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Unusual Animals: Sunda Flying Lemur



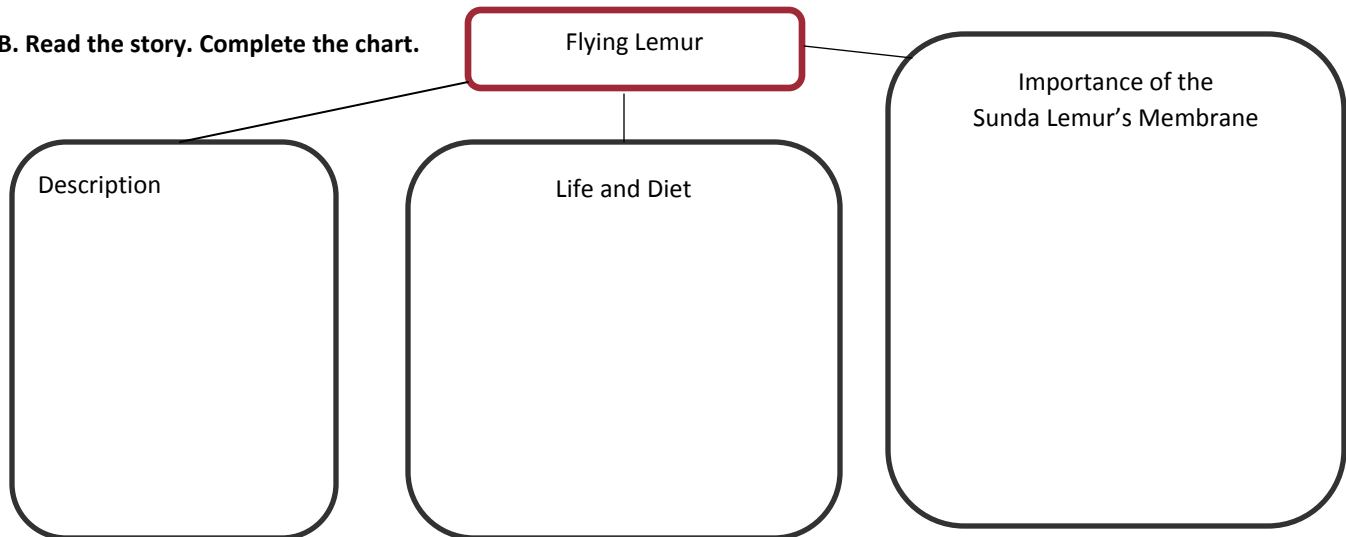
This is not a bird or a plane. It's not a bat either. This unusual animal, also doesn't fly. Meet the Sunda flying lemur, a rainforest animal that has adapted to live in the forest canopy of Southeast Asia.

The Sunda flying lemur has a very thin skin membrane that grows between its arms, legs and tail. This membrane helps the Sunda flying lemur leap between trees where it finds food. The Sunda flying lemur has hands and feet that are perfect for climbing trees. This helps the lemur climb up to the heights where it can find the best food.

The Sunda flying lemur eats leaves, shoots, and buds that grow at the top of trees. Eating food that is so far away from the ground is dangerous. If the Sunda flying lemur falls and hits the ground it would die. Fortunately its membrane allows it to float on the air, like a kite. This keeps the lemur safe when it looks for food. The membranes also help the Sunda flying lemur travel in the forest. In one jump it can glide over 320 ft (100 m) to a new tree.

A. Where does the flying lemur live? _____

B. Read the story. Complete the chart.



C. The Sunda flying lemur is not actually a lemur. Use a computer. What kind of animal is it? Write the answer below. Share what you learned with a partner.