



ANIMALS AT WORK

Animals Caring for Their Young

Animals Caring for Their Young is an informative way to look at the different ways animals care for and raise their young.

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. Most spider species protect their eggs by wrapping them in ...
 - a. A bow
 - b. A rubber egg sac
 - c. A silken egg sac
 - d. None of the above
2. Animals that carry their young in a pouch are called ...
 - a. Marsupials
 - b. Reptiles
 - c. Spiders
 - d. Amphibians
3. Scorpion eggs hatch inside the female as quickly as ...
 - a. A few weeks after she mates with the male
 - b. A few days after she mates with the male
 - c. A few months after she mates with the male
 - d. A few hours after she mates with the male
4. The only male animals that give birth to live young are ...
 - a. Elephants
 - b. Cheetahs
 - c. Crocodiles
 - d. Seahorses
5. What are *fry*?
6. What is a *brood*?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. A ladybug lays up to 50 eggs at a time. | _____ 4. In ant colonies, all the members of the community are related. |
| _____ 2. Baby crocodiles are born with dull teeth. | _____ 5. Baby orangutans in zoos grow up more quickly than ones in the wild. |
| _____ 3. Female catfish carry eggs in their mouths. | _____ 6. In sexual reproduction, the sperm from a female fertilizes the male's eggs. |

ANSWERS

- 1. c. A silken egg sac.** According to the section "You're on Your Own" on page 8, we know that "Most spider species protect their eggs by wrapping them in a silken egg sac." So, the correct answer is C.
- 2. a. Marsupials.** According to the section "Hitching a Ride" on page 20, we know that "Some kinds of mammals carry their young in a pouch. They are called marsupials." So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. b. A few days after she mates with a male.** According to the section "Feeding Baby" on page 24, we know that "Scorpion eggs hatch inside the female a few days after she mates with a male." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. d. Seahorses.** According to the section "Hitching a Ride" on page 22, we know that "Male seahorses are the only male animals that give birth to live young." So, the correct answer is D.
5. According to page 46, *fry* are "young fish, when newly hatched."
6. According to page 46, a *brood* is "a group of young animals that share the same parent or parents."

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to the section "You're on Your Own" on page 7, we know that "A ladybug lays up to 50 eggs at a time." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to the section "Nest Is Best" on page 15, we know that "Baby crocodiles are born with sharp teeth, ready for hunting." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. False.** According to the section "Hitching a Ride" on page 18, we know that "Male sea catfishes and some other fish species carry eggs in their mouths." So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to the section "Group Parenting" on page 36, we know that "In ant colonies, all members of the community are related." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to the section "Hard-Working Moms (and Dads)" on page 45, we know that "In the wild, orangutans grow and develop slowly. Baby orangutans in zoos grow up more quickly because they have a plentiful food supply." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to the section "Introduction" on page 4, we know that "In sexual reproduction, the sperm from a male fertilizes the female's eggs." So, the correct answer is False.