



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

WILD CATS: CHEETAHS

1. Write a sentence describing how cheetahs hunt their prey.

2. Would the place you live be a good home for a cheetah? Why or why not?

3. What body part helps a cheetah balance?
 - A. its long tail
 - B. its long legs
 - C. its spotted fur

4. Why would bringing live prey to cubs help them learn to hunt?
 - A. They could go far from the den.
 - B. They could stay in the den forever.
 - C. They could practice catching animals.

5. What does **diet** mean in the *Cheetahs* book?

*Cheetahs eat gazelles and wildebeests. Their **diet** also includes rabbits, birds, and warthogs.*

- A. where an animal lives
- B. what an animal eats
- C. what an animal sounds like

6. What does **sleek** mean in the *Cheetahs* book?

*Cheetahs have thin bodies and long legs. This **sleek** shape helps them move very quickly.*

- A. wide and short
- B. long and narrow
- C. big and heavy



ANSWER KEY FOR WILD CATS: CHEETAHS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

WILD CATS: COUGARS

1. Write a sentence describing how cougars hunt their prey.

2. Would you want to live near a cougar? Why or why not?

3. Why do cougars swing their tails?
 - A. to balance while they run
 - B. to mark their territory
 - C. to catch their prey

4. How does camouflage help cougar cubs stay safe?
 - A. It makes the cubs harder for predators to find and eat.
 - B. It helps the cubs find more food without their mother.
 - C. It helps the cubs run faster.



5. What does **solitary** mean in the *Cougars* book?

*Cougars are **solitary** animals. Most live alone.*

- A. living in large groups
- B. staying away from others
- C. being very dangerous

6. What does **stalk** mean in the *Cougars* book?

*They **stalk** their prey. They sneak up close to it. Then, they pounce.*

- A. to move slowly and loudly
- B. to move quickly away from something
- C. to move quietly toward something to surprise it



ANSWER KEY FOR WILD CATS: COUGARS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

WILD CATS: JAGUARS

1. Write a few sentences describing how jaguars hunt their prey.
2. Jaguars are good swimmers. Do you enjoy spending time in the water? Why or why not?
3. How are jaguar and leopard spots different?
 - A. Leopard spots have a dot in the middle.
 - B. Jaguar spots have a dot in the middle.
 - C. Jaguar spots are not dark.
4. Why would cutting down trees in the Amazon harm jaguars?
 - A. Jaguars live and hunt among the trees.
 - B. Jaguars use the trees to build nests.
 - C. Jaguars eat the trees.



5. What does **unique** mean in the *Jaguars* book?

*Each jaguar's spots are **unique**. No two cats have the same pattern.*

- A. exactly the same
- B. different from all others
- C. not possible to see

6. What does **protects** mean in the *Jaguars* book?

*Their mother **protects** the cubs. She hides them from danger.*

- A. hurts something
- B. keeps something safe
- C. sends something away



ANSWER KEY FOR WILD CATS: JAGUARS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. B

5. What does **rare** mean in the *Leopards* book?

*This **rare** cat lives in parts of Russia and China. It has nearly died out.*

- A. not in danger
- B. easy to find or see
- C. not found in large numbers

6. What does **approach** mean in the *Leopards* book?

*Leopards **approach** their prey slowly and quietly. When they get close, they jump.*

- A. to move toward something
- B. to move away from something
- C. to go to sleep



ANSWER KEY FOR WILD CATS: LEOPARDS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. A



5. What does **defend** mean in the *Lions* book?

*Male lions **defend** the pride. They make sure the cubs are safe.*

- A. to guard something
- B. to try to hurt something
- C. to stay away from something

6. What does **shades** mean in the *Lions* book?

*A lion's coat can be **shades** of yellow or brown.*

- A. higher or lower types of sound
- B. lighter or darker versions of a color
- C. places without much light



ANSWER KEY FOR WILD CATS: LIONS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. B



5. What does **swiftly** mean in the *Lynx* book?

*Then the lynx runs off. Her huge paws carry her **swiftly** over the snow.*

- A. at a fast speed
- B. in slow motion
- C. with lots of noise

6. What does **vary** mean in the *Lynx* book?

*A lynx's appearance depends on its species. Its size can **vary**. So can the color of its fur.*

- A. to be different from others
- B. to be all the same
- C. to be hard to see



ANSWER KEY FOR WILD CATS: LYNX

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

WILD CATS: SNOW LEOPARDS

1. Write a sentence describing how snow leopards hunt their prey.
2. Would you like to visit the mountains where snow leopards live? Why or why not?
3. What body parts act like snowshoes for snow leopards?
 - A. their wide paws
 - B. their thick fur
 - C. their long tails
4. How does a snow leopard's fur help it blend in with its mountain home?
 - A. Its fur has very bright colors.
 - B. Its spots look like green plants.
 - C. Its colors match the rocks and ice.

5. What does **pounce** mean in the *Snow Leopards* book?

*When they are close, they **pounce**. They jump and grab their prey.*

- A. to listen to loud music
- B. to look at something shiny
- C. to jump on something to catch it

6. What does **tenses** mean in the *Snow Leopards* book?

*Suddenly, the mother **tenses**. She senses danger.*

- A. gets nervous or scared
- B. feels safe and happy
- C. smells good food



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. C
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

WILD CATS: TIGERS

1. Write a sentence describing how tigers hunt their prey.

2. Tigers can live in warm or cold places. Would you rather live somewhere warm or cold?

3. How long do most tiger cubs stay with their mother?
 - A. 2 years
 - B. 10 years
 - C. 15 years

4. Why don't tigers eat whole animals right after catching them?
 - A. Tigers can't kill animals right away.
 - B. Tigers don't hunt animals for food.
 - C. Some animals are too big for tigers to eat at one time.



5. What does **survive** mean in the *Tigers* book?

*They can **survive** in many climates. They often live in forests or jungles.*

- A. to be able to live
- B. to be afraid to live
- C. to not be found somewhere

6. What does **muffle** mean in the *Tigers* book?

*Her large paws **muffle** her steps. She doesn't make a sound.*

- A. to make something louder
- B. to make something quieter
- C. to make something melt



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. B