

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? _____