

1.

CHIM-pan-zee, BO-no-bo
A-fri-can GO-ril-la

A-sian o-RANG-u-tan
GIB-bons of MAY-lay-sia

*THESE • • ARE • our TAIL-less
ape REL-a-tives.*

2.

MON-keys of AF-ri-ca
AND South A-MER-i-ca

TAR-siers with BIG round eyes
LE-murs and LOR-is-es

*THESE • • ARE • our PRI •
mate REL-a-tives.*

3. TREE shrews who LIVED in the
TROP-ics of VI-et-nam.

RO-dents and RAB-bits and
BEAV-ers who BUILD a dam.

*THESE • • ARE • some MAM-mal-ian
REL-a-tives.*

4.

COY-o-tee, TI-ger, Rhi-
NO-cer-os, CAR-i-bou

CA-mel and HY-en-a
BAT, seal, and DOL-phin too

*THESE • • ARE • laur-A-sia-theer
REL-a-tives.*

5.
ANT-eat-ers, TREE sloths and
GROUND sloths of LONG ago

ALL South a-MER-i-can
'CEPT Ar-ma-DILL-e-oh.

*THESE • • ARE • zee-NAR-thran
REL-a-tives.*

6.

AARD-varks and GOL-den moles
HY-rax-es, EL-e-phants

ALL born in AF-ri-ca
E-ven the MAN-a-tees.

*THESE • • ARE • our AF-ro-theer
REL-a-tives.*

7.

KO-a-la, KAN-ga-roo
WOM-bat and BAN-di-coot

ALL just Aus-TRAL-yan 'cept
VIR-gin-ya O-poss-um

*THESE • • ARE • mar-SU-pi-al
REL-a-tives.*

8.

NOT quite a MAM-mal are
AUS-tral-ian EGG-lay-ers

SPI-ny ee-kID-na and
DUCK-bill-y PLAT-y-pus.

*THESE • • ARE • our MON-o-
treme REL-a-tives.*

9. BIRDS of the SKY and the
MAR-shy mud CROC-o-diles

LIZ-ards and TUR-tles and
SNAKES that are SO a-gile.

*THESE • • ARE • rep-TILE and
bird REL-a-tives.*

10.

LAY eggs in PONDS and streams
ALL frogs and TOADS it seems

SAL-a-man-DERS and newts
WEAR a wet BIRTH-day suit.

*THESE • • ARE • am-PHIB-i-an
REL-a-tives.*

11.

LUNG-fish and COEL-a-canth
BACK to the SEA ad-vance

SWIM-mers the RAY-finned fish
SAL-mon and TU-na-fish.

*THESE • • ARE • our FINE fish-y
REL-a-tives.*

12.

FROM now on NO more bone
CAR-til-age STANDS a-lone

IN ev-'ry SHARK and ray
THEY func-tion FINE that way.

*THESE • • ARE • some FER-o-cious
REL-a-tives.*

13.

LAM-preys then LANCE-e-lets
NO gills: get USED to it.

BREATHE through your SKIN and
lose BRAIN like a TUN-i-cate.

*THESE • • ARE • our CHOR • date
REL-a-tives.*

14.

STAR-fish and SAND dol-lar
SEA ur-chin, BRIT-tle star

RA-di-al SYM-me-try
QUITE un-like YOU and me.

*THESE • • ARE • e-KINE-o-derm
REL-a-tives.*

15.

IN-sects and SPI-ders too
ALL join in ONE fell swoop

RI-ver of LIFE grows big
WITH worms and CLAMS that dig.

*THESE • • ARE • all VER-y cool
REL-a-tives.*

16.

FLAT-worms and JELL-y-fish
COR-als, a-NEM-on-ees.

POOP and eat THROUGH one hole.
STAY a-live THAT's the goal.

*THESE • • ARE • • A-maz-ing REL-
a-tives.*

17.
COMB jell-ies LAS-soo prey.
PLAC-o-zo-AN at play

SPONG-es dis-IN-te-grate
CHO-an-o-FLAG-el-late.

*THESE • • ARE • some VER-y
strange REL-a-tives.*

18.

DRIPS are all PAR-a-sites
FUN-gi can GROW at night

MUSH-rooms and MOLD on bread
A-me-bas HAVE no head.

*THESE • • ARE • some REAL
biz-zarr REL-a-tives.*

19.

THINK of your FA-v'rite tree
AND red and GREEN al-gae

LET-tuce and LI-ma beans
ALL feed on SOL-ar beams

*THESE • • ARE • our LIGHT
eat-ing REL-a-tives.*

20.

RA-di-o-LAR-i-a
MAKE shells of SIL-i-ca

DON'T drink gi-AR-di-a
FOR-a-min-I-fer-a

*THESE • • ARE • some SING-le
cell REL-a-tives.*

21.

FIND these in REAL hot pools
AND in your STINK-y stools

THEY don't like BREATH-ing air
THEY'RE sing-le CELL-u-lar.

*THESE • • ARE • our ARK-e-a
REL-a-tives.*

22.

Oh! eu-bac-TER-i-a,
SOME bring dip-THER-i-a

OTH-ers re-CY-cle trash
WITH-out them WE would crash.

*THESE • • ARE • bac-TER-i-a/
REL-a-tives.*

23.
JOUR-ney of LIFE starts in
O-cean of OR-i-gin.

MYS-t'ry of MYS-ter-ies
THIS makes us FAM-i-ly.

*WE • • HAVE • a VER-y big
FAM-i-ly*

24.

THIS song de-MANDS du-et
TOO fast to BREATHE through it

SAME with bi-OL-og-y
IT'S all e-COL-o-gy.

*WE • • LOVE • • ALL of our
REL-a-tives*