



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

CREEPY CREATURES: ANGLERFISH

1. Write a few sentences describing how anglerfish catch prey.
2. Would you be scared to see an anglerfish? Why or why not?
3. What do anglers often eat?
 - A. bacteria
 - B. lures
 - C. shrimp
4. What would happen if an anglerfish moved around a lot while hunting?
 - A. The fish would need to eat more often.
 - B. The fish would need to eat less often.
 - C. The fish would catch lots of prey.



5. What does **curious** mean in the *Anglerfish* book?

*The small fish is **curious**. It swims closer. It wants to see what the light is.*

- A. wanting to stay still
- B. wanting to learn more
- C. wanting to get away from danger

6. What does **solitary** mean in the *Anglerfish* book?

*Many anglerfish are **solitary**. They spend most of their time alone.*

- A. often away from others
- B. often close to babies
- C. often swimming



ANSWER KEY FOR CREEPY CREATURES: ANGLERFISH

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

CREEPY CREATURES: AXOLOTLS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Which fact about axolotls do you find most interesting? Why?
3. Which animals might an axolotl eat?
 - A. worms
 - B. carp
 - C. salamanders
4. What might happen if axolotls lost their gills and fins like other salamanders?
 - A. They might move faster in water.
 - B. They might live on land.
 - C. They might eat more food.



5. What does **regenerate** mean in the *Axolotls* book?

*Axolotls can **regenerate** body parts. They can grow new limbs, bones, and organs. They can even regrow parts of their brains.*

- A. break something down
- B. replace something lost
- C. find more of something

6. What does **develop** mean in the *Axolotls* book?

*Two weeks after hatching, axolotls grow front legs. Back legs **develop** a couple weeks later.*

- A. to shrink
- B. to swim
- C. to form



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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

CREEPY CREATURES: AYE-AYES

1. Write a few sentences explaining how aye-ayes use their long fingers.
2. What part of an aye-aye's body do you think is the creepiest? Why?
3. How long do baby aye-ayes stay in their nests?
 - A. two months
 - B. five months
 - C. two years
4. At what age do aye-ayes leave their mothers?
 - A. five months old
 - B. two years old
 - C. 20 years old



5. What does **grip** mean in the *Aye-Ayes* book?

*Aye-eyes live in forests and swamps. They are excellent climbers. Their sharp claws **grip** branches.*

- A. to snap and break
- B. to fall off
- C. to grab and hold

6. What does **forage** mean in the *Aye-Ayes* book?

*The animals **forage** each night. They may travel more than 2 miles (3.2 km) looking for food.*

- A. to sleep in trees
- B. to search for food
- C. to care for babies



ANSWER KEY FOR CREEPY CREATURES: AYE-AYES

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

CREEPY CREATURES: SEA LAMPREYS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main points of Chapter 3.
2. What do you think is the scariest part of a sea lamprey? Why?
3. What part of fish do sea lampreys feed on?
 - A. blood
 - B. cartilage
 - C. bones
4. Why would lampreys kill more fish in places with fewer predators?
 - A. More of the lampreys would die young.
 - B. The lampreys would hunt less.
 - C. The lampreys would live longer and find more hosts.



5. What does **survive** mean in the *Sea Lampreys* book?

*They suck blood from living hosts. Sometimes, the hosts **survive**. But they often die.*

- A. pass away
- B. move quickly
- C. continue to live

6. What does **phase** mean in the *Sea Lampreys* book?

*Sea lampreys grow slowly. Some spend more than five years as larvae. Then, their juvenile **phase** usually lasts one or two years.*

- A. a part of an ocean
- B. a step in a life cycle
- C. a time of day



ANSWER KEY FOR CREEPY CREATURES: SEA LAMPREYS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

CREEPY CREATURES: SHOEBILLS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Which fact about shoebills do you think is creepiest? Why?
3. How much do shoebills weigh?
 - A. up to 5 pounds (2.3 kg)
 - B. up to 12 pounds (5.4 kg)
 - C. up to 30 pounds (14 kg)
4. At what age can young shoebills live on their own?
 - A. one month
 - B. three months
 - C. four months



5. What does **pollute** mean in the *Shoebills* book?

*Factories, mines, and farms **pollute** shoebill habitats. Waste flows into wetlands and harms plants and animals.*

- A. to make dirty or unsafe
- B. to help and heal
- C. to stay away from

6. What does **survives** mean in the *Shoebills* book?

*Usually, only one shoebill chick **survives**. Some babies are killed by predators.*

- A. comes from an egg
- B. stays alive
- C. dies



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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

CREEPY CREATURES: STAR-NOSED MOLES

1. Write a few sentences describing how star-nosed moles hunt.
2. What fact about star-nosed moles do you find most interesting? Why?
3. How much soil can a star-nosed mole dig through in an hour?
 - A. 7 inches (18 cm)
 - B. 8 feet (2.4 m)
 - C. 5 miles (8 km)
4. Why is being underground safer for moles?
 - A. No animals hunt moles above the ground.
 - B. Many animals hunt moles above the ground.
 - C. Moles cannot find food underground.



5. What does **plunges** mean in the *Star-Nosed Moles* book?

*A star-nosed mole **plunges** into a shallow pond. The mole swims toward the bottom.*

- A. dives
- B. floats
- C. leaves

6. What does **unfurl** mean in the *Star-Nosed Moles* book?

*When star-nosed moles are born, their tentacles are folded against their snouts. The tentacles **unfurl** after about two weeks.*

- A. close
- B. spread out
- C. freeze



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