

3. Answers will vary. Students should understand that, like all mammals, raccoons have well-developed brains that provide for complex behaviors.

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1. Answers will vary. Obvious visible characteristics include fur, clawed feet, sharp teeth, and the ability to climb.
2. The visible common mammalian characteristics include fur and highly differentiated teeth.



1. What are the main characteristics of the animal in the photo?
2. Which characteristics would you say the raccoon shares with other mammals?
3. What might you infer about the raccoon's brain, based on the fact that it is a mammal?