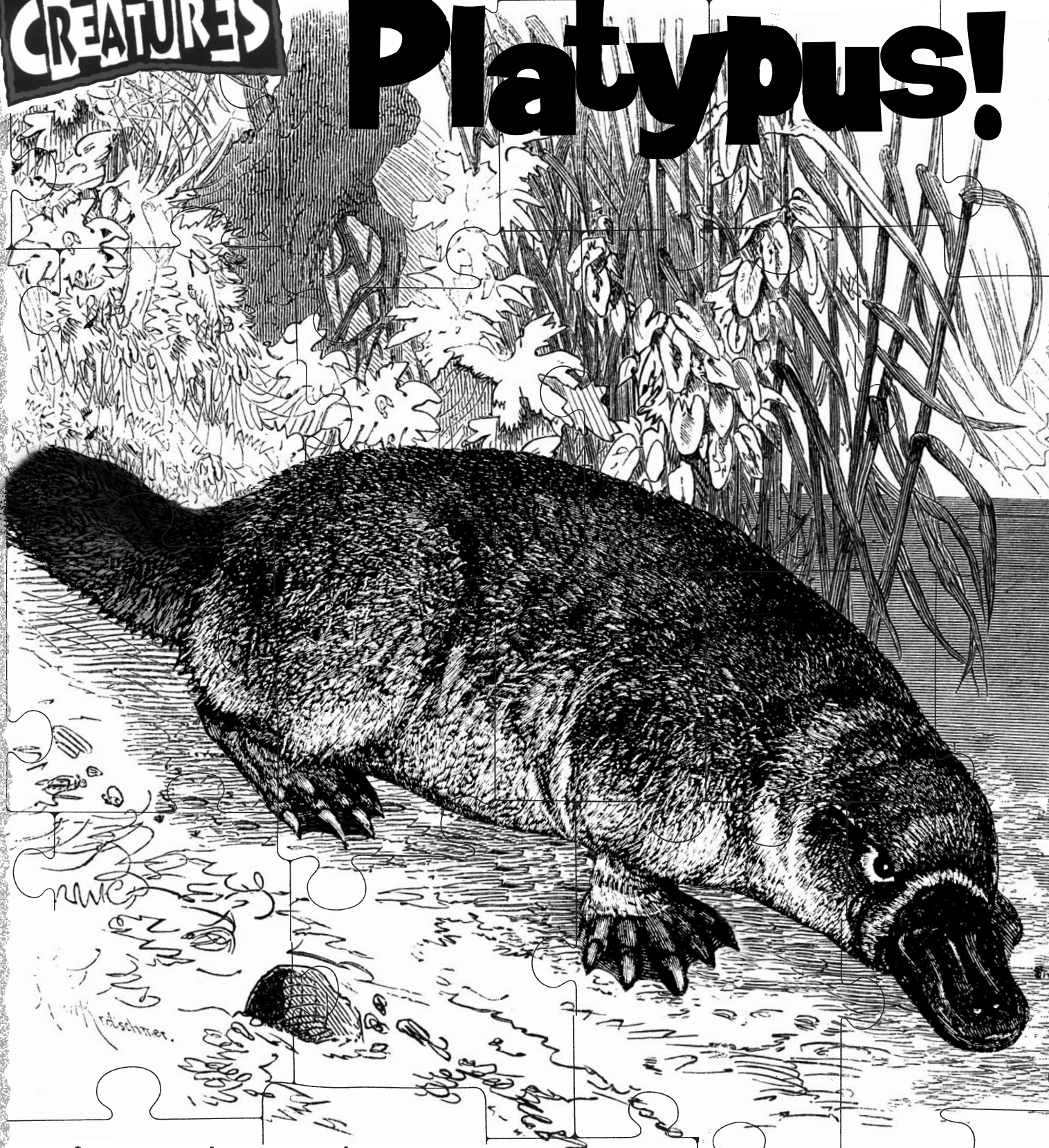


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# Puzzling Platypus!



Cut out and put together pieces  
to form a platypus!

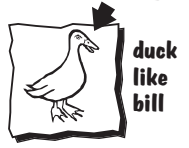
# Puzzling Platypus!



A platypus is an incredible, strange creature that lives in Australia. It belongs to a group of primitive mammals call monotremes. Monotremes are so primitive they lay eggs like birds and reptiles! The platypus looks like it is made up of parts from other animals. It has the bill of a duck, a beaver's tail, a frog's webbed foot and the body of a chinchilla.



Describe how these body parts help a platypus survive in its habitat:




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Platypuses (or platypi) live in streams, lakes, and lagoons. They eat crayfish, snails, worms, small fish, and insect larvae. What other creature has a similar name in its singular and plural form? Answer: TUSOCOP (or tocopi)



## What would it look like?

If you could design your own incredible creature, what would it look like? First choose where it would live and what it would eat. Think of the body parts it would need to live there. How would it use its senses to find out about its environment? How would it move around? Would it fly crawl, or hop? How would it capture its food? How would it escape from enemies? What would it be called?



## Have Fun... Be Outrageous!

Draw a picture of your incredible animal and write how each of its body parts would help it live in its environment. With molding clay, you can even build a three dimensional model of your animal.

#2 Answer: OCTOPUS (or octopi)

