DAILY Warm-Up 11

Name _____ Date _____

RACCOONS

Raccoons are cute and clever. People love their little masked faces and their comical antics. Raccoons can solve problems, and they can make messes. A raccoon can open the lid on a trashcan. Some have even opened entire garage doors!

Raccoons live in forests. They climb trees and live in nests in tree trunks. They can fish and hunt for food. Raccoons also live in cities and near homes. They live in parks and backyards. They travel through waterways and eat trash.

People should carefully wrap trash that contains food. Raccoons feast on scraps of bread, vegetables, meats, and sweets. Put these "treats" in tied plastic bags and put the bags in a strong trashcan. Make sure the lid is tight, or a raccoon might snack at your house this evening!

Raccoons are messy. They scatter food scraps, paper, cans, and other trash in yards and other areas. Would you like to clean up after a raccoon?

Raccoons played a part in history. Pictures of pioneer men wearing raccoon skin hats are often found in history books. Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett wore them. The caps kept heads warm and protected them from being scratched by branches.

Raccoons look sweet, but beware. People think they are cuddly, but raccoons are wild animals. Raccoons are dangerous. They have sharp teeth and claws. They can carry diseases. Never approach a wild raccoon. They are cute, but they are not pets.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Where do raccoons live?

a. only in forests
b. only near people
c. neither in forests nor near people
d. in forests and near people

2. What are some of the negative things raccoons do?

a. They damage property and shred paper.
b. They can open your lids and doors.
c. They tear trash out of cans.
d. All of the above.

3. If you gave the passage a new title, it could be . . .

a. "Battle Over Raccoons."
b. "Keeping Your Own Raccoon."
c. "How to Care for a Raccoon of Your Own."
d. "Raccoons Are Clever but Dangerous."

4. Raccoon hats were worn by . . .

a. pilgrims.
b. cowboys.
c. pioneers.
d. pirates.

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