

FOCUS ON
Corpse-Eating Animals

1. Write a sentence summarizing how scavengers are helpful for the environment.

2. Which of the corpse-eating animals were you most interested to learn about? Why?

3. What prevents vultures from being harmed by rotting meat?
 - A. strong eyesight
 - B. strong stomach acid
 - C. strong beaks

4. What might happen if there weren't corpse-eating animals?
 - A. Harmful bacteria might spread.
 - B. Dead animals might never decompose.
 - C. Animals might have more food.

5. What does **adaptable** mean in this book?

*They eat many different things, including carrion. This makes them **adaptable**. They can more easily survive in a new environment.*

- A. able to change to fit a new place
- B. able to bend over easily
- C. able to live in only one place

6. What does **starve** mean in this book?

*In fact, they eat almost anything. For this reason, opossums rarely **starve** to death.*

- A. to get better quickly
- B. to eat a lot of food
- C. to suffer from hunger

Answer Key:

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