Animal Group Behavior

Grade 3 Science Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. A pod of orcas swims together to make a wave that washes a seal off the ice. What does working together help them do?
   - make the ice floe sink
   - rest while they swim
   - warn other pods to stay away
   - catch food that one orca could not reach

2. Thousands of termites build one large mound together. What does this give the colony?
   - a home too big for one termite to build
   - a mound that moves each year
   - food without leaving the nest
   - a home that one termite could finish

3. Fire ants link their bodies to make a bridge over a gap. What does this help the colony do?
   - build a bridge that lasts for years
   - cross the gap as a group
   - call other colonies to help
   - carry water back to the nest

4. Honeybees divide up jobs. Some guard the entrance while others collect nectar. Why?
   - so each bee works only one day
   - so fewer bees are needed in the hive
   - so the queen can gather nectar
   - so the hive gets food and stays protected at once

5. After a wolf pack catches food, what happens to pups that did not join the hunt?
   - the pack leader eats their share
   - they still get fed because the pack shares
   - they wait until they can hunt on their own
   - they eat only plants until they are grown

6. Several adult elephants take turns watching the calves in a herd. What does sharing this job help the herd do?

let one adult raise all the calves

give each calf less attention

protect the calves even when one adult is busy

keep the calves apart from the herd

7. Canada geese fly south in a V shape. What does this shape help the geese do?

let the lead goose see the birds behind it

save energy by riding air lifted by the bird ahead

help the geese sleep while flying

keep each goose at the same height

8. Which behavior is not a group behavior?

Wolves hunt together in a pack.

A turtle sleeps by itself under a log.

Bees work together in a hive.

Fish swim together in a school.

9. A herd of deer watches for danger while some deer eat. How can the group help them survive?

herds help deer remember the best grazing spots

standing close makes the herd look like one giant animal

the biggest deer guards the others by itself

more eyes can watch for predators while others eat

10. A pride of lions hunts a zebra together. Why does this help them?

several lions together can catch prey one lion could not

lions in a group each need less food

a group makes less noise than one lion

a group chases prey away from the den

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