Animal Group Behavior

Grade 3 Science Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. 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

   carry water back to the nest

   call other colonies to help

   cross the gap as a group

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

   so the hive gets food and stays protected at once

   so fewer bees are needed in the hive

   so each bee works only one day

   so the queen can gather nectar

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

   they still get fed because the pack shares

   the pack leader eats their share

   they eat only plants until they are grown

   they wait until they can hunt on their own

4. 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

   protect the calves even when one adult is busy

   give each calf less attention

   let one adult raise all the calves

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

   keep each goose at the same height

   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

6. Which behavior is not a group behavior?

- Fish swim together in a school.
- Wolves hunt together in a pack.
- Bees work together in a hive.
- A turtle sleeps by itself under a log.

7. 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
- herds help deer remember the best grazing spots
- standing close makes the herd look like one giant animal
- more eyes can watch for predators while others eat

8. 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
- a group chases prey away from the den
- several lions together can catch prey one lion could not

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

- find food without leaving the tree
- watch for predators together
- share body warmth through the cold season
- build one giant nest instead of many

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

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

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