

Name _____

adult

alive

covered

fur

giant

groom

mammal

offspring

A. Read the definitions in the right column. Then write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

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| 1. giant _____ | a. to clean an animal |
| 2. alive _____ | b. thick animal hair |
| 3. groom _____ | c. a fully-grown living thing |
| 4. offspring _____ | d. had something all over |
| 5. adult _____ | e. the children of adults |
| 6. fur _____ | f. something living |
| 7. mammal _____ | g. a warm-blooded animal that feeds milk to its babies |
| 8. covered _____ | h. very large |

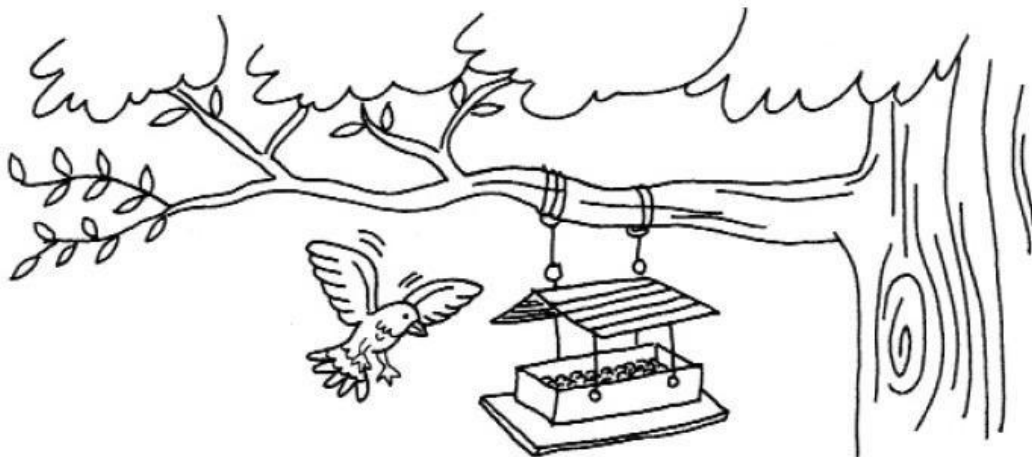
Read the article “A Backyard Home for Wildlife” before answering Numbers 6 through 10.

A Backyard Home for Wildlife

Do you like animals? Make your yard animal friendly. Then animals will visit. You do not need a big space. You just need to know what makes a good habitat. Then make careful plans for your yard.

First, animals need food. You can plant trees. Some have nuts and berries. Birds and squirrels like them. You can grow flowers. Bees and butterflies like them. You can also put out food. Buy seeds or nuts. Put out fruit or bread. You can put out dog food, too! Buy a feeder. Fill it with food. Spread some on the ground. Animals will eat it.

Second, animals need water. They drink it. They wash in it. Many insects lay eggs there. Some people build ponds. You can buy a birdbath. Change the water often. That will keep it clean. Soon you will see birds, squirrels, and bugs. They will come to drink!



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Third, animals need hiding places. They need to be safe from bad weather. They hide when they get scared.

Bushes and trees are good places to hide. Tall grasses are, too. You can make other hiding places. You can loosely pile twigs, leaves, and branches. Rabbits and chipmunks can hide there. You can make rock piles, too. You can turn a flowerpot upside down. It makes a house for a toad. Tip it up. Then the toad can get in.

Fourth, animals need homes for their babies. Many build nests. They need a safe place to build nests. Some need spots to lay eggs. Birds make their nests in trees and bushes. Rabbits nest in tall grass. Other animals nest under leaves and fallen branches. You can build homes for animals. You can buy them, too. These could be birdhouses or bat houses.

These are all ways to make your yard a home for animals. Soon, you will see animals running around. You will hear bird songs. You will have fun watching animals!

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Now answer Numbers 6 through 10. Base your answers on "A Backyard Home for Wildlife."

- 6** This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A: What is the article mostly about?

- ☐ (A) how to make your backyard look nice
- ☐ (B) how to help animals in your backyard
- ☐ (C) how to make hiding places for animals
- ☐ (D) how to build a backyard for your animals

Part B: Which sentence from the article tells the **main** idea?

- ☐ (A) Do you like animals?
- ☐ (B) Make your yard animal friendly.
- ☐ (C) You do not need a big space.
- ☐ (D) First, animals need food.

- 7** Read the sentence from the article.

Then make careful plans for your yard.

What does careful mean?

- ☐ (A) care again
- ☐ (B) never care
- ☐ (C) full of care
- ☐ (D) without care

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8 Which animal likes flowers for food?

- Ⓐ bee
- Ⓑ rabbit
- Ⓒ squirrel
- Ⓓ toad

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What does loosely mean?

- Ⓐ not loose
- Ⓑ less loose
- Ⓒ almost loose
- Ⓓ in a loose way

Part B: Which word uses the suffix *-ly*, as it is used in loosely?

- Ⓐ fly
- Ⓑ holly
- Ⓒ silly
- Ⓓ slowly

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10 Read the detail.

A bird can lay eggs inside a birdhouse.

Where does this detail belong? Circle the correct paragraph.

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