

CARD 1:



Animals have families just like people. How do you think animal offspring are like their parents?

From the moment a new wolf pup is born, its family works together to care for it. Newborn wolf pups are very tiny.

They only weigh about a pound. The new pups snuggle up against their mother in their den. The father stands guard outside. The pups cannot see or hear yet. The dark, quiet den is a safe home for them. At first, the pups drink their mother's milk. Soon, they will eat meat. The father hunts to provide meat for the family. The parents chew the meat, and then spit it into the pups' mouths. After two months, the pups join the rest of the wolf family. Wolves live in groups called packs. Members of the pack play with the pups, bring them food, and even "baby-sit" while the parents hunt. At six months, the pups will be ready to hunt with the pack.

1. A newborn wolf pup weigh about:

- A. 1 pound B. 5 pounds C. 10 pounds

2. *Decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F)*

- a. _____ Newborn wolf pups are very big.
- b. _____ The dark, quiet den is a safe home for newborn wolf pups.
- c. _____ The mother hunts to provide meat for the family.
- d. _____ After two months, the pups are ready to hunt with the pack.

CARD 2: Complete the diagram



It is a cold winter day in Antarctica. A mother emperor penguin has just laid her egg. Now she will leave and head for the sea to eat! What happens to the egg? The father penguin stays to keep it warm. The father protects the egg by resting it on his feet and covering it with a warm layer of feathered skin. He stands for about two months to keep the egg warm. He eats nothing this whole time! After the chick

hatches, the mother penguin returns with food for the baby. Now it's the father's turn to head for the sea to eat and rest. The chick sits on its mother's feet and is covered with her warm feathers for about two months. Then the mother leaves to get food for the chick. Emperor penguins live in big groups. So when the mothers go for food, all the chicks huddle together to keep warm. When the chicks get older, the parent penguins guide them to the sea. They follow one another waddling, sliding, and diving off the ice into the sea to learn to fish for food.

		
A mother penguin has just laid her ____	She leaves and heads for the sea to ____	The father penguin ____ to keep the egg warm and eat ____ for ____ months
		
Penguin chicks ____	The mother penguin ____ with ____ for the baby. And the father's turn to head for the ____ to eat and rest	The chick sits on its mother's feet for ____ months.

CARD 3



Thirsty and hot, a group of elephants walk to a water hole. The calves, or baby elephants, are very tired. But their mothers and aunts push them along with their trunks. They do not want the calves to be separated from the herd, or group. The herd is led by the oldest elephant.

She is the grandmother. The adult elephants in the family take care of the little ones. They also take care of the elephants that are very old. There are no male elephants in the herd. Once they reach the water hole, the elephants suck water up through their trunks and blow it into their mouths. They squirt cool water over their bodies and their babies. One mother rescues her calf that is stuck in the mud! Elephants say a lot by their behavior. Two elephants may hug by wrapping their trunks together. Another elephant makes loud trumpeting noises to call for a baby who has wandered off. Still another elephant may stretch out her ears to listen and sniff the air with her trunk. Is danger near? If so, the herd will stand together, and the babies will hide behind the adults.

1. Decide if each statement below True (T) or False (F)

- a. _____ The herd is led by the oldest elephant.
- b. _____ The adult elephants in the family **only** take care of the little ones.
- c. _____ There are 2 male elephants in the herd.

2. Match their actions with the meanings

They make noise

To avoid danger

They wrap their trunks together

To call their babies

Babies hide behind their parents

To hug