

- I live in rocky, slopes near the top of mountains from Oregon south into Inyo County.
- I get water through the plants I eat including grasses, sedges and shrubs like sagebrush.
- I'm well known for storing my harvested food in "hay piles".
- I don't *hibernate*. I maintain a high internal temperature to survive frigid winters.
- I cannot live in temperatures above 25°C for more than a few hours.
- I'm a hamster-like member of the rabbit family with big ears, and a high-pitched squeak. **B2**

- I am a *predator* that eats snails, earthworms, insects, fish and even small mammals.
- I live in grasslands habitats, but seasonal ponds or vernal pools are crucial for reproduction.
- I enter a dormant state called *estivation* in the driest months.
- I have lungs, but many of my kind breathe through our skin.
- My tail falls off when grabbed and keeps moving, while I get away. I *regenerate* a new one.
- I'm slick, glistening black with yellowish spots and stripes on my back, sides and tail – which remind people of a big cat. **B1**

- I live in remote, cold habitats in the northern Europe, Asia and North America.
- I stockpile extra food and use snow to keep it fresh.
- I have a thick bushy coat, broad head, short furry ears and teeth that can chew through bone and frozen carrion.
- I'm an *omnivore* with a taste for meat and will eat any mammal I can catch – dead or alive.
- I resemble a small bear, but I'm actually the largest member of the weasel family.
- My curved, semi-retractile claws and ferocious temper led to an X – man of the same name. **B4**

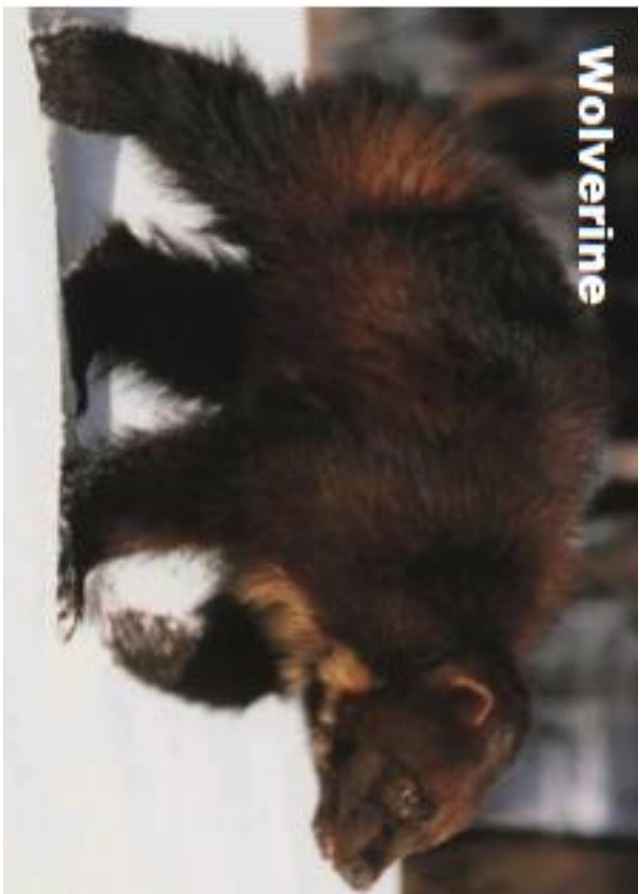
- I can fly on air currents 150 miles per day and at altitudes of 4,600 meters in search of food.
- I feed on large dead animals like deer, cattle or sheep.
- I have a great immune system and do not get sick from eating *carrion* - dead animal flesh.
- After feasting, I'll bathe in rock pools and spend hours preening my feathers.
- I am the largest flying bird in North America with a wingspan reaching 3 meters (10 ft.) wide.
- During the Ice Ages, my kind soared in North American skies from coast to coast. **B3**



American Pika



California Tiger Salamander



Wolverine



California Condor