

Complete the article with the infinitive or *-ing* form of the verbs in the box:

check	express	find	learn	look
observe	point	put	suffer	tell

Do animals get bored?

It's very easy 1_____ at caged animals and assume that, like people, they must get bored. While nobody likes the idea of animals 2_____ from boredom, it's hard 3_____ how they feel because animals have no way of verbally 4_____ their feelings.

Recently, however, researchers in Ontario undertook a study in the hope of 5_____ out whether animals do experience boredom. In the study, a group of minks were divided into two cages: one had plenty for the minks to do; the other was bare. Both groups were given the same amount of food and were offered objects to investigate. Some of the objects were appealing to the animals; others were objects such as leather gloves, that are normally frightening to minks.

You probably won't be surprised 6_____ that the minks in the bare cage were much more interested in 7_____ out the objects: including the frightening objects - in search of excitement. They also ate more food and slept for longer periods, just like bored humans do.

Researchers were keen 8_____ out that although the experiments don't prove that animals feel truly bored, it is interesting 9_____ that when animals have little to do, they are willing 10_____ themselves in risky situations in order to find excitement.

What were the most surprising facts?

- Write them down and share them in class.

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agree	attack	compete	cool	do
read	see	work	yawn (x2)	

Why do we yawn when we're bored?

There are several theories about why we yawn. Here are just a few:

In the past, the most common theory was that the purpose of 1_____ is to take in oxygen to keep ourselves awake when we are tired or bored. But scientists no longer believe this is true.

The most popular theory in recent years is that yawning is a way of 2_____ down the brain, which is not capable of 3_____ well when it's too hot. This may also explain why athletes often yawn just before 4_____ or why animals yawn when they are about 5_____.

Although scientists have difficulty in 6_____ about the reasons for yawning, one thing they all agree about is that yawning is catching: if you see someone yawn, you're likely 7_____, too. In fact, there is no need 8_____ a person yawn - just hearing someone yawn on the phone, or reading about yawning can produce a need 9_____ the same. The chances are you'll yawn at least once while 10_____ this article.

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