

## Spelling list: -o words - animals

The long -o sound at the end of these animal names is spelled with just the letter o . Many of these words describe unique creatures, some of which will be well known, while others might be less familiar.

For example, the *rhino* is a large, herbivorous mammal known for its distinctive horn. Another example is the *armadillo* , which is a small animal protected by a bony shell. Some of these animals, like the *dodo* , are now extinct, while others, such as the *gecko* , are common in warmer climates.

These words showcase the diversity of the animal kingdom and help build vocabulary related to nature and wildlife.

Try a *Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check* activity to learn how to spell these words or try a *spelling game* to test your skills.

rhino	The most common <b>rhino</b> is the white <b>rhino</b> .
palomino	The <b>palomino</b> horse has a golden coat.
buffalo	There's a herd of <b>buffalo</b> by the lake.
armadillo	The <b>armadillo</b> has a shell made of bony plates.
bronco	The cowboy prepared his <b>bronco</b> .
dingo	The <b>dingo</b> is an Australian wild dog.
dodo	The <b>dodo</b> was a flightless bird which is now extinct.
flamingo	A <b>flamingo</b> is a long-legged pink bird.
gecko	A <b>gecko</b> is a small lizard.
hippo	<b>Hippo</b> is short for hippopotamus.
jumbo	<b>Jumbo</b> is a pet name for an elephant.
mosquito	My Dad was bitten by a <b>mosquito</b> .