

Lesson Plan

Poop Sleuth

Book: *Poop-Eating Animals*

Series: Weird Animal Diets

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students fill in the blanks on a worksheet with details from a text about poop-eating animals.

Supplies

- *Poop-Eating Animals* book
- Poop Sleuth worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Print out the Poop Sleuth worksheet for each student. Then, read through the *Poop-Eating Animals* book, or assign it to student to read on their own.

Activity

Pass out the Poop Sleuth worksheets. Explain that the *Poop-Eating Animals* book has many facts about animals that eat poop to survive. Students should write the name of an animal in each blank to make each statement correct. If students need help, they can look back at the book. Some answers are in the book's main text, but others are in fun facts or other special features.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of class. Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer, for a total of up to 10 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 3 (RI 3.1).

Poop Sleuth

1. _____ have two kinds of poop.
2. _____ cubs eat their mother's poop to fill their guts with good bacteria.
3. A 42,000-year-old frozen baby _____ had her mother's poop in her stomach.
4. _____ poop has a nutrient that turns an Egyptian vulture's face yellow.
5. _____ digest only about half of what they eat.
6. Young _____ grow up inside balls of poop.
7. _____ poop once a week.
8. Rabbit pellets make up one-fourth of a _____'s diet.
9. _____ get nutrients from food they can't reach by eating an elephant's poop.
10. _____ usually poop outside the den to keep the den clean.

Poop Sleuth ANSWER KEY

1. **Rabbits** _____ have two kinds of poop.
2. **Panda** _____ cubs eat their mother's poop to fill their guts with good bacteria.
3. A 42,000-year-old frozen baby **mammoth** _____ had her mother's poop in her stomach.
4. **Goat** _____ poop has a nutrient that turns an Egyptian vulture's face yellow.
5. **Elephants** _____ digest only about half of what they eat.
6. Young **dung beetles** _____ grow up inside balls of poop.
7. **Sloths** _____ poop once a week.
8. Rabbit pellets make up one-fourth of a **tortoise** _____'s diet.
9. **Warthogs** _____ get nutrients from food they can't reach by eating an elephant's poop.
10. **Wolves** _____ usually poop outside the den to keep the den clean.