

Amazing Animals — English Worksheet

Vocabulary & grammar practice for pre-intermediate / intermediate students

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Exercise 1. Match the word to its meaning

Draw a line (or write the correct letter) to match each word with its definition.

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| 1. creature | A. the soft hair that covers an animal's body |
| 2. whiskers | B. a small insect that lives and works in large groups |
| 3. fur | C. any living animal, especially an unusual or wild one |
| 4. rodent | D. an animal that is hunted and eaten by another animal |
| 5. lizard | E. long stiff hairs near an animal's mouth, used for feeling things |
| 6. ant | F. the condition of the sky and air — sun, rain, wind, snow, etc. |
| 7. prey | G. a small mammal with sharp front teeth, e.g. a mouse or a rat |
| 8. weather | H. a reptile with four short legs, a long tail and dry, scaly skin |

Exercise 2. Caring for a pet — fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Use each word only once.

pet (verb) • brush • feed • adopt • rescue • shake hands • fetch a stick • jump through hoops • on command • tricks • local shelter

1. Every morning I _____ my dog so that he never feels hungry.
2. My cat purrs happily when I _____ her soft fur.
3. You should _____ a long-haired dog every day to keep its coat neat.
4. Instead of buying a puppy from a shop, our family decided to _____ one from an animal centre.
5. Firefighters had to _____ two kittens that were stuck in a burning building.
6. My dog is very clever — he can _____ when I hold out my hand.
7. In the park, our dog loves to _____ every time we throw it.
8. At the circus, the trained poodles can _____ one after another.
9. A well-trained dog will sit _____, without you asking twice.
10. Dogs can be taught many _____, such as rolling over or playing dead.
11. We took the injured puppy straight to the _____, where a vet looked after it.

Exercise 3. Wild animal facts — True or False?

Read the sentences and circle T (True) or F (False).

1. A crow is a clever bird that can sometimes use tools to solve a problem. T / F
2. Some crows drop nuts onto a road so that passing cars will crack nuts for them. T / F
3. Ants never help each other find food. T / F
4. A chameleon can blend into its surroundings to hide from enemies. T / F
5. A hedgehog will curl into a ball when it feels frightened. T / F
6. Dolphins can hold their breath for a long time before they dive underwater. T / F
7. Some predators sneak up on their prey quietly before they attack. T / F
8. Moles like to push underground and dig tunnels with their strong front paws. T / F
9. Some birds scrape the ground with their feet to build a nest. T / F

Exercise 4. Circle the correct word

Choose the word that fits the sentence best.

1. Dogs are known to be very (loyal / mean) to their owners.
2. The old, dark house looked very (scary / pretty) at night.
3. Look at that (pretty / scary) little kitten with soft fur!
4. Snails and turtles move very (slowly / quickly).
5. Always be (careful / careless) when you are near a wild animal.
6. A (male / female) lion has a large mane, but a (female / male) lion does not.

Exercise 5. A world of animals — complete the story

Complete the story with the words from the box. Use each word only once.

find • fight crime • brain • swing • hold on tight • starve • poison • scraps • wave • law • crisis • make • later • after

Wild animals are incredible. Police dogs can (1) _____ missing people or hidden drugs, and they even help officers (2) _____ in big cities. These dogs have a very clever (3) _____ and can remember many commands.

In the jungle, monkeys often (4) _____ from branch to branch, and baby monkeys must (5) _____ to their mother's fur so that they don't fall down.

Every animal needs food to survive — if an animal cannot find food for many days, it may (6) _____

_____. Sometimes wild animals eat something dangerous by accident and get (7) _____.

After dinner, my dog always waits under the table for some (8) _____ to fall on the floor. Then he will (9) _____ his tail happily!

There is a (10) _____ in many countries that protects animals from cruelty. During a natural (11) _____, such as a flood, animal shelters often need extra volunteers. That is why we should (12) _____ new homes for rescued pets, and not wait until (13) _____.

First we must feed the puppies, and only (14) _____ can we let them go outside to play.