Amazing Animals — English Worksheet

Vocabulary & grammar practice for pre-intermediate / intermediate students

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Exercise 1. Match the word to its meaning

Draw a line (or write the correct letter) to match each word with its definition.

1. creature	A. the soft hair that covers an animal's body
2. whiskers	B. a small insect that lives and works in large groups
3. fur	C. any living animal, especially an unusual or wild one
4. rodent	D. an animal that is hunted and eaten by another animal
5. lizard	E. long stiff hairs near an animal's mouth, used for feeling things
6. ant	F. the condition of the sky and air — sun, rain, wind, snow, etc.
7. prey	G. a small mammal with sharp front teeth, e.g. a mouse or a rat
8. weather	H. a reptile with four short legs, a long tail and dry, scaly skin

Exercise 2. Caring for a pet — fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Use each word only once.

pet (verb) • brush • feed • adopt • rescue • shake hands • fetch a stick • jump through hoops • on command • tricks • local shelter

1. Every morning I _____ my dog so that he never feels hungry.
2. My cat purrs happily when I _____ her soft fur.
3. You should _____ a long-haired dog every day to keep its coat neat.
4. Instead of buying a puppy from a shop, our family decided to _____ one from an animal centre.
5. Firefighters had to _____ two kittens that were stuck in a burning building.
6. My dog is very clever — he can _____ when I hold out my hand.
7. In the park, our dog loves to _____ every time we throw it.
8. At the circus, the trained poodles can _____ one after another.
9. A well-trained dog will sit _____ , without you asking twice.
10. Dogs can be taught many _____ , such as rolling over or playing dead.
11. We took the injured puppy straight to the _____ , where a vet looked after it.

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Exercise 3. Wild animal facts — True or False?

Read the sentences and circle T (True) or F (False).

1. A crow is a clever bird that can sometimes use tools to solve a problem. T / F
2. Some crows drop nuts onto a road so that passing cars will crack nuts for them. T / F
3. Ants never help each other find food. T / F
4. A chameleon can blend into its surroundings to hide from enemies. T / F
5. A hedgehog will curl into a ball when it feels frightened. T / F
6. Dolphins can hold their breath for a long time before they dive underwater. T / F
7. Some predators sneak up on their prey quietly before they attack. T / F
8. Moles like to push underground and dig tunnels with their strong front paws. T / F
9. Some birds scrape the ground with their feet to build a nest. T / F

Exercise 4. Circle the correct word

Choose the word that fits the sentence best.

1. Dogs are known to be very (loyal / mean) to their owners.
2. The old, dark house looked very (scary / pretty) at night.
3. Look at that (pretty / scary) little kitten with soft fur!
4. Snails and turtles move very (slowly / quickly).
5. Always be (careful / careless) when you are near a wild animal.
6. A (male / female) lion has a large mane, but a (female / male) lion does not.

Exercise 5. A world of animals — complete the story

Complete the story with the words from the box. Use each word only once.

find • fight crime • brain • swing • hold on tight • starve • poison • scraps • wave • law • crisis • make • later • after

Wild animals are incredible. Police dogs can (1) _____ missing people or hidden drugs, and they even help officers (2) _____ in big cities. These dogs have a very clever (3) _____ and can remember many commands.

In the jungle, monkeys often (4) _____ from branch to branch, and baby monkeys must (5) _____ to their mother's fur so that they don't fall down.

Every animal needs food to survive — if an animal cannot find food for many days, it may (6)

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_____ . Sometimes wild animals eat something dangerous by accident and get (7) _____ .

After dinner, my dog always waits under the table for some (8) _____ to fall on the floor. Then he will (9) _____ his tail happily!

There is a (10) _____ in many countries that protects animals from cruelty. During a natural (11) _____ , such as a flood, animal shelters often need extra volunteers. That is why we should (12) _____ new homes for rescued pets, and not wait until (13) _____ .

First we must feed the puppies, and only (14) _____ can we let them go outside to play.

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