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Main Idea

Did you know that there are mammals that lay eggs called monotremes? Well, there are five species that do. They are the duck-billed platypus and four species of the echidna, also known as the spiny anteater. Although they don't give birth to a live baby but lay eggs, they are considered mammals because they nourish their young with milk produced by the mother. These animals have as much in common with the other mammals as they have differences. Other than laying eggs, they don't have teeth as adults. Interestingly, these animals exist naturally only in Australia and New Guinea. If you want to learn more about them, the best information is at the University of Tasmania's website.

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- a. Duck billed platypus.
- b. Australia
- c. Monotremes
- d. Tasmania

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- a. Anorexia
- b. bulimia
- c. Ways to lose weight.
- d. The dangers of anorexia and bulimia.

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The main idea of the paragraph is:

- a. Different types of toast.
- b. How to make cinnamon toast.
- c. How to butter bread.
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