

Reading and Writing Worksheet for Grade 5

Topic: Clever creatures

Directions: Match the words from the text to the definitions.

nest	web	creature	duck
crow	twig	bend	hook
by accident		sign language	

- _____ (adv.) by chance; not because you planned it
- _____ (v.) to make something that was straight into a curved shape
- _____ (n.) a curved piece of metal or plastic
- _____ (n.) a black bird that makes a loud noise
- _____ (n.) a bird that lives on or near water
- _____ (n.) the place where a bird keeps its eggs
- _____ (n.) a thin net that a spider makes to catch flies
- _____ (n.) a language that uses hand movements, not speech
- _____ (n.) a small, thin branch of tree
- _____ (n.) an animal, or any living thing that is not a plant

Reading comprehension

4 Write Koko, Betty or Sao.

- 1 Koko is a gorilla.
- 2 _____ can paint beautiful pictures.
- 3 _____ knows lots of words in sign language.
- 4 _____ is a crow.
- 5 _____ used to work in the forests.
- 6 _____ bends pieces of wire.
- 7 _____ is thirty-five years old.
- 8 _____ can make hooks to get her food.

5 Circle the correct words to make true sentences.

- 1 Koko used two signs to say 'duck' / 'bird'.
- 2 Penny Patterson is Koko's *doctor* / *teacher*.
- 3 She says that gorillas are very *friendly* / *intelligent* animals.
- 4 Betty lives in *the UK* / *the USA*.
- 5 She made a hook when *visitors* / *scientists* were watching her.
- 6 Crows often use *grass* / *twigs* to get their food.
- 7 Sao uses her *trunk* / *mouth* to hold the brush.
- 8 She *is not* / *is* the only elephant in the world that can paint.

6 Answer the questions.

- 1 What clever thing can spiders do? make a web
- 2 Which animal in the text lives in California? _____
- 3 What are Betty's hooks made of? _____
- 4 Why does she make them? _____
- 5 Where does Sao live? _____
- 6 What job did Sao do in the forests? _____
- 7 Why did she change her job? _____
- 8 Why do her keepers sell her paintings? _____