Animal Group Behavior

Grade 3 Science Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. Weaver birds build many nests close together in one tree. What does nesting close together help the birds do?

   watch for predators together

   build one giant nest instead of many

   share body warmth through the cold season

   find food without leaving the tree

2. Thousands of starlings twist and turn together in the sky. What does flying this way help them do?

   help the flock fly in a straight line

   keep the flock the same size all winter

   let the oldest starlings choose the route

   make it hard for a hawk to target one bird

3. Many seals gather on the same beach to have their pups. How does this help the pups?

   the pups learn to swim on the sand

   each pup gets fed by many mothers

   more adult seals nearby can help protect them

   gathering keeps the beach warmer

4. Meerkats take turns standing guard through the day. Why do they take turns?

   so the biggest meerkat can guard the longest

   so the guard can eat before the others

   so every meerkat gets time to rest and eat

   so each meerkat can pick a favorite lookout

5. 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

   warn other pods to stay away

   rest while they swim

   catch food that one orca could not reach

6. Thousands of termites build one large mound together. What does this give the colony?

a home too big for one termite to build

food without leaving the nest

a home that one termite could finish

a mound that moves each year

7. Fire ants link their bodies to make a bridge over a gap. What does this help the colony do?

call other colonies to help

carry water back to the nest

cross the gap as a group

build a bridge that lasts for years

8. Honeybees divide up jobs. Some guard the entrance while others collect nectar. Why?

so the queen can gather nectar

so the hive gets food and stays protected at once

so each bee works only one day

so fewer bees are needed in the hive

9. After a wolf pack catches food, what happens to pups that did not join the hunt?

the pack leader eats their share

they eat only plants until they are grown

they still get fed because the pack shares

they wait until they can hunt on their own

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

keep the calves apart from the herd

give each calf less attention

let one adult raise all the calves

protect the calves even when one adult is busy

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