

Wolverines have thick, black and brown fur and a face like a small bear. They are a little bigger than medium-sized dogs, such as beagles. But they're not bears or dogs. Wolverines are the largest type of weasel! They live mostly alone, in the mountains. Wolverines are very strong. They use their big feet and long claws to travel far and **hunt**. They eat almost anything, from berries to birds. Their favorite meals are deer and smaller mammals.

Wolverines stay high in the mountains during the summers. Up in the mountains, there is often snow, even in the summer. Wolverines store their food in the snow. In the winter, they come down from the mountain, but not too far. They still stay far away from people. In both the winter and summer, they can travel up to 15 miles per day to **hunt** for food. Wherever they are, wolverines are important to the **environment**. They eat almost anything, including animals they didn't kill. They act like a clean-up crew. When a wolverine is around, nothing goes to waste. That makes wolverines important for the **environment**.

Scientists who study wolverines are still learning about them. These animals are hard to study because there aren't very many of them. Plus, wolverines do a great job of staying hidden.

One thing scientists do know is that they want to keep wolverines safe. So they are **protecting** the land where wolverines live. Because wolverines can travel so far in a single day, they need lots of space. People who want to **protect** wolverines are working with ranchers and others who own land. They're helping the ranchers and landowners leave some of their land wild. By keeping some places wild, people are helping wolverines stay hidden and safe.

1. What type of animal are wolverines?
 - A. They are a kind of dog.
 - B. They are a kind of weasel.
 - C. They are a kind of cat.

2. How does the author describe the foods wolverines eat?
 - A. Wolverines eat almost anything, but they love deer and small mammals.
 - B. Wolverines can't eat mammals, but they love eating reptiles and fish.
 - C. Wolverines eat almost anything, but not insects or small mammals.
3. How would the author probably describe wolverines?
 - A. as important for the environment
 - B. as bad for the environment
 - C. as silly animals that are good pets