



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### WILD ANIMALS: BLACK MAMBAS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Which feature of black mambas do you find most interesting? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How long are most adult black mambas?
  - A. 6 feet (1.8 m)
  - B. 8 feet (2.4 m)
  - C. 14 feet (4.3 m)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Which area would a black mamba most likely avoid?
  - A. a hilly area with lots of rocks
  - B. a desert with lots of open space
  - C. a grassy area with lots of fallen trees



5. What does **pounces** mean in the *Black Mambas* book?

*The lion **pounces** on the mamba. But the snake strikes back. Its fangs sink into the lion's neck.*

- A. stays still
- B. runs away from something
- C. jumps toward something

6. What does **predators** mean in the *Black Mambas* book?

*Black mambas don't have many **predators**. But mongooses and honey badgers sometimes hunt the snakes.*

- A. animals that kill and eat other animals
- B. animals that eat only plants
- C. animals that rarely eat



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: BLACK MAMBAS**

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



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## WILD ANIMALS: CHIMPANZEES

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Which feature of chimpanzees do you find most interesting? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. For how long does a young chimp drink milk from its mother?
  - A. eight months
  - B. four years
  - C. 45 years
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Which chimp would be most likely to lead a group?
  - A. a strong male
  - B. a very young male
  - C. a small and weak male



5. What does **omnivores** mean in the *Chimpanzees* book?

*Chimps are **omnivores**. The apes prefer fruits and plants. But they also eat insects and eggs.*

- A. animals that eat only plants
- B. animals that eat only animals
- C. animals that eat both plants and animals

6. What does **personalities** mean in the *Chimpanzees* book?

*Chimps have different **personalities**. Some leaders are aggressive. They use their strength to stay in control. Other leaders are friendlier.*

- A. ways of climbing
- B. ways of acting
- C. ways of eating



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: CHIMPANZEES**

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



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## WILD ANIMALS: COPPERHEADS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Would you like to have a copperhead snake living near your home? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What color might a young copperhead's tail be?
  - A. green
  - B. brown
  - C. red
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why do copperheads hunt at night during the summer?
  - A. Nighttime gets too hot during the summer.
  - B. Daytime gets too cold during the summer.
  - C. Daytime gets too hot during the summer.



5. What does **lunges** mean in the *Copperheads* book?

*Suddenly, the snake **lunges**. Its fangs sink into the mouse.*

- A. slowly moves away from something
- B. quickly moves toward something
- C. stays in the same place

6. What does **carnivores** mean in the *Copperheads* book?

*Copperheads are **carnivores**. The snakes eat mostly mice, birds, lizards, and frogs.*

- A. animals that eat other animals
- B. animals that eat only plants
- C. animals that eat every day



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: COPPERHEADS**

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



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### WILD ANIMALS: HONEY BADGERS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What feature of honey badgers do you find most interesting? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Which animals are honey badgers most likely to eat?
  - A. lions
  - B. bee larvae
  - C. hyenas
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How long does a honey badger cub stay with its mother after it is fully grown?
  - A. seven weeks
  - B. less than six months
  - C. at least six months



5. What does **lunges** mean in the *Honey Badgers* book?

*The cobra **lunges** at the badger. But the snake's fangs don't break through the badger's skin.*

- A. moves away from
- B. moves toward
- C. stays still

6. What does **habitats** mean in the *Honey Badgers* book?

*They are adaptable animals. So, they can live in different **habitats**. These include dry deserts and wet rainforests.*

- A. places where animals live
- B. plants that animals eat
- C. places that animals avoid



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: HONEY BADGERS**

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



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### WILD ANIMALS: LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Which feature of leatherback sea turtles do you find most interesting? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How deep can a leatherback sea turtle dive?
  - A. 7 feet (2.1 m)
  - B. 4,200 feet (1,280 m)
  - C. 22 miles (35 km)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why do leatherback sea turtles lay so many eggs?
  - A. so that the baby sea turtles can eat one another
  - B. so that predators will eat all the eggs and babies
  - C. so the eggs and babies will not all get eaten



5. What does **plunges** mean in the *Leatherback Sea Turtles* book?

*A seabird circles above. It **plunges** toward the beach. Then it snatches up one of the babies.*

- A. moves downward
- B. moves upward
- C. stays still

6. What does **migrate** mean in the *Leatherback Sea Turtles* book?

*The turtles **migrate** between feeding areas and nesting areas. These areas are usually about 3,700 miles (6,000 km) apart.*

- A. to dive straight down
- B. to stay in one place forever
- C. to move from one part of the world to another



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES**

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



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### WILD ANIMALS: MUSK OXEN

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What fact about musk oxen do you find most interesting? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How long can the horns of a musk ox grow?
  - A. 24 inches (60 cm)
  - B. 40 inches (100 cm)
  - C. 800 inches (2,000 cm)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. For how long were there no musk oxen in Alaska?
  - A. less than two years
  - B. at least 30 years
  - C. thousands of years



5. What does **herbivores** mean in the *Musk Oxen* book?

*Musk oxen are **herbivores**. They eat many kinds of grasses, mosses, and shrubs.*

- A. animals that eat only plants
- B. animals that eat only meat
- C. animals that eat only in winter

6. What does **predators** mean in the *Musk Oxen* book?

*Some animals try to eat musk oxen. These **predators** include polar bears, brown bears, and wolves.*

- A. animals that make their own food
- B. animals that do not need to eat
- C. animals that hunt other animals for food



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: MUSK OXEN**

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



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## WILD ANIMALS: RED PANDAS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What feature of red pandas do you find most interesting? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is one country where Chinese red pandas live?
  - A. India
  - B. Nepal
  - C. Myanmar
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. At what age can a red panda begin having its own babies?
  - A. 12 months
  - B. 18 months
  - C. 10 years



5. What does **dodges** mean in the *Red Pandas* book?

*She swipes her claws. But the leopard **dodges** to the side.*

- A. avoids
- B. fights
- C. freezes

6. What does **omnivores** mean in the *Red Pandas* book?

*Red pandas are **omnivores**. They eat mostly bamboo. But they also eat fruit, roots, and insects.*

- A. animals that eat only plants
- B. animals that eat only animals
- C. animals that eat both plants and animals



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: RED PANDAS**

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



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### WILD ANIMALS: TASMANIAN DEVILS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What feature of Tasmanian devils do you find most interesting? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. At what age does a Tasmanian devil leave its mother's pouch?
  - A. three weeks old
  - B. four months old
  - C. eight months old
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. By how much did the Tasmanian devil population shrink from 1996 to 2020?
  - A. less than 100,000
  - B. about 130,000
  - C. more than 150,000



5. What does **devour** mean in the *Tasmanian Devils* book?

*Each devil wants its fill. Soon, they **devour** the entire animal.*

- A. to eat plants
- B. to eat alone
- C. to eat quickly

6. What does **solitary** mean in the *Tasmanian Devils* book?

*Tasmanian devils are **solitary**. They spend most of their time alone.*

- A. not part of a group
- B. always with other animals
- C. not able to move at night



## **ANSWER KEY FOR WILD ANIMALS: TASMANIAN DEVILS**

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