

With and Without a Picture:

Olm

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Show what you know. Write down three facts about the olm that you learned in this paragraph.

1.

2.

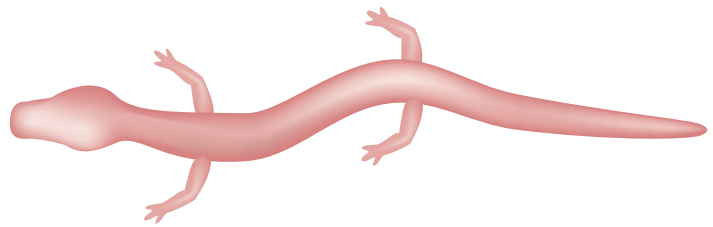
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Olm (Part 2)

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Write two things that you learned from the picture.



1.

2.

When you read about the olm, did you imagine it to look like it does in this picture?

Your Favorite Animal

Pick your favorite animal and learn more about it! With a grown-up, go online or to your local library to find some facts about your favorite animal.

Write your opinion:

The _____ is my favorite animal
because _____

Write 3 facts you learned about your favorite animal.

1.

2.

3.

Draw a picture of the animal that shows the 3 facts above.