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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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   Two Animals, One Warm Forest

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4. Which heading best fits the fifth paragraph?

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