



RED SQUIRREL

Have you ever seen a red squirrel? It is furry. Its hair is brown, gray, and white. It is short, and it has very sharp claws. It has teeth in the front of its mouth. The teeth are long and sharp. Its eyes are as black as coal. The ears are very little and sit on the back of the head.

When the baby is born, it has no hair and is blind. The mother has a nest in a tree or somewhere that is safe. The mother feeds the baby milk. She stays with it unless she is looking for food.

By the summer, the babies can see well. They have fur and are bigger. The babies can play out of the nest. They learn to find seeds, insects, and mushrooms.

When winter comes to the woods, babies can live alone. They have thick coats that are warm. They now know how to look for food and can build nests of their own.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. When we read this story, we can guess that the red squirrel is . . .
 - a. a busy animal.
 - b. a lazy animal.
 - c. an angry animal.
 - d. an animal that likes to play games.

2. In the last paragraph, the author is telling you about . . .
 - a. the squirrel's eyes.
 - b. how the squirrel drinks the mother's milk.
 - c. how the squirrel finds seeds and plants.
 - d. how the squirrel is ready to live all alone.

3. The words "has no hair and is blind" mean . . .
 - a. the baby has no coat to stay warm.
 - b. the baby does not have any hair and it cannot see.
 - c. the baby does not have sun glasses.