



ANIMALS AT WORK

Animals Making Homes

Animals at Work is an informative way to look at the lives of animals, particularly at a time when the hard work of survival is becoming even harder because of habitat destruction and climate change.

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- The animals that move from place to place every night are ...
 - Chimpanzees and gorillas
 - Coyotes and prairie dogs
 - Foxes and bears
 - Parrotfish and clownfish
- Because bats and bears spend some of their lives in caves, they are also called ...
 - Troglobites
 - Parasites
 - Cavosites
 - Trogloxenes
- A parrotfish's "sleeping bag" is made from ...
 - Mucus
 - Dead skin cells
 - Bodily waste
 - None of the above
- A habitat is ...
 - Grasslands with widely scattered bushes and trees
 - The area in which a species can be found
 - The place where a living thing usually makes its home
 - An area of land or water controlled by an animal or group of animals, which they defend from other animals
- Wild dogs, foxes, and bears live in what type of home?
- Marmots live in what type of home?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ | 1. Most animals build their homes themselves. | _____ | 4. The burrowing owl often steals its home from snakes. |
| _____ | 2. Bears don't truly hibernate. | _____ | 5. Some troglobites have small eyes or none at all. |
| _____ | 3. About 1 in 4 bird species nests in a colony. | _____ | 6. Acacia ants need to build nests even though they live in bullhorn acacia trees. |

ANSWERS

1. a. Chimpanzees and gorillas.

According to the section "A Cozy Nest" on page 10, we know that "Like gorillas, chimpanzees move around to find food and make a new bed every night." So, the correct answer is A.

2. d. Troglonenes. According to the section "Teamwork" on page 22, we know that "Bats sleep and breed in caves. Bears may also make their dens in caves. These animals are called troglonenes." So, the correct answer is D.

3. a. Mucus. According to the section "Mobile Homes" on page 36, we know that "At night, its skin makes a large amount of mucus, which forms a bag around the fish, sealing in its scent." So, the correct answer is A.

4. d. The place where a living thing usually makes its home.

According to the section "Glossary" on page 46, we know that "habitat is the place where a living thing usually makes its home." So, the correct answer is D.

5. According to page 16, wild dogs, foxes, and bears dig homes called *dens*.

6. According to page 5, marmots dig homes called *burrows*.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

1. True. According to the section "Introduction" on page 4, we know that "Most animals build their houses for many houses themselves." So, the correct answer is True.

2. True. According to the section "Burrows, Dens, and Lodges" on page 16, we know that "(Bears do not truly hibernate: their body temperature does not drop and they can wake up quickly)." So, the correct answer is True.

3. False. According to the section "Living in a Colony" on page 30, we know that "About one in eight species nests in a colony." So, the correct answer is False.

4. False. According to the section "Animal Squatters" on page 40, we know that "But burrowing owls are known to move into the burrows of such animals as prairie dogs." So, the correct answer is False.

5. True. According to the section "Ranges, Caves, and Lodges" on page 22, we know that "Adapted to the dark conditions, they frequently have small eyes or none at all." So, the correct answer is True.

6. False. According to the section "Living on Others" on page 32, we know that "Acacia ants do not need to build nests—they live in bullhorn acacia trees, which give them both shelter and food." So, the correct answer is False.