

Read the dialogue and answer the questions below.

A: Hi Katie! How are you?

B: I'm good Lisa, and you?

A: I'm good too. I was wondering if you could help me learn about animals in Saskatchewan, I have an assignment to complete.

B: Sure, which animals would you like to know about?

A: Well, maybe animals that are interesting.

B: Oh, ok. So, I think one of the most interesting animals is the skunk, because they are nocturnal animals and so are active at night. They release a strong bad smell when they think they are in danger. They are also great diggers.

A: You mean they dig the ground.

B: Oh yes, for food such as earthworms.

A: Thank you, that is so interesting.

B: I also find Elks very interesting as they are the most social animals, they always like to be in a group and are the loudest members of the deer family. So, you can sometimes hear their loud roar to attract a partner.

A: Wow! I remember hearing that sound last winter near a friend's farmhouse and wondering what was happening.

B: Yes, they can be very disturbing. Did you know the red fox usually stays with one partner their whole life, and can hear things from very far away, they have an amazing hearing ability.

A: That is amazing, that is the first time I heard of an animal that prefers to stay with one partner their whole life, shows their level of intelligence.

B: Oh yes, all animals are special in some or the other way, look at the Bison, the largest land animal in North America, it can be up to 6 feet tall and yet can run faster than a horse.

A: That's true, we all have some talent, right?

B: That's right. Don't be fooled by the slow walk of the black bear, they can run very fast, climb trees and swim. So, trying to escape from them by climbing a tree or jumping into a lake is a bad idea.

A: Certainly, I have no plans in meeting one. But thank you, really this talk will help me finish my assignment.

B: You're welcome, let me know if you need any help with the assignment.

Saskatchewan animals' fun facts reading activity.

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Q1. Which animal is more active at night?

- a. Bison
- b. Elk
- c. Red fox
- d. Skunk
- e. Black bear

Q2. Why do skunks dig the ground?

- a. To hide
- b. To find earthworms
- c. For no reason
- d. To catch fish

Q3. Which animal makes a loud noise to attract a partner?

- a. Bison
- b. Red fox
- c. Elk
- d. Black bear
- e. Skunk

Q4. Which animal prefers to stay with the same partner their whole life?

- a. Skunk
- b. Elk
- c. Bison
- d. Red fox

Q5. Which animal can be up to 6 ft tall?

- a. Bison
- b. Black bear
- c. Elk
- d. Skunk

Q6. Which animal should you not try and escape from by climbing a tree?

- a. Skunk
- b. Black bear
- c. Red fox
- d. Elk

Q7. Why do skunks release a bad smell?

- a. They are hungry.

- b. They have bad stomachs.
- c. They do it when they are in danger.