

**ACHIEVEMENT TEST PROGRAM
INTERMEDIATE 5**

READING

Read the text below and answer the questions correctly.

Honey Badgers

What's fiercer than a lion but smaller than a beagle? The honey badger, one of the toughest mammals in Africa and western Asia. Honey badgers are less than a foot high, a couple of feet long, and weigh just over 20 pounds. Yet, their toughness far exceeds their size. Some honey badgers even chase away lions and take their kills.



Honey badgers have speed, stamina, and agility. Their thick, tough skin is rarely pierced by arrows, spears,

or bites. Even small bullets can't penetrate it. Their loose skin allows them to twist and turn to attack while being gripped. The only safe grip on a honey badger is on the back of its neck.

Honey badgers have long, sharp claws for attacking and digging. They can dig a nine-foot tunnel in about 10 minutes. They catch meals by digging up frogs, rodents, and cobras. They also dig small chambers for their homes, which they defend fiercely. Honey badgers will attack larger animals if they poke around their den.

Honey badgers are fearless and tireless fighters. They will attack any creature that threatens them, including humans. Most predators avoid them because of their fierce reputation. Some animals, like cheetah kittens, mimic their look to scare off predators.

Honey badgers raid beehives because their thick skin makes them immune to bee stings. Beekeepers in Africa use electric fencing to keep them away. Honey badgers may be interesting, but they are nasty neighbors. They attack chickens, livestock, and sometimes children. If a honey badger moves into your yard, there's not much you can do about it.

1. Which is the correct fact about honey badgers?
 - a. They are less than a foot long.
 - b. They are not the toughest mammals in Africa and western Asia.
 - c. They are smaller than beagles.
 - d. They are the weakest animals on earth.

2. How tall is a honey badger?
 - a. Over a foot high
 - b. Less than a foot high
 - c. Two feet high
 - d. Three feet high

3. What is the weight of a honey badger?
 - a. Under 10 pounds
 - b. Over 30 pounds
 - c. Just over 20 pounds
 - d. 15 pounds

4. Which ability is NOT mentioned as a trait of honey badgers?
 - a. Speed
 - b. Stamina
 - c. Agility
 - d. Strength

5. What feature of the honey badger helps it in a fight?
 - a. Long teeth
 - b. Thick and tough skin
 - c. Strong legs
 - d. Loud roar

6. How long does it take a honey badger to dig a nine-foot tunnel?
 - a. 5 minutes
 - b. 10 minutes
 - c. 20 minutes
 - d. 30 minutes

7. Which animals' burrows do honey badgers dig up for food?
 - a. Lions, tigers, and bears
 - b. Birds, insects, and reptiles
 - c. Frogs, rodents, and cobras
 - d. Deer, antelopes, and zebras

8. Why do most predators avoid honey badgers?
 - a. Because of their size
 - b. Because of their fierce reputation
 - c. Because of their speed
 - d. Because of their camouflage

9. What do cheetah kittens mimic to scare off predators?
 - a. Lions
 - b. Beagles
 - c. Honey badgers
 - d. Eagles

10. Why do beekeepers use electric fencing to keep honey badgers away?
 - a. Because they are afraid of them
 - b. Because honey badgers raid beehives
 - c. Because honey badgers attack livestock
 - d. Because honey badgers can jump over regular fences