

ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Raccoons and Their Relatives

Do raccoons wear masks? What do raccoons do at night? Read Raccoons and Their Relatives to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- 1. Raccoons are ...
 - a. Insectivores
 - b. Herbivores
 - c. Omnivores
 - d. Carnivores
- 2. A female raccoon can give birth to up to ...
 - a. 8 babies at once
 - b. 15 babies at once
 - c. 10 babies at once
 - d. 12 babies at once
- 3. Ringtails usually have ...
 - a. 10 to 13 black-and-white rings on their tails
 - b. 16 to 18 black-and-white rings on their tails
 - c. 30 to 33 black-and-white rings on their tails
 - d. 22 to 24 black-and-white rings on their tails

- 4. The type of raccoon relative that is often mistaken for a monkey is the ...
 - a. North American raccoon
 - b. Coati
 - c. Kinkajou
 - d. Crab-eating raccoon
- 5. What type of animal is this?



6. What type of animal is this?



TRUE	IK FALSE!	

 The crab-eating raccoon lives in Canada.
 2. Raccoons will eat just about

anything they can find.

3	Raccoons	are	mostly	nocturnal	

4. A ma	le raccoon's territory covers
about	200 to 350 acres.

 5. The cacomistle lives in dense,
moist forests.

_	6. President James Garfield kept a
	pet raccoon at the White House



ANSWERS

- 1. d. Carnivores. According to section "What Are Raccoons and Their Relatives?" on page 6, we know that "Raccoons and their relatives are carnivores, or meat-eaters." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. 8 babies at once. According to section "How Does a Mother Raccoon Care for Her Cubs?" on page 28, we know that "A female raccoon can give birth to up to eight babies at once, usually in the spring." So, the correct answer is A.
- **3. b. 16 to 18 black-and-white rings** on their tails. According to section "Are Ringtails Raccoons, Too?" on page 38, we know that "Ringtails usually have 16 to 18 black-and-white rings on their tails!" So, the correct answer is B.
- **4. c. Kinkajou.** According to section "Is the Kinkajou a Kind of Monkey?" on page 48, we know that "No, the kinkajou is often mistaken for a monkey, but it is actually a raccoon relative." So, the correct answer is C.

- According to page 45, this photo shows a South American coati.
- **6.** According to page 39, this photo shows a ringtail.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False. According to section "Where in the World Do These Animals Live?" on page 8, we know that "The crab-eating raccoon lives in parts of Central and South America and one some nearby islands." So, the correct answer is False.
- **2. True.** According to section "Are Raccoons Fussy Eaters?" on page 16, we know that "Raccoons are happy to dine on a wide variety of foods ... In fact, they will eat just about anything they can find." So, the correct answer is True.
- **3. True.** According to section "What Do Raccoons Do at Night?" on page 22, we know that "Raccoons are mostly nocturnal, or active at night." So, the correct answer is True.

- **4. False.** According to section "Do Raccoons Travel Much?" on page 32, we know that "A male's territory covers about 100 to 250 acres (40 to 100 hectares)." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True. According to section "Just What Is a Cacomistle?" on page 42, we know that "A cacomistle us a close relative of the ringtail. But instead of living in rocky areas as the ringtail does, the cacomistle lives in dense, moist forests." So, the correct answer is True.
- **6. False.** According to section "Do Raccoons and People Get Along?" on page 56, we know that "In the 1920's, U.S. President Calvin Coolidge and First Lady Grace Coolidge kept a pet raccoon at the White House." So, the correct answer is False.

