

Read the article "A Backyard Home for Wildlife" before answering Numbers 11 through 20.

A Backyard Home for Wildlife

Do you like to watch animals outside your window? Make your yard a place animals want to visit. You do not need a big space. You just need to know what makes a truly good habitat. Then you need to make some careful plans for your yard.

First, animals need food. You may have trees that have nuts and berries. Birds and squirrels like them. You can grow flowers. Bees and butterflies like them. You can also put out food for animals. You can buy seeds and nuts. You can put out fruit or bread. You can even put out dog food! Put the food in feeders. Spread some on the ground, too.

Second, animals need water. They drink water. They take baths in water. Many insects lay eggs in water. Some people build small ponds in their yard. You do not need to be that fancy. You can buy a birdbath. You can even fill a trash can lid with water. Just set it on the ground. Change the water a few times a week. That will keep it from getting dirty. Soon, you will see birds, squirrels, and even bugs come to drink!

Third, animals need hiding places. They need to be safe from bad weather. They need to hide from people or other animals when they get scared.

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Bushes and trees are good places to hide. Tall grasses are, too. You can make other hiding places. You can loosely pile twigs, leaves, and branches. Rabbits and chipmunks can hide in the pile. You can make rock piles, too. You can even turn a flowerpot upside down to make a house for a toad. Tip it up so the toad can get in.

Fourth, animals need homes for their babies. They need a safe place to build nests. They need a safe place to lay eggs. Birds make their nests in trees and bushes. Rabbits nest in tall grass. Other animals hide their nests under leaves and fallen branches. You can build or buy homes for backyard animals. These could be birdhouses or bat houses.

These are all good ways to make your yard a home for animals. Soon, you will see animals running around. You will hear cheerful bird songs. You will have fun watching wild animals out your window!



Now answer Numbers 11 through 20. Base your answers on "A Backyard Home for Wildlife."

- 11 Read this sentence from the article.

You just need to know what makes a truly good habitat.

The suffix *-ly* means "in a way." Which answer choice uses *-ly* in the same way as *truly*?

- Ⓐ fly
- Ⓑ silly
- Ⓒ slowly
- Ⓓ tally

- 12 What animal likes flowers for food?

- Ⓕ bird
- Ⓖ butterfly
- Ⓗ squirrel
- Ⓘ toad

- 13 What is the topic of the second paragraph on page 90?

- Ⓐ Flowers are good for a backyard.
- Ⓑ You can buy food that animals need.
- Ⓒ Animals need food to live in your yard.
- Ⓓ Food can be put in feeders and on the ground.

- 14 Read this sentence from the article.

Then you need to make some careful plans for your yard.

In this sentence, what does *careful* mean?

- (F) never care (H) full of care
(G) without care (I) care again

- 15 Where might a toad live in your yard?

- (A) in a nest (C) in a birdbath
(B) up a tree (D) under a flowerpot

- 16 Read this sentence from the article.

You can make other hiding places.

What is the root word of the word *hiding*?

- (F) den (H) hidden
(G) hid (I) hide

- 17 Which paragraph does the following detail BEST support?

A bird can lay eggs inside a birdhouse.

- (A) paragraph 1, page 90
(B) paragraph 2, page 90
(C) paragraph 3, page 90
(D) paragraph 2, page 91



18 Read this sentence from the article.

You can loosely pile twigs, leaves, and branches.

If *loose* means “not tight,” what does *loosely* mean?

- F tight
- G less tight
- H more tight
- I in a way that is not tight

19 Read this sentence from the article.

You will hear cheerful bird songs.

The word *cheerful* means

- A without cheer.
- B able to cheer.
- C full of cheer.
- D cheer again.

20 What is the main topic of “A Backyard Home for Wildlife”?

- F how to build a backyard for your animals
- G how to help animals in your own backyard
- H how to add hiding places for animals in your backyard
- I how to make your backyard look like animals live there

