

VOCABULARY STUDY



Direction: Help the lion find his bananas by drawing a line over the correct meaning.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Why do giraffes have long necks?

Giraffes like to eat a lot of leaves. Their long necks help them reach the leaves in tall trees. This reduces competition for food because a lot of smaller animals can't reach the higher leaves. Giraffes use their long necks to fight. This is called "necking". On top of fighting, a giraffe's long neck helps scare away predators so that they don't bother them. They look tall and big.

Animal COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES



8 readings

8 activities

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STOP With a red crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about why lions roar.

STOP With a green crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about the time lions roar.

STOP With a red crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about why monkeys love bananas.

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hunt?
 if protect the cubs
 if sends the cubs to hunt
How many lions can live in one pride?
 Up to 12

This product was created to spark interest in learning about wild animals. There are 8 readings. Each reading comes with comprehension questions and activities.

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About this package

We all have questions, children and adults alike. The “Why?” series is developed to help ignite young children’s curiosities about things in the world. Through a series of why questions, students in grades 1 to 3 learn to pick out important information, understand the meaning of three new words per lesson, and practice answering comprehension questions. Each lesson comes with a game to make learning engaging and fun!

The bundle covers the following questions and 4 pages of worksheets and activities:

- Why do lions roar?
- Why do zebras have stripes?
- Why do monkeys love bananas?
- Why do elephants have big ears?
- Why do giraffes have long necks?
- Why do lions form prides?
- Why do bears hibernate in the winter?
- Why do kangaroos hop?

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Why do lions roar?

Lions roar to **communicate**, or talk, with each other. A male lion roars to let other animals know that they are not allowed in his **territory**. A territory is another name for land. A lion's roar can also help lost lions find their home. Lions do not roar when they are hurting because their prey will run away. Often you can hear a lion roaring at night. If you are lucky enough, you might be able to hear a lion roar at a zoo or even in Africa. It's a beautiful sound!

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Reading Passage

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do lions roar?

2. When do lions usually roar?

At night

During the day

3. What do lions do when they are lost?

Sit for the male lion to come find them

Listen to the roar

4. Why do male lions roar?


They want to mark their land

They want to eat food

5. When can you not hear a lion roar?

When they are sleeping

When they are hunting



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Comprehension Questions

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	<input type="radio"/> to run away
B) Territory is another word for:	<input type="radio"/> roar
	<input type="radio"/> land
C) A prey is the name of the animal the lion wants to:	<input type="radio"/> kill
	<input type="radio"/> play with

2. Fill in the blank.

A) Communicate means to _____

B) Territory is another word for _____

C) A prey is the name of the animal the lion wants to _____

3. Match the word to its meaning.


communicate	talk
territory	victim
prey	land

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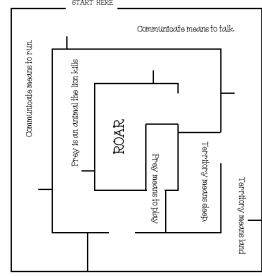
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Play a Game

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Check our reading comprehension activities on personal hygiene. Students learn about:

- Why should I brush my teeth?
- Why should I go to the bathroom?
- Why should I wash my hands?
- Why should I take a shower?
- Why should I floss my teeth?

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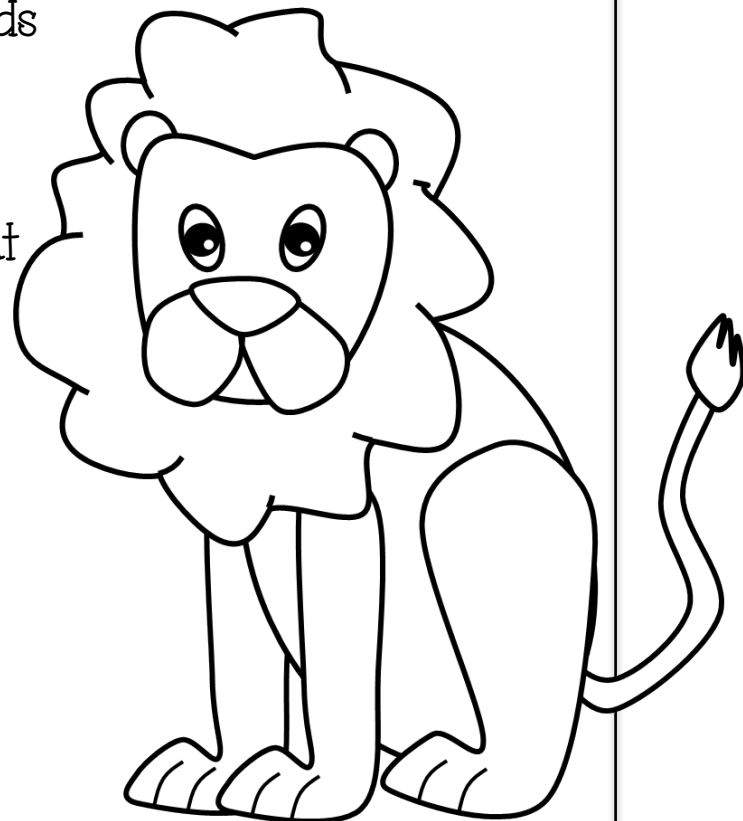
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With a **red** crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about why lions roar



With a **green** crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about the time lions roar



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- During the day

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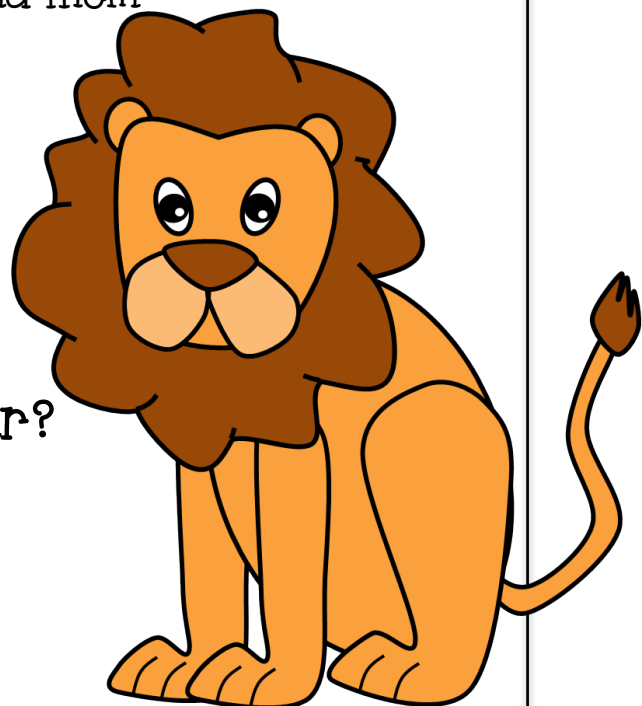
- Sit for the male lion to come find them
- Listen to the roar

4. Why do male lions roar?

- They want to mark their land
- They want to eat food

5. When can you not hear a lion roar?

- When they are sleeping
- When they are hunting



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territory	victim
prey	land

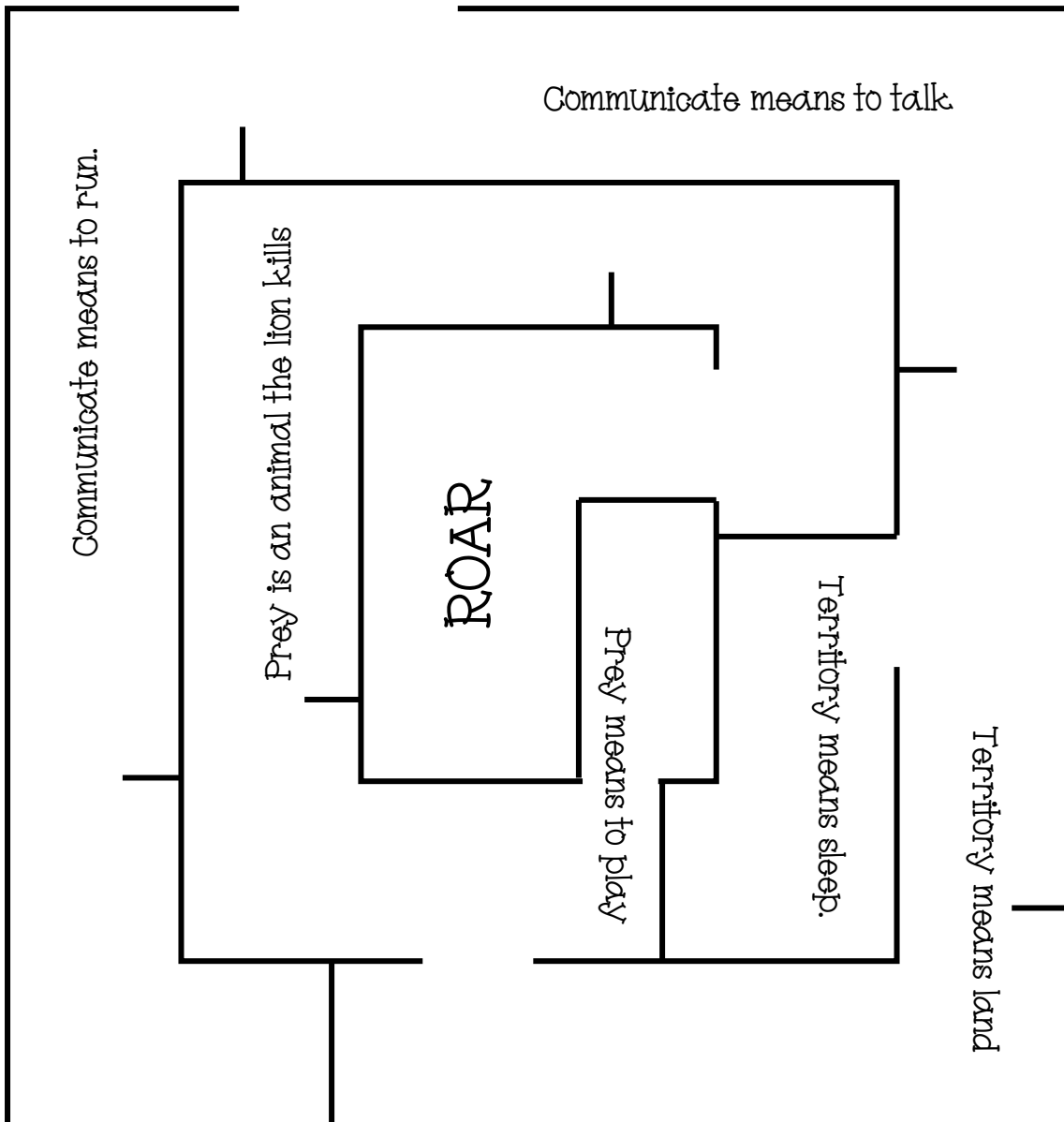
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Why do **zebras** have stripes?

No one really knows! However, **scientists** have come up with three different guesses. Some say that zebras who live in warmer places have more stripes. This helps them to keep cool, or reduce body temperature. Other scientists say that it helps the zebra confuse its **predators** because it **camouflages** them with the background. When an animal camouflages, you can't easily find them. Finally, scientists have concluded that maybe it helps the animals recognize each other. So the next time someone asks you, "Why do zebras have stripes?" Simply say, for many different reasons.



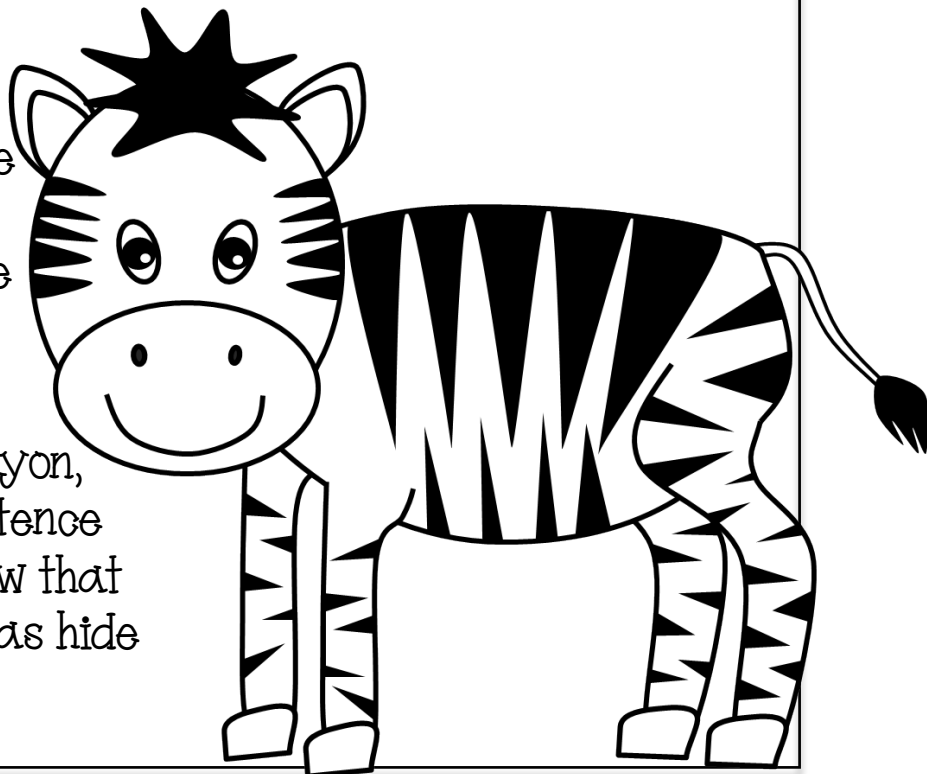
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With a **red** crayon, underline three reasons why zebras have stripes



With a **green** crayon, underline the sentence that lets you know that stripes help zebras hide from predators



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1. Why do zebras in warm places have stripes?

2. Why do you think zebras want to camouflage?

- They want to hide from animals that wants to eat them
- They want to play hide-and-seek with other animals

3. How do zebras recognize each other?

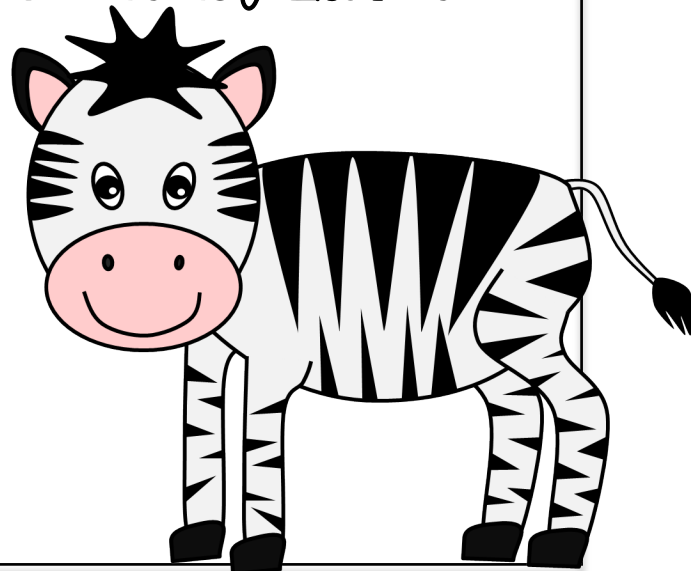
- They make a sound
- They look at each other's stripes

4. Why do you think no one really knows why zebras have stripes?

- There are a lot of reasons
- No one did research

5. From the text we can conclude that some zebras live in

- Very cold places
- Warm places



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1. From the reading, what do these words mean?

A) Scientist is name of a person who studies	<input type="radio"/> Science <input type="radio"/> about the Earth
B) Camouflage is another word for	<input type="radio"/> visible <input type="radio"/> hide
C) A predator is the name of an animals that	<input type="radio"/> hunts other animals <input type="radio"/> play with other animals

2. Fill in the blank.

A) Scientist is name of a person who studies

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B) Camouflage is another word for _____.

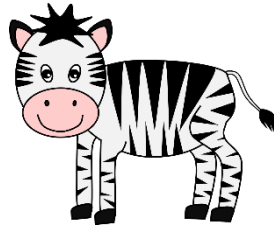
C) A predator is the name of an animal that _____
other animals.

3. Match the word to its meaning.

Scientist	hunts other animals
camouflage	studies Science
predator	hides

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Scientist is the name of a person who studies about Earth

Scientist is the name of a person who studies Science

STRIPES

Camouflage is another word for visible

A predator is the name of an animal that wants to play

Camouflage is another word for hiding

A predator is the name of an animal that hunts other animals

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Why do **monkeys** love bananas?

The answer is quite simple. Monkeys love and **crave** bananas all the time because it grows in their **habitat**, or the place they live.

Bananas are sweet and tasty, so monkeys eat a lot of it. Also, bananas have a lot of **nutrients**. The Vitamin C from bananas help keep the monkey's body strong and healthy. So, remember – where monkeys live, bananas grow.



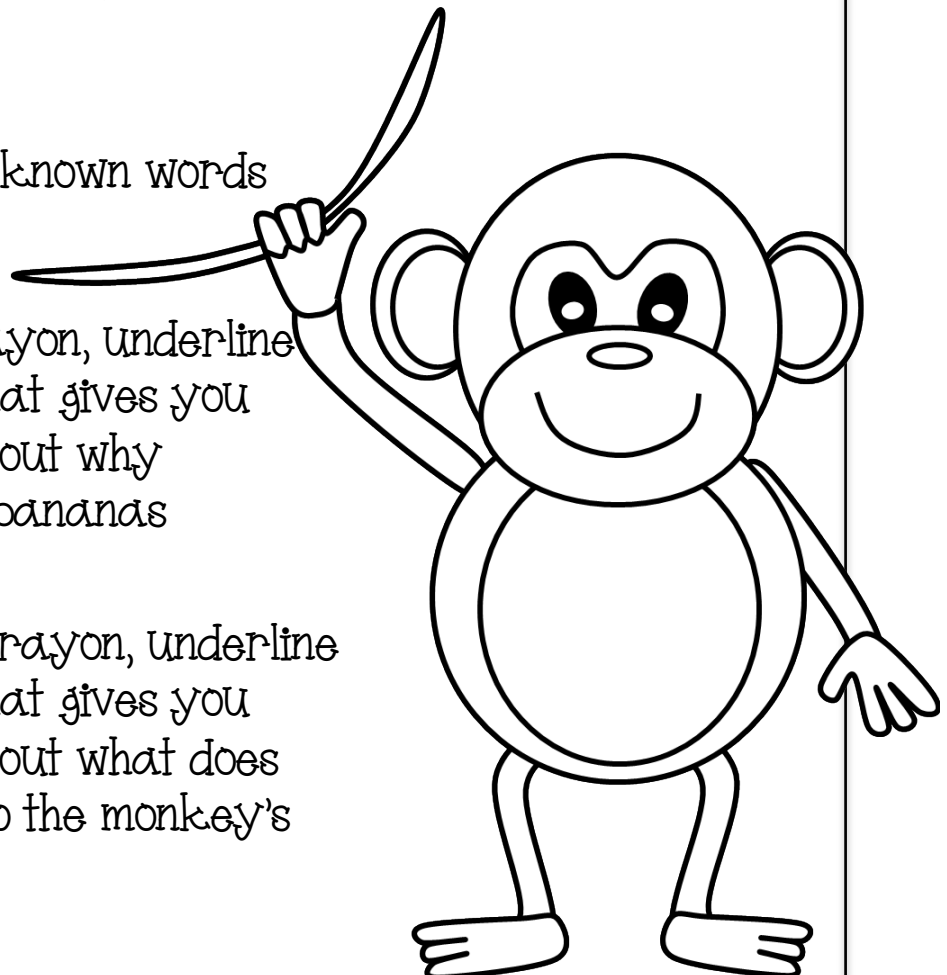
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With a **red** crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about why monkeys love bananas



With a **green** crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about what does Vitamin C do to the monkey's body



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1. Why do monkeys love bananas?

2. Monkeys eat bananas because they are _____.

- Bitter and cold
- Sweet and tasty

3. What do bananas have?

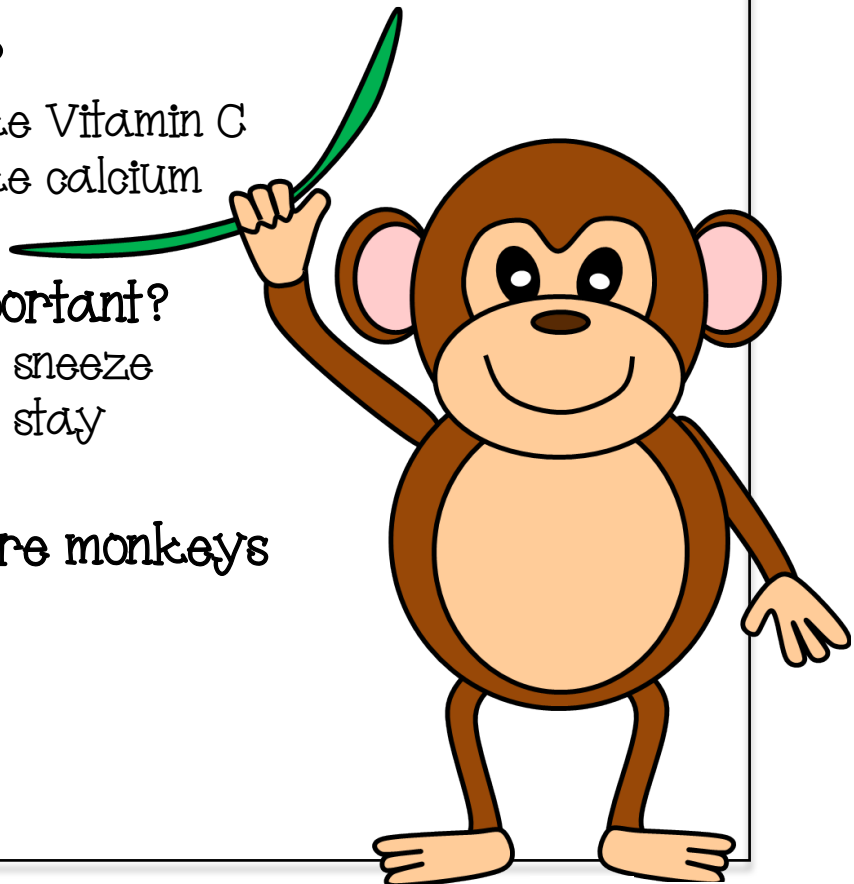
- A lot of nutrients like Vitamin C
- A lot of nutrients like calcium

4. Why is Vitamin C so important?

- It helps the monkey sneeze
- It helps the monkey stay strong and healthy

5. Finish the sentence: Where monkeys live, _____.

- Bananas grow
- Bananas live



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1. From the reading, what do these words mean?

A) Crave means	<input type="radio"/> Hate something a lot <input type="radio"/> Want something badly
B) Habitat is another name for	<input type="radio"/> home <input type="radio"/> river
C) Nutrients are things your body	<input type="radio"/> doesn't like <input type="radio"/> needs to grow and stay strong

2. Fill in the blank.

A) Crave means to _____ something badly.

B) Habitat is another name for _____ of animals.

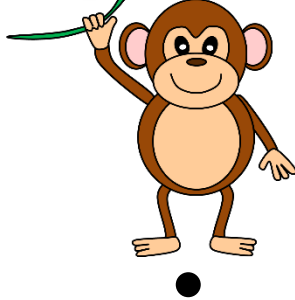
C) Nutrients are things your body _____ to grow and stay strong.

3. Match the word to its meaning.

crave	helps you grow
habitat	want
nutrients	home

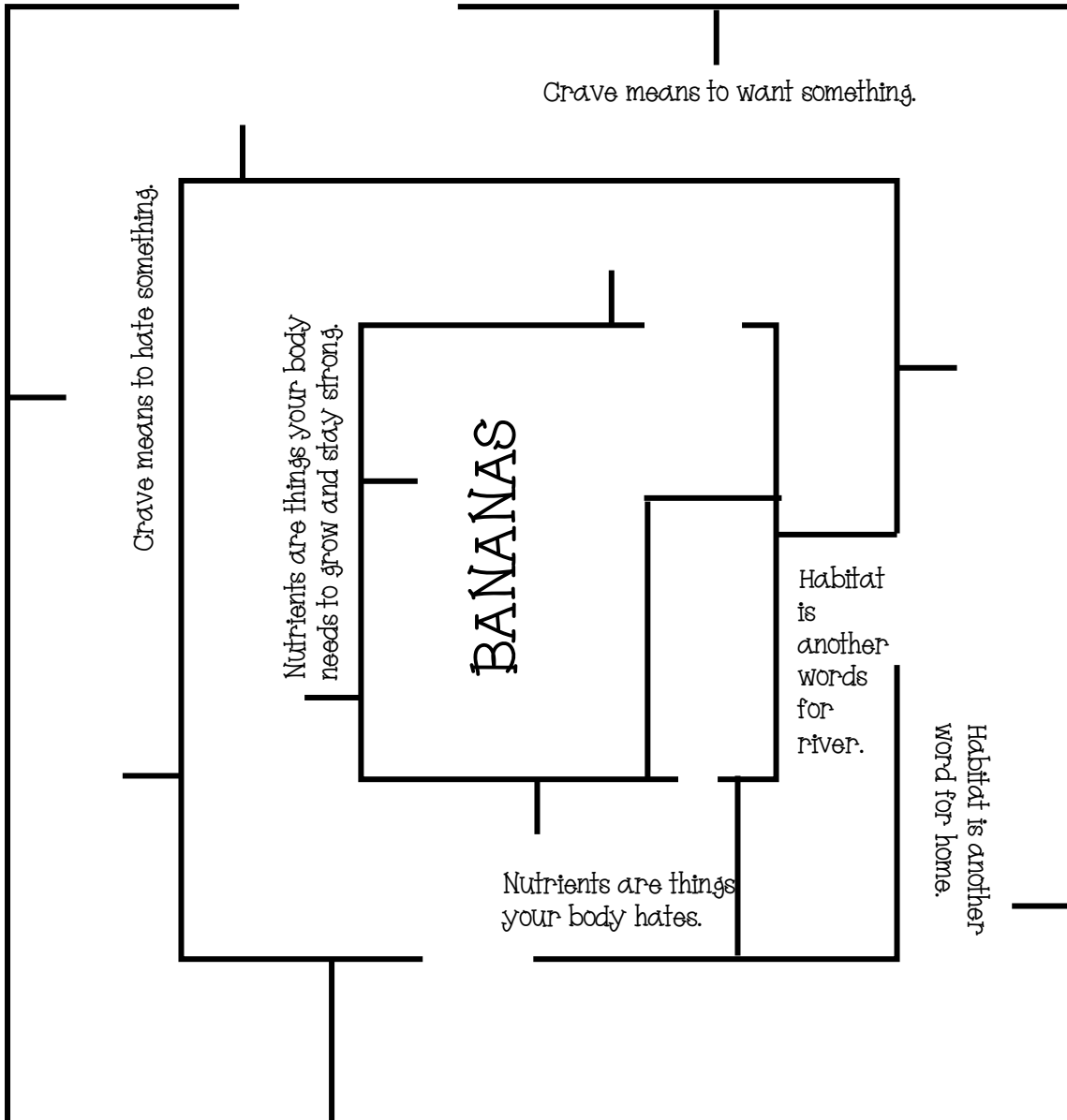
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Why do **elephants** have big ears?

Elephants live in very hot **climates**, so they use their big, **floppy** ears to stay cool. They work like a **giant** fan. When the elephant flaps its ears, it creates a light breeze, or cool wind. It's like stepping in front of a fan on a hot summer day – you feel much better. If the elephants don't want to flap their ears, they roll in the mud. Sometimes they dip in a pool of water or spray their body by using their trunks. Can you imagine having ears like an elephant? That would be very silly!



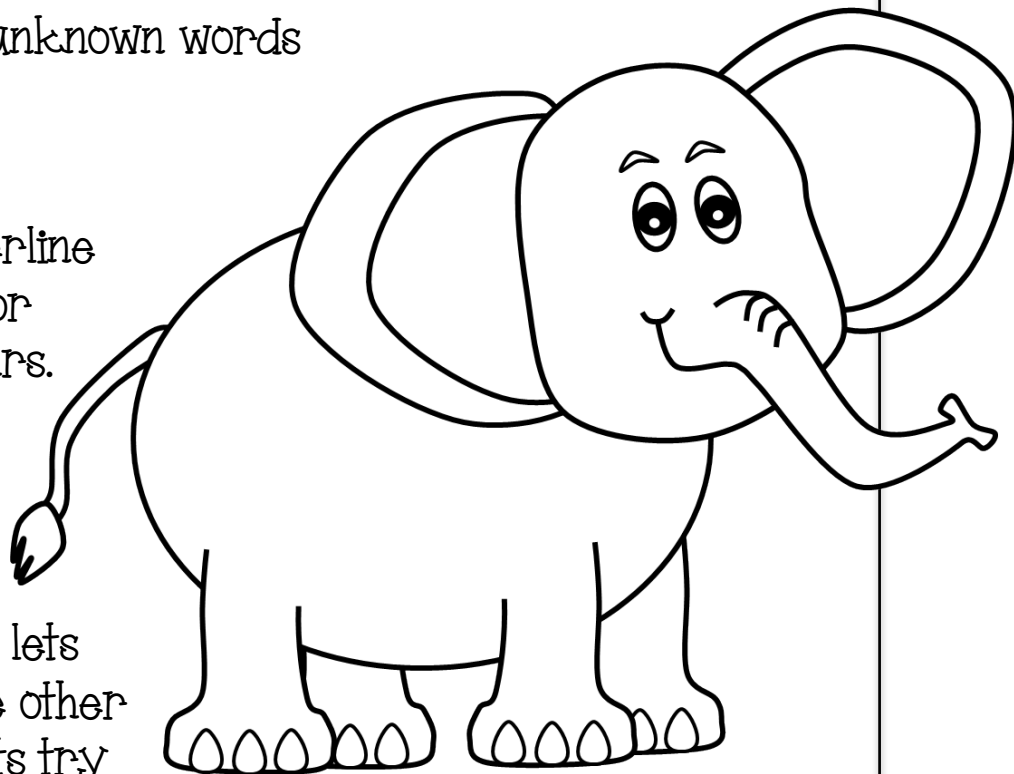
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With a **red** crayon, underline one reason for having big ears.



With a **green** crayon, underline the sentence that lets you know the other way elephants try to stay cool.



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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do elephants have big ears?

2. Where do elephants live?

- In hot climates
- In cold climates

3. To stay cool, an elephant _____.

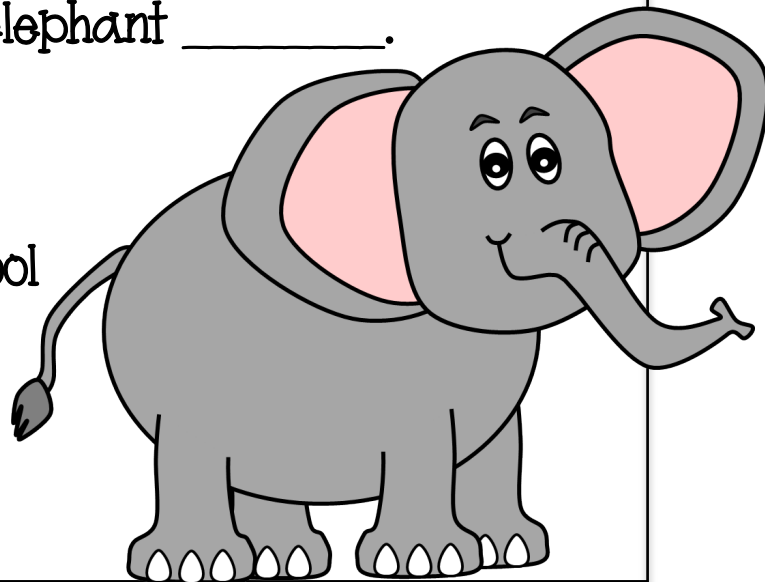
- Makes loud sounds
- Flaps its ears

4. Rolling in the mud helps the elephant _____.

- Stay cool
- Stay happy

5. Why do elephants dip in a pool of water?

- It helps them stay strong
- It helps them stay cool



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1. From the reading, what do these words mean?

A) Climate is another word for	<input type="radio"/> weather <input type="radio"/> land
B) Giant is another word for	<input type="radio"/> small <input type="radio"/> huge
C) Floppy means	<input type="radio"/> soft <input type="radio"/> strong

2. Fill in the blank.

A) Climate is another word for _____.

B) Giant is another word for _____.

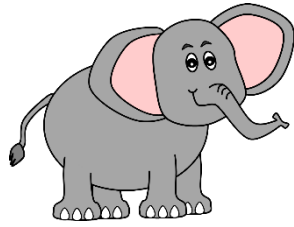
C) Floppy means _____ and flexible.

3. Match the word to its meaning.

climate	soft
giant	weather
floppy	huge

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Climate is another word for land.

Climate is another word for weather.

Giant is another word for small.

EARS

Floppy means strong.

Giant is another word for huge.

Floppy means soft and flexible.

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Why do giraffes have long necks?

Giraffes like to **munch** on a lot of leaves. Their long necks help them reach the leaves up high on trees. This **reduces competition** for food because a lot of smaller animals can't reach the higher leaves. Giraffes also need their long necks to fight. This is called "necking." On top of eating and fighting, a giraffe's long neck helps scare away predators because their long necks make them look tall and big.



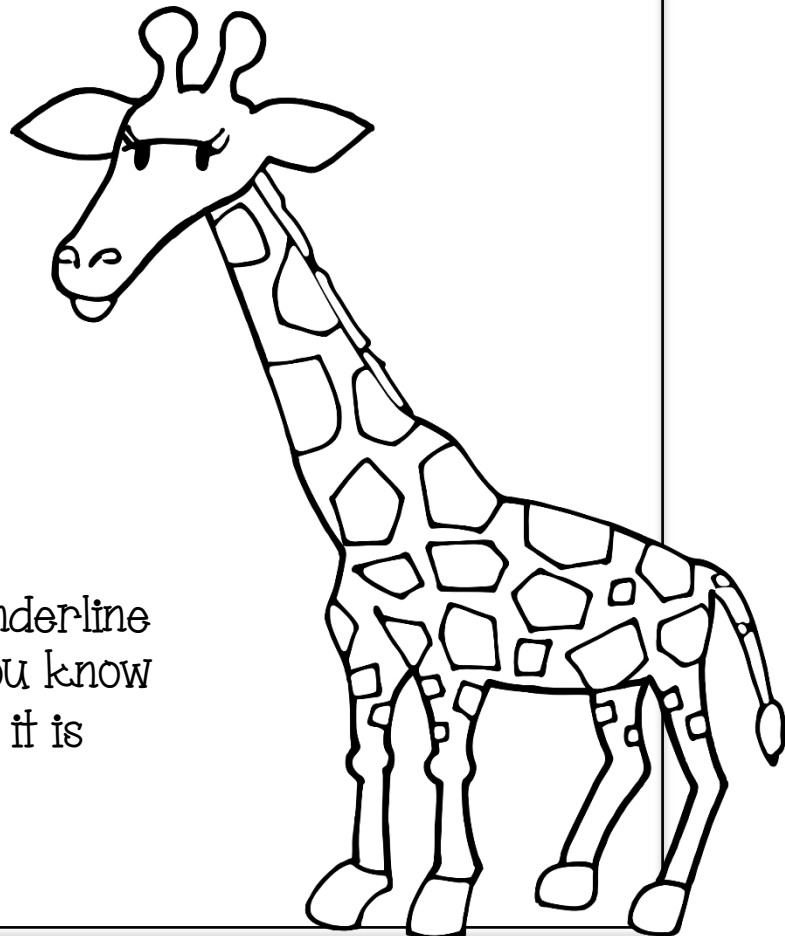
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With a **red** crayon,
underline three
reasons why giraffes
have long necks.



With a **green** crayon, underline
the sentence that lets you know
that when giraffes fight, it is
called "necking."



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1. Why do giraffes have long necks?

2. What do giraffes like to eat?

- A lot of meat
- A lot of leaves

3. How does a giraffe's neck help reduce competition for food?

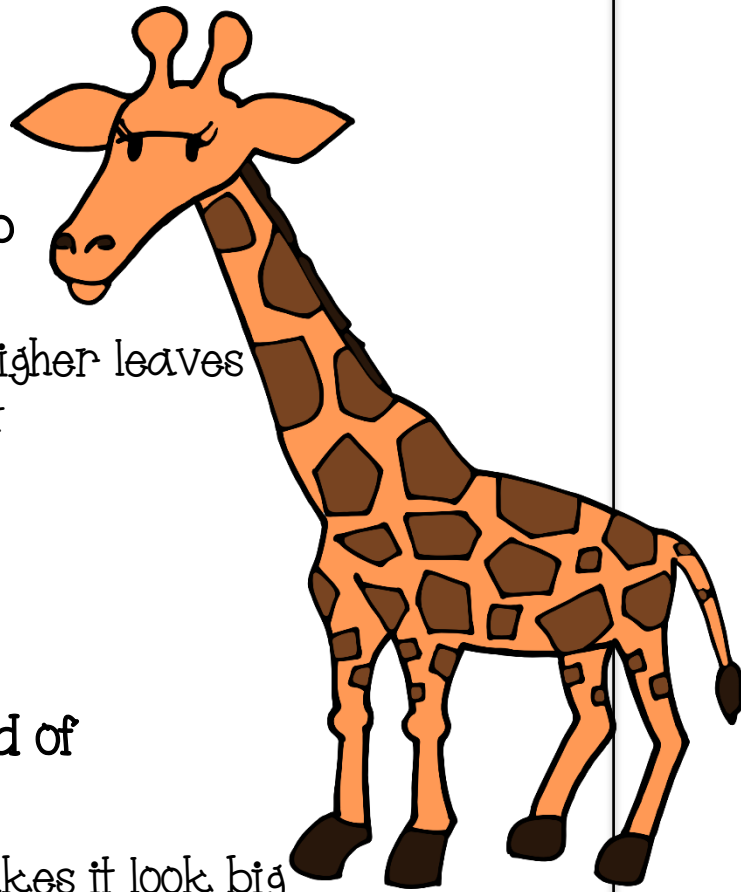
- Only giraffes can reach higher leaves
- Only giraffes can run fast

4. Which part of their body do giraffes use in a fight?

- Its long legs
- Its long neck

5. Why are other animals scared of giraffes?

- It has a long neck that makes it look big
- It has long legs that makes it look big



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1. From the reading, what do these words mean?

A) Munch means to	<input type="radio"/> eat <input type="radio"/> throw up
B) Reduce means to	<input type="radio"/> cut down <input type="radio"/> increase
C) Competition is another word for	<input type="radio"/> relax <input type="radio"/> race

2. Fill in the blank.

A) Munch means to _____.

B) Reduce means to _____ down on something.

C) Competition is another word for _____.

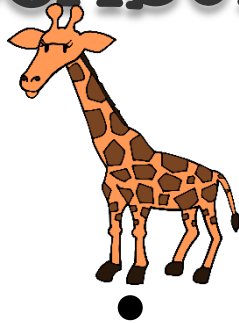
3. Match the word to its meaning.

munch
reduce
competition

cut
race
eat

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Munch means to throw up.

Munch means to eat.

Reduce means to increase the number.

LEAVES

Competition means to relax.

Reduce means to cut down on something.

Competition means to race with something or someone.

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Why do **lions** live in groups?

Lions are the only cats that live in groups. This is called **prides**. There are usually up to 15 lions in one pride, but most prides are small. When lions live together, they form a family. The male lion **protects** the territory so no one attacks them. And when the female lion goes hunting, the male lion will **guard** the cubs. A pride also makes hunting easy. It is much easier to catch an animal if two or more lions work together instead of hunting alone.



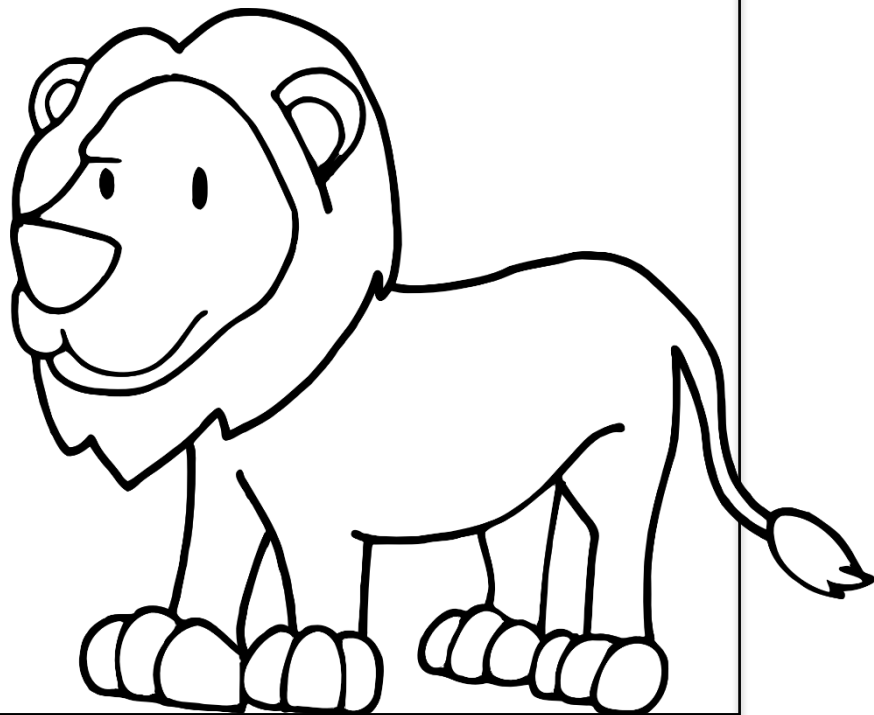
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With a **red** crayon, underline three reasons why lions live in a pride.



With a **green** crayon, underline the sentence that lets you know that when lions live in a pride, they hunt better.



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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do lions live in a pride?

2. Which cats like to live in a pride?

- Lions only
- All cats, such as lions, tigers, and cheetahs.

3. What does a male lion do when the female lion goes to hunt?

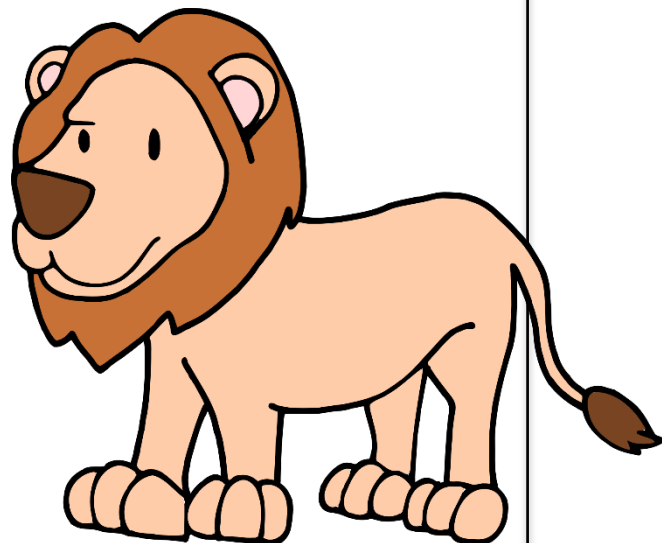
- It protects the cubs
- It sends the cubs to hunt

4. How many lions can live in one pride?

- Up to 12
- Up to 15

5. What is the size of most lion prides?

- Very small
- Very big



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1. From the reading, what do these words mean?

A) To guard something, it means to	<input type="radio"/> kill it <input type="radio"/> protect it
B) To protect someone, you	<input type="radio"/> Keep it visible to danger <input type="radio"/> keep it safe
C) A pride is another word for	<input type="radio"/> country <input type="radio"/> group

2. Fill in the blank.

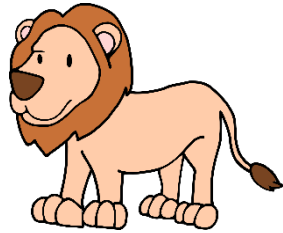
- A) To guard something, it means to _____ it.
- B) To protect someone or something, you have to keep it _____ from danger.
- C) A pride is another word for a _____.

3. Match the word to its meaning.

guard	protect something
protect	group
pride	keep safe

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To guard something, it means to protect it.

PRIDE

To guard something, it means to kill it.

A pride is another word for a group.

To protect something, you have to keep it safe.

A pride is another word for a country.

To protect something, you have to kill it.

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Why do **bears** hibernate in the winter?

When the winter months arrive, bears **hibernate**. To hibernate means to “sleep.” The temperature outside is very cold in the winter and food is **scarce**. So, before the winter arrives, bears eat more than usual to store up body fat. When they hibernate during the winter, they use up this extra body fat as food. If they didn’t have this extra body fat or if they had to search for food in winter, they would **starve**.



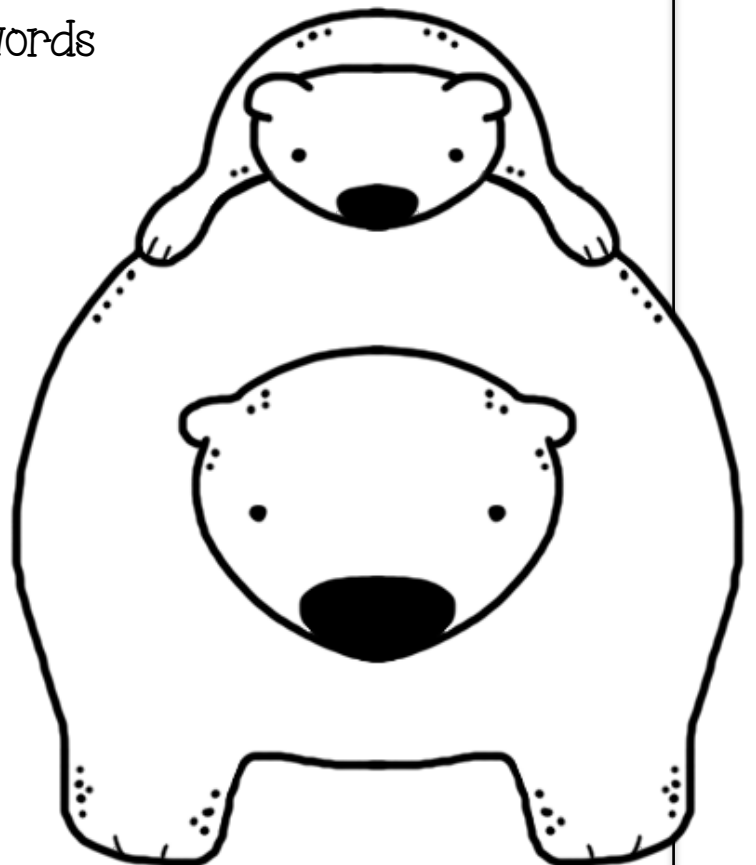
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With a **red** crayon, underline the reason why bears hibernate.



With a **green** crayon, underline the sentence that lets you know that bears eat a lot to get prepared for winter.



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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do bears hibernate?

2. Why do bears eat a lot before winter starts?

- They want to build body fat to keep them full
- They love food

3. What do bears do with the extra fat when they hibernate?

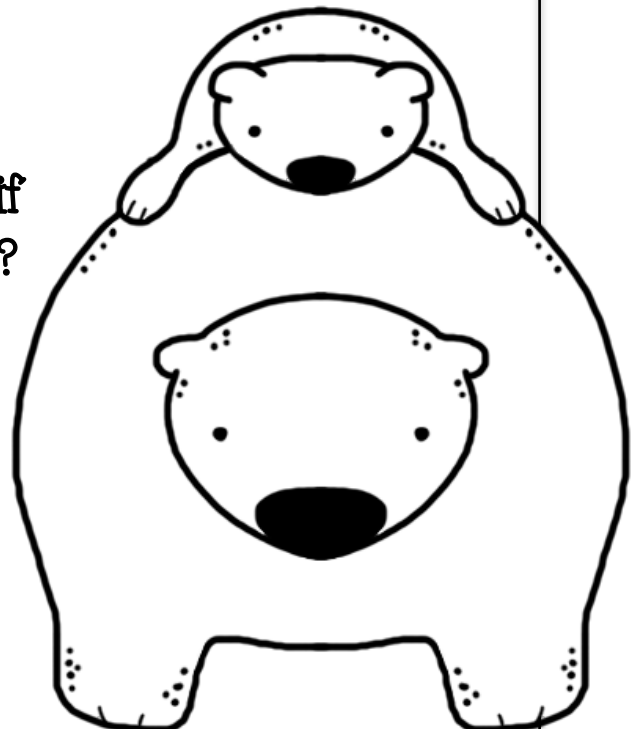
- They store it for spring
- They use it up for energy

4. What would happen to the bears if they didn't have enough fat to burn?

- They would starve
- They would get very big

5. What do bears do when they hibernate?

- They sleep
- They eat a lot



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1. From the reading, what do these words mean?

A) To hibernate means to	<input type="radio"/> sleep <input type="radio"/> eat a lot
B) When something is scarce, there is	<input type="radio"/> not enough of it <input type="radio"/> too many of it
C) Starve is another word for	<input type="radio"/> full <input type="radio"/> very hungry

2. Fill in the blank.

A) To hibernate means to go to _____.

B) When something is scarce, there is not _____ of it.

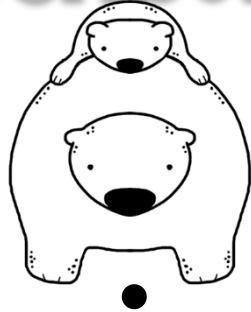
C) Starve is another word for very _____.

3. Match the word to its meaning.

hibernate	sleep
scarce	go hungry
starve	not enough

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Direction: Help the bears find their sleeping area to hibernate by drawing a line over the correct meaning.

Hibernate means to eat a lot.

Hibernate means to sleep.

Scarce means too much.

SLEEPING AREA

Starve means to be full.

Scarce means not enough of something.

Starve means to go hungry.

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Why do kangaroos hop?

Have you ever asked yourself: Why do kangaroos hop? Why don't they run, or walk, or slide on their bellies? This is because kangaroos live in Australia. It is a huge country with **barren** lands. In order to find food and water fast in such an empty land, the animal needs to move fast. Therefore, **hopping** makes it easy for the kangaroo to find food and water quickly. Their large feet and strong legs help the kangaroo pick up high **speeds**. Hopping also uses less energy, so the kangaroo doesn't get tired fast.



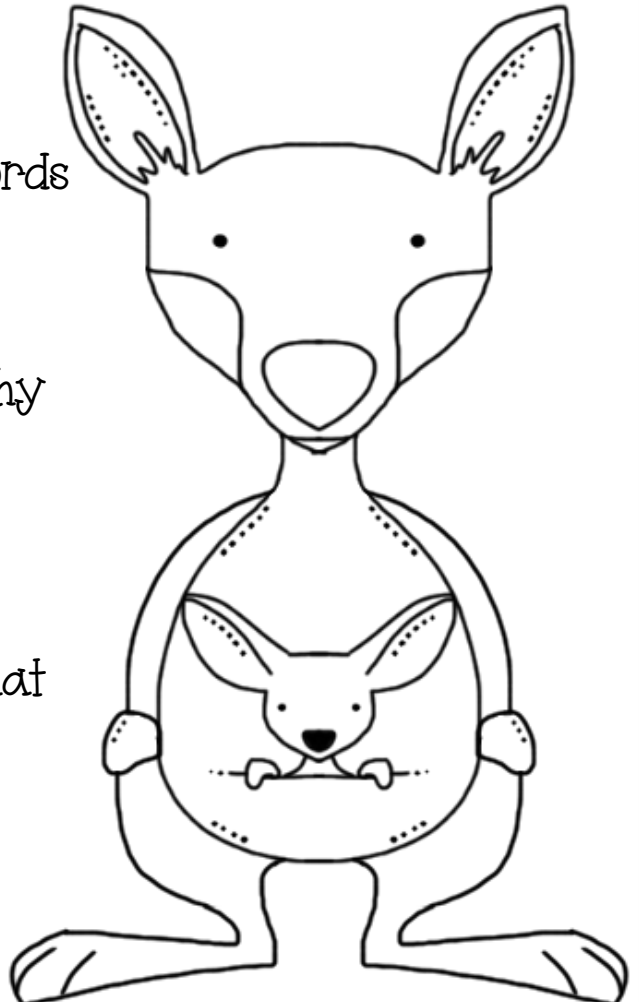
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With a **red** crayon, underline two reasons why kangaroos hop.



With a **green** crayon, underline the sentence that gives you information about where kangaroos live.



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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do kangaroos hop?

2. Why do kangaroos need to find food fast?

- Because Australia is big and if you don't find food fast, you could starve
- Because they like to eat a lot

3. When the kangaroo hops, it uses

_____.

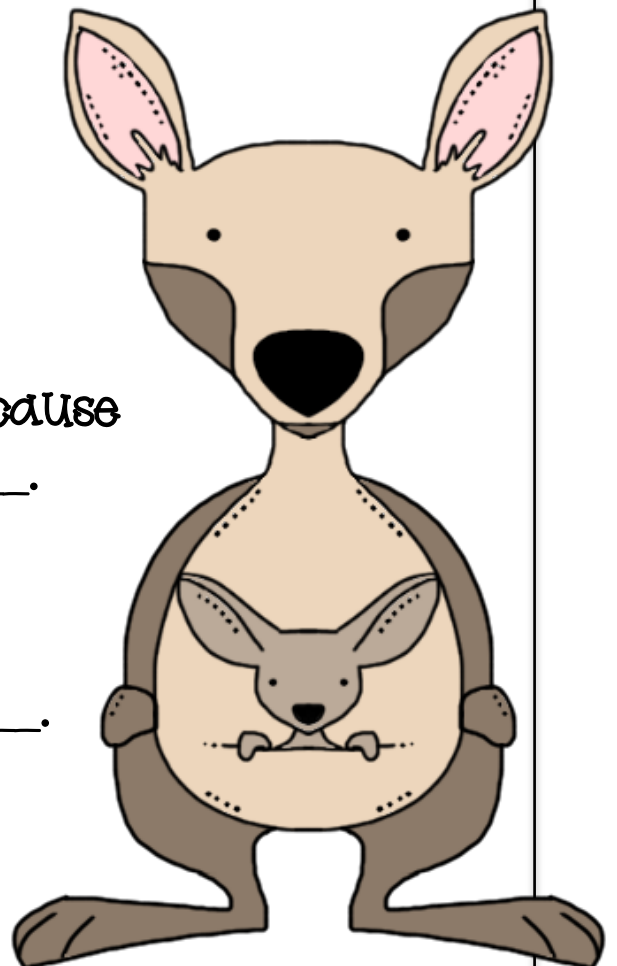
- less energy
- more energy

4. Using less energy is important because the kangaroo doesn't _____.

- Get to sleep a lot
- Get tired very fast

5. Usually kangaroos don't _____.

- Hop really high
- Walk, run, or slide



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1. From the reading, what do these words mean?

A) Barren describes a land that is	<input type="radio"/> full of plants <input type="radio"/> empty
B) Hop means to	<input type="radio"/> jump <input type="radio"/> sit still
C) Speed means to go	<input type="radio"/> slow <input type="radio"/> fast

2. Fill in the blank.

A) Barren describes a land that is _____.

B) Hopping means to _____.

C) Speed means to go _____.

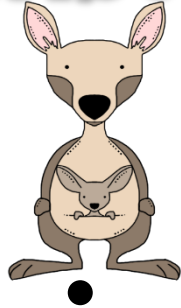
3. Match the word to its meaning.

barren
hop
speed

jump
go fast
empty

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Direction: Help the kangaroo find water by drawing a line over the correct meaning.

START HERE

Barren describes a land that is empty.

Barren describes a land that is full of plants.

Speed means to go fast.

WATER

Speed means to go slow.

Hop means to sit still.

Hop means to jump.