

# Parts Are Parts

Think you can judge rabbits and pick the best ones? In order to do more than just say which one you like best you will want to know the names of each of the rabbit's parts so you can tell someone else "WHY" you picked a certain rabbit. In this activity you'll learn these so you can make even better decisions.

**Rabbit Skill:**

Identifying rabbit body parts

**Life Skill:**

Communicating with others

**Success Indicator:** Names 10 parts of a rabbit.

**Science Standard:** Characteristics of organisms

## "Hop to it!"

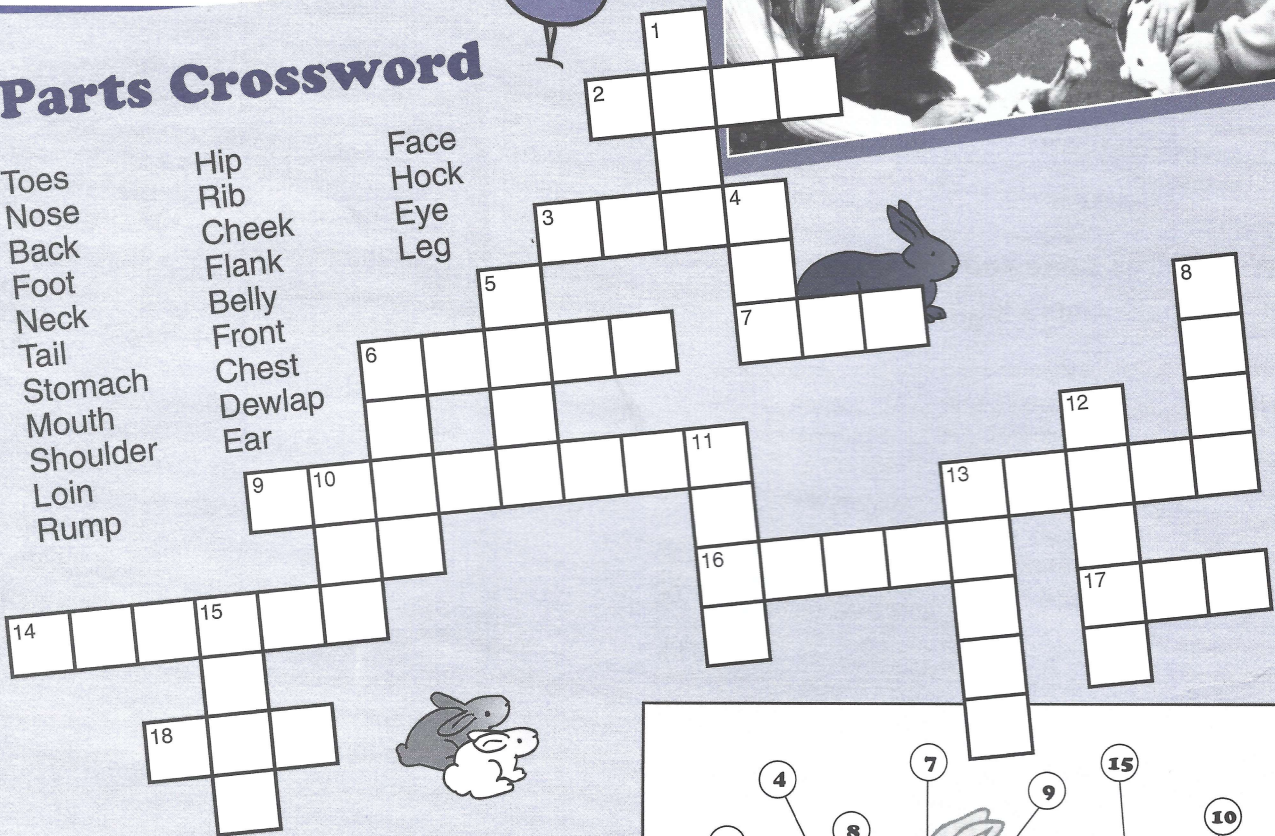
Work with an adult helper, parent or friend to complete this crossword puzzle. There are some extra words. Share your answers with your adult helper.

### Parts Crossword

Toes  
Nose  
Back  
Foot  
Neck  
Tail  
Stomach  
Mouth  
Shoulder  
Loin  
Rump

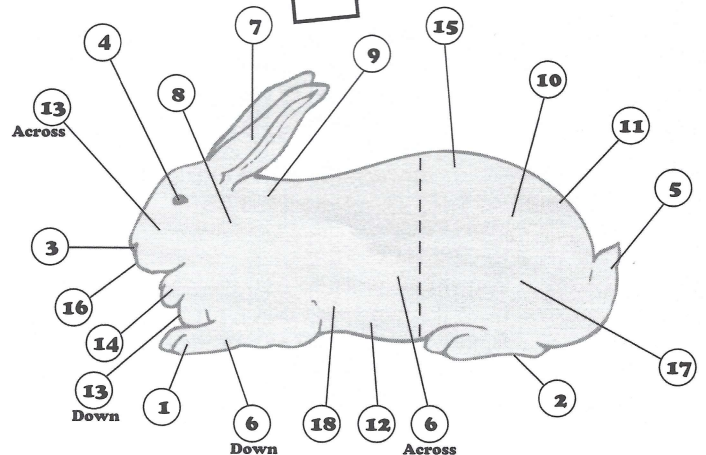
Hip  
Rib  
Cheek  
Flank  
Belly  
Front  
Chest  
Dewlap  
Ear

Face  
Hock  
Eye  
Leg



**Did you know**

The rabbit is becoming an increasingly popular pet. It is clean and neat and requires little special care.





# Rabbit Rap

## Share What You Did

- What rabbit parts were difficult to identify? Why?

## Process What's Important

- How are a rabbit's feet and ears different than yours? Why do they need to be?
- How can learning the parts of a rabbit help you be a better rabbit raiser?

## Generalize to Your Life

- How did finishing the rabbit crossword help you and your friend or adult helper better understand each other?

## Apply What You Learned

- How would you like to improve the way you talk to others?



## Parts of a Rabbit

**Belly** - The lower part of the body, abdomen. From the bottom of the last rib to the pelvis. Contains the intestines.

**Chest** - The front part of the body between the forelegs and neck, the breast.

**Cheeks** - The sides of the face below the eyes.

**Forehead** - The front part of the head between the eyes and the base of the ears.

**Hind (rear) Leg** - The foot, hock, stifle (knee) and hip joint.

**Hindquarters** - The rear part or section of the body; includes the loin, hips, hind legs and rump. From the last rib back.

**Hip** - The joint that attaches the hind legs to the trunk of the body.

**Hock** - The joint in rabbits that is like the ankle in man. The joint below the stifle.

**Knee** - The second joint of the hind leg - connects the thigh to the leg. Also known as the stifle.

**Loin** - That portion of the back on each side of the vertebrae from the last rib posterior to the hip joint.

**Neck** - Connects the head to the body.

**Nostrils** - The two openings of the nose leading to the internal structures of the head.

**Ribs** - The curved portions of the sides immediately back and under the shoulders and above the belly.

**Rump** - The upper, rounded part of the hindquarters.

**Shoulders** - The upper joint of the foreleg, connecting it to the body.

*Look in Rabbit Talk 1 for other definitions of parts.*



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## Bounding Ahead

1. Now that you know the parts of a rabbit, use a picture to "show 'n' tell" a friend or family member where the parts are and the shape of each for your breed.

