

SAND CATS

I. Use these words from the box to fill in the blanks

Wild hunters. As cold as ice. Fluffy. Middle East. Stony.
Difficult. Get stuck. Prey. Summer. Solitary. Winter
As gentle as a lamb. Survive. Movements. Unique. Furry

Have you heard of the sand cat? These cats may look _____ and _____ adorable, but they are actually _____. The first time someone wrote about sand cats was in 1858. Read on to find out more.

Habitat

We can find sand cats in parts of the deserts of Africa, the _____ and Asia. During the day, these deserts are hot, dry and _____. They are the only known type of cat which prefers to live on sand. The desert becomes _____ at night, so they dig holes to sleep in.

Fur

The sand cats' fur is _____ for many reasons. Their fur isn't the same as your pet cat at home. Did you know that sand cats' footprints don't stay in the sand? This is because they have special _____ paws. The fur on their paws has two functions. Firstly, it stops the hot sand from burning their paws. Secondly, it keeps their _____ quiet while they are hunting for their prey.

Diet

Sand cats may look _____ but they have very sharp claws and teeth. They eat mice, snakes and birds. They have good hearing so they can catch their _____ easily. They can also move very quickly. They can run at up to 40 kilometres per hour. Sand cats can _____ for weeks without a drink because there isn't much water in the desert.

Behaviour

How a sand cat spends its day changes through the year. In the _____, they like to lie on rocks in the Sun. During the hot _____, sand cats mostly go outside at night. They are _____ animals, which means they live on their own.

Threats

Sadly, life is becoming more _____ for sand cats. People are building more and more houses in their habitats. This means that they don't have many places to hunt for food. Another danger is that they sometimes _____ in traps which are set up for other animals. Occasionally, people hunt sand cats.

II. Answer these following questions

1. What type of text is _____?
A. Fiction text. B. Non-fiction text.
2. Which paragraph is about the place where sand cats live?
A. Paragraph 1. B. Paragraph 2. C. Paragraph 3
3. Which paragraph is about some dangers the sand cats have to face?
A. Paragraph 4 B. Paragraph 5. C. Paragraph 6
4. Which paragraph is about the food for sand cats?
A. Paragraph 4 B. Paragraph 5. C. Paragraph 6
5. Which word from the text means "soft"? _____
6. Which word from the text means "only one"? _____



7. Which word from the text means “live”? _____

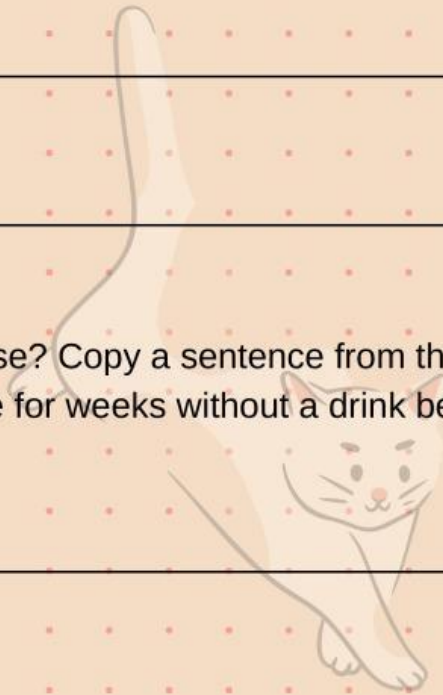


8. Which word from the text means “nice”?

9. Which word from the text means “full of small pieces of rock”? _____

10. Is this True or False? Copy a sentence from the text that tells you this.

“ Sand cats live in deserts of Asia, the Middle East and Australia”



11. Is this True or False? Copy a sentence from the text that tells you this.

“Sand cats cannot live for weeks without a drink because there isn’t much water in the desert”

12. Find and write adverbs of frequency and adverbs of manner in the correct column

