



A SAFE JOURNEY HOME

When you think of “home,” you probably think first of the house or apartment you live in—the place where you sleep and eat. But home is also your town or city—the street you live on, the stores you buy things from, and the restaurants you go to. It’s similar for animals. Home isn’t just where they sleep; it’s also often a large area where they can find food, water, and a safe place to start a family.

Human highways often pass through an animal’s home area. Of course, wide roads make it easy for people to move around, but busy roads can stop animals from getting to the food or water they need on the other side. Sadly, traffic also kills many animals when they try to cross the road.

How can we help animals move around their homes safely? One way is to build highways for animals to use, too. This animal bridge (pictured) in Banff, Canada, helps bears and wolves safely cross the Trans-Canada Highway, and it connects the different parts of their home. In Banff, there are six bridges for animals to go over the road and 38 tunnels for animals to go under the road. These bridges and tunnels have reduced animal road accidents by 80 percent.

Animal bridges aren’t a new idea. There were some in Europe in the 1950s, but now there are hundreds of these bridges all over the world. Thanks to these animal highways, animals can feel more at home in their environment, and humans and animals can live together in the country they share.

EXERCISE 1: Choose the best option to answer the questions.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

- a) The history of animal bridges.
- b) How animals use highways.
- c) The importance of creating safe passages for animals to cross human roads.
- d) The differences between human and animal homes.

2. According to the text, what do animals need besides a place to sleep?

- a) Entertainment and exercise
- b) A large area to find food and water
- c) A cozy bed and toys
- d) Companionship with other animals

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3. What problem do human highways create for animals?

- a) They make it harder for animals to find food and water.
- b) They provide too much food for animals.
- c) They scare animals away from their homes.
- d) They help animals move around more easily.

4. What solution is proposed in the passage to help animals move around safely?

- a) Building more roads for cars.
- b) Constructing highways for animals.
- c) Removing all highways.
- d) Creating larger homes for animals.

5. What is the purpose of the animal bridges and tunnels mentioned in the passage?

- a) To decorate highways.
- b) To reduce the number of animal road accidents.
- c) To provide animals with a place to sleep.
- d) To make human travel faster.

6. Where is the animal bridge that helps bears and wolves mentioned in the passage located?

- a) Europe
- b) The United States
- c) Banff, Canada
- d) Asia

7. By how much have animal road accidents been reduced in Banff due to the bridges and tunnels?

- a) 20 percent
- b) 50 percent
- c) 80 percent

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- d) 90 percent

8. When did the idea of animal bridges first appear according to the text?

- a) In the early 1900s
- b) In the 1950s
- c) In the 1980s
- d) In the 2000s

9. What is the benefit of animal highways as mentioned in the last sentence of the passage?

- a) Animals can live without fear of humans.
- b) Animals can feel more at home, and humans and animals can share the country more peacefully.
- c) Humans can observe animals more closely.
- d) Animals can learn to use human roads safely.

10. What specific features are mentioned in the passage that help animals cross roads safely in Banff?

- a) Only bridges
- b) Only tunnels
- c) Both bridges and tunnels
- d) Neither bridges nor tunnels

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