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## Reader's Companion

Use with Student Edition pages 12–19.

### Taking Care of the Young

Raccoon babies are very small when they are born. They cannot stand or open their eyes. Only female raccoons take care of the babies. A mother might have four babies to take care of alone. She must leave them in the den when she looks for food. In the den, the raccoon babies are safe from danger.

The mother raccoon worries that other animals might find her den. So after a few months, the family moves. By then, the babies can walk and climb. Their mother has taught them to take care of themselves.

#### Use What You Know

List three things you know about raccoons.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reading Strategy



What are raccoons like when they are born? Underline one sentence that tells you.

#### Comprehension Check

Circle the sentences that explain which parent takes care of the raccoon babies.



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**\*What are raccoons like when they are born? Write one sentence that tells you.**

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**\*Write the sentences that explain which parent takes care of the raccoon babies.**

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