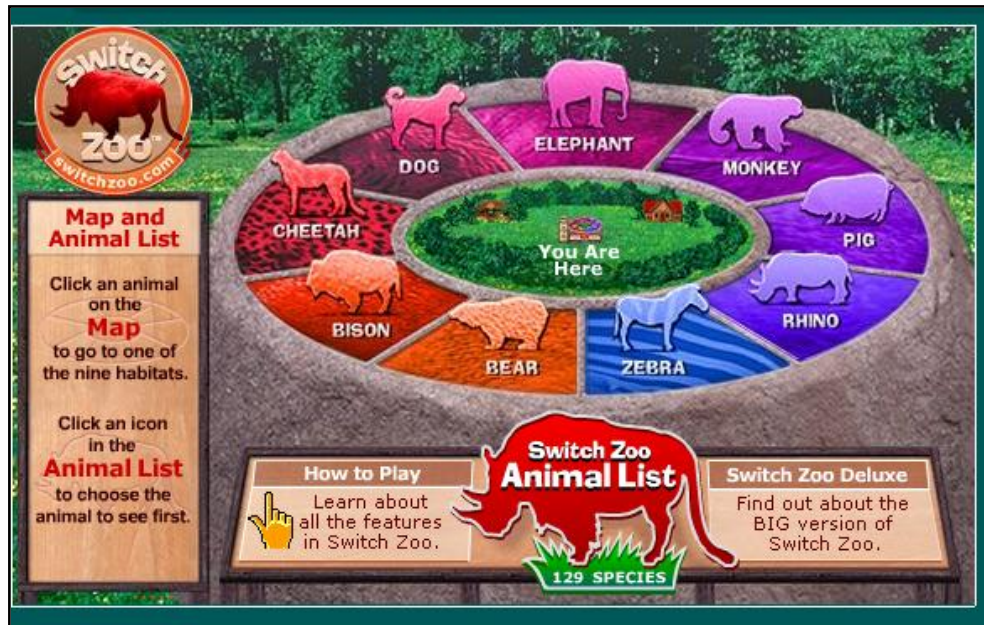


Creating stories about unique creatures: This lesson involves the creation of a unique animal using Switch Zoo. If this isn't an option, you can create your own images using Photoshop or other image editing programs.

1. Create a new folder in your G: or H: drive and name it Photoshop
2. Go to the Switch Zoo website: <http://www.switchzoo.com/zoo.htm>
3. Select one of the animals from the oval shape or select the Rhino that says Switch Zoo **Animal List**.



4. The following example demonstrates what the screen might look like if you choose Bison from the oval selection. Wait a few seconds for the image to load.



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5. To transform the head, body or tail of your animal, select from the menu found below the animal.



- 6. A variety of options for each body part will appear as shown in the above example. You have more options if you pay a fee. Many choices are free of charge.
- 7. The following is an example of a bison that has the head of a Kodiak brown bear, part of its body consists of a bison and Bengal tiger and the tail is of the Shetland Pony

The screenshot shows the 'My Switch Zoo' interface with a custom animal displayed in a field. The animal has a Kodiak brown bear head, a body that is a mix of bison and Bengal tiger, and a Shetland pony tail. Below the animal, there are three panels with facts:


Hide Facts	Kodiak Brown Bear	Bengal Tiger	Shetland Pony
Add Title	Kodiak brown bear cubs weigh 85-113 grams (3-4 ounces) at birth. Unlike black bears, brown bears have a hump of fat on their shoulders.	Bengal tigers love to be in water, and they are strong swimmers. They often walk backward into water, while carefully watching their surroundings.	Although Shetland ponies are among the smallest of pony breeds, they can pull twice their own weight, making them the strongest horse relative to their size.
Add Story			

Switch Zoo provides facts about the animals used to create your masterpiece. Such details could be used to support your story.



8. Once you have created your masterpiece, click on the **Print Screen** button on the keyboard of your PC.
9. Open Adobe Photoshop by choosing **Start | All Programs | Adobe Photoshop**
10. Choose **File | New** from the main menu.
11. When the New window pops up, click on the OK button.
12. Choose **Edit | Paste** from the main menu and the picture will be pasted on the new window.
13. The whole screen will appear in Photoshop.



14. Everything but the image needs to be cropped out. Click on the crop tool  in Photoshop and drag from the upper left corner of the image to the bottom right section of the image.



Tip: Once you have only selected the image using the crop tool, click on the Enter key of your keyboard and it will crop out everything but the selected image.

15. With your image cropped as shown above, choose **File | Save As** from the main menu. Navigate to your Photoshop folder and name the image animal1; animal2, etc. before saving them.



Tip: Name your animals the following when saving them: animal1; animal2; etc. and make sure you record the description of these animals in the document titled **Animal Name**.