Animal Group Behavior

Grade 3 Science Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. 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

   help the geese sleep while flying

   save energy by riding air lifted by the bird ahead

   keep each goose at the same height

2. Which behavior is not a group behavior?

   Fish swim together in a school.

   Bees work together in a hive.

   Wolves hunt together in a pack.

   A turtle sleeps by itself under a log.

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

   the biggest deer guards the others by itself

   more eyes can watch for predators while others eat

   herds help deer remember the best grazing spots

   standing close makes the herd look like one giant animal

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

   lions in a group each need less food

   a group makes less noise than one lion

   several lions together can catch prey one lion could not

   a group chases prey away from the den

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

   share body warmth through the cold season

   watch for predators together

   build one giant nest instead of many

   find food without leaving the tree

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

- let the oldest starlings choose the route
- make it hard for a hawk to target one bird
- help the flock fly in a straight line
- keep the flock the same size all winter

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

- each pup gets fed by many mothers
- more adult seals nearby can help protect them
- the pups learn to swim on the sand
- gathering keeps the beach warmer

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

- so every meerkat gets time to rest and eat
- so each meerkat can pick a favorite lookout
- so the guard can eat before the others
- so the biggest meerkat can guard the longest

9. A pod of orcas swims together to make a wave that washes a seal off the ice. What does working together help them do?

- warn other pods to stay away
- catch food that one orca could not reach
- make the ice floe sink
- rest while they swim

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

- a mound that moves each year
- food without leaving the nest
- a home too big for one termite to build
- a home that one termite could finish

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