

## Reading and Writing Worksheet for Grade 5

### Topic: Clever creatures

Directions: Match the words from the text to the definitions.

nest	web	creature	duck
crow	twig	bend	hook
by accident		sign language	

1. \_\_\_\_\_(adv.) by chance; not because you planned it
2. \_\_\_\_\_(v.) to make something that was straight into a curved shape
3. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) a curved piece of metal or plastic
4. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) a black bird that makes a loud noise
5. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) a bird that lives on or near water
6. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) the place where a bird keeps its eggs
7. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) a thin net that a spider makes to catch flies
8. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) a language that uses hand movements, not speech
9. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) a small, thin branch of tree
10. \_\_\_\_\_(n.) an animal, or any living thing that is not a plant

## Reading comprehension

### 4 Write Koko, Betty or Sao.

- 1 Koko is a gorilla.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ can paint beautiful pictures.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ knows lots of words in sign language.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ is a crow.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ used to work in the forests.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ bends pieces of wire.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ is thirty-five years old.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ can make hooks to get her food.

### 5 Circle the correct words to make true sentences.

- 1 Koko used two signs to say 'duck' / 'bird'.
- 2 Penny Patterson is Koko's *doctor* / *teacher*.
- 3 She says that gorillas are very *friendly* / *intelligent* animals.
- 4 Betty lives in *the UK* / *the USA*.
- 5 She made a hook when *visitors* / *scientists* were watching her.
- 6 Crows often use *grass* / *twigs* to get their food.
- 7 Sao uses her *trunk* / *mouth* to hold the brush.
- 8 She *is not* / *is* the only elephant in the world that can paint.

### 6 Answer the questions.

- 1 What clever thing can spiders do? make a web
- 2 Which animal in the text lives in California? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What are Betty's hooks made of? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Why does she make them? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Where does Sao live? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What job did Sao do in the forests? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Why did she change her job? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Why do her keepers sell her paintings? \_\_\_\_\_