

FOCUS ON **Bees**

1. Write a few sentences describing how bees get food.
2. Would you want bees to live near your home? Why or why not?
3. What kind of bee lays eggs?
 - A. worker
 - B. drone
 - C. queen
4. What might happen to plants like apple trees if bees were not around?
 - A. The plants might not reproduce.
 - B. Many more plants might grow.
 - C. The plants might change color.

Answer Key:

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

FOCUS ON **Coyotes**

1. Write a sentence describing the main idea of Chapter 2.

2. Would you want a coyote to live near your home? Why or why not?

3. How long do most coyotes live in the wild?
 - A. a few weeks
 - B. six to nine months
 - C. six to eight years
4. Why might coyotes raise pup in dens?
 - A. to get closer to dangerous animals
 - B. because there is always food in a den
 - C. so the pups can grow up in a safe place

Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C

FOCUS ON Deer

1. Write a sentence describing where deer live.

2. Would you want a deer to live near your home? Why or why not?

3. How long do male fawns stay with their mother?
 - A. one year
 - B. two years
 - C. ten years

4. Why might having different colored fur help deer hide during different seasons?
 - A. Predators cannot see well during the summer.
 - B. Plants and trees change color depending on the season.
 - C. Fur makes deer warm during the winter.

Answer Key:

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

FOCUS ON **Finches**

1. Write a sentence describing the main ideas of Chapter 3.

2. Would you want a finch to live near your home? Why or why not?

3. What do finches use to pick up food?
 - A. beaks
 - B. tails
 - C. wings

4. Why might long beaks be helpful for finches that eat from cacti?
 - A. Long beaks make them eat much less.
 - B. Long beaks help them avoid spikes.
 - C. Long beaks help them attack other birds.

Answer Key:

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

FOCUS ON **Foxes**

1. Write a sentence describing where foxes live.

2. Would you want a fox to live near your home? Why or why not?

3. When are foxes active?
 - A. only during the day
 - B. only at night
 - C. both at night and during the day

4. Why might foxes in colder places have white fur?
 - A. It helps them hide in snow.
 - B. White fur is warmer than brown fur.
 - C. Colder areas have more trees.

Answer Key:

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

FOCUS ON
Grasshoppers

1. Write a sentence describing where grasshoppers live.

2. Would you want a grasshopper to live near your home? Why or why not?

3. When do grasshopper eggs hatch?
 - A. spring and early summer
 - B. late fall and winter
 - C. late summer and fall

4. Why is it helpful for grasshoppers to be green or brown?
 - A. Those colors are easy to see.
 - B. Those colors are dark, so grasshoppers can soak up more sunlight.
 - C. Those colors blend in with plants, so predators may not see them.

Answer Key:

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

FOCUS ON **Rabbits**

1. Write a sentence describing how rabbits use their legs.

2. Would you want a rabbit to live near your home? Why or why not?

3. For how long are female rabbits pregnant?
 - A. about one week
 - B. about one month
 - C. about one year

4. Why might rabbits live in burrows?
 - A. to get closer to predators
 - B. to find food that is buried
 - C. to hide from predators

Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C

FOCUS ON **Skunks**

- 1.** Write a few sentences describing how skunks use their spray.

- 2.** Would you want a skunk to live near your home? Why or why not?

- 3.** How long are baby skunks blind?
 - A.** three weeks
 - B.** six weeks
 - C.** two months

- 4.** Why might skunks try not to use their spray?
 - A.** They know that the spray does not work on bigger animals.
 - B.** They want to have enough spray next time they are in danger.
 - C.** They think that stomping is a better way to blind predators.

Answer Key:

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