



LEARNING LADDERS

World of Pets

Are dogs related to wolves? How many hours a day do cats spend sleeping? How often do hamsters give birth? Read *World of Pets* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. A dog is healthy when its nose is ...
 - a. Gross
 - b. Hot
 - c. Wet
 - d. Dry
2. To perch, a budgie uses its ...
 - a. Feathers
 - b. Wings
 - c. Toes
 - d. Beak
3. Hermit crabs live in ...
 - a. Empty shells
 - b. In a shell with another hermit crab
 - c. Nests
 - d. None of the above
4. Fish are covered in ...
 - a. Scales
 - b. Sequins
 - c. Feathers
 - d. Fur
5. A cockatoo is what—a kind of parrot or a type of fish?
6. Are guinea pigs related to pigs?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Pets are animals that keep us company. | _____ 4. Guinea pigs are known for their big ears. |
| _____ 2. A cat has a rough tongue that can pick up dirt. | _____ 5. Hamsters should be kept in cages with at least one other hamster. |
| _____ 3. A mother rabbit may have as many as 12 babies at a time. | _____ 6. Bettas cannot live together because they will fight one another. |

ANSWERS

- 1. c. Wet.** According to section "Dog" on page 6, we know that "A wet nose is often the sign of a healthy dog." So, the correct answer is C.
- 2. c. Toes.** According to section "Bird" on page 13, we know that "A budgie's toes help the bird hold onto a perch and climb." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. a. Empty shells.** According to section "Hermit Crab" on page 20, we know that "Hermit crabs live in the empty shells of snails or other animals." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. a. Scales.** According to section "Fish" on page 23, we know that "The skin of most kinds of fish is covered with scales." So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to page 12, a cockatoo is a kind of parrot.
- 6. No.** According to page 17, guinea pigs are not related to pigs. They belong to a group of rodents called cavies.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "Choosing a Pet" on page 4, we know that "Pets are animals that keep us company." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to section "Cat" on page 9, we know that "A cat has a rough tongue that can pick up dirt and comb its fur." So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. True.** According to section "Rabbit" on page 10, we know that "A mother rabbit may have as many as 12 babies at a time, and she may give birth several times a year." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section "Guinea Pig" on page 17, we know that "Guinea pigs have small ears." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. False.** According to section "Hamster" on page 18, we know that "They should not be kept in a cage with other hamsters." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. True.** According to section "Fish" on page 22, we know that "Bettas cannot live together because they will fight one another!" So, the correct answer is True.