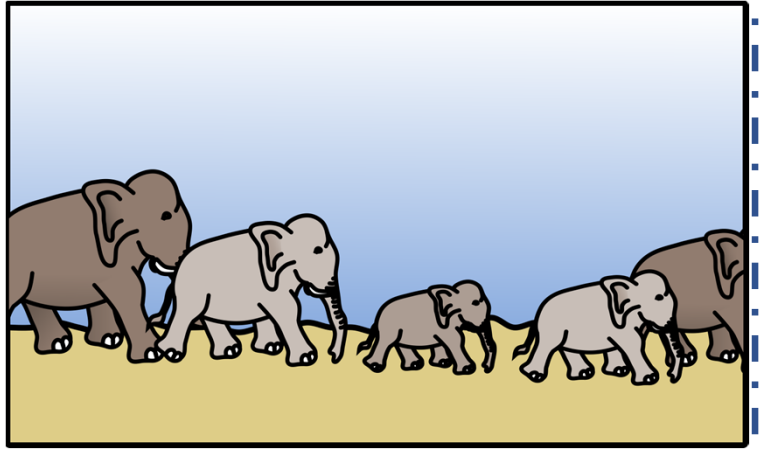


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Animal Partnerships



Do you know why so many animals stay together in groups? When animals stick together in groups, it helps them to survive. Sticking together provides protection from

predators and it helps the animals find food more easily. Zebras often travel in large numbers and will share the food they find in the open grasslands.

They stick together to scare off their predators. Bees also live together in groups. Their hive gives them protection and they always work together to find food and to build their hives. Birds travel together in flocks. When they travel in a flock, they too can watch out for predators, find food and travel together when they migrate. Elephants live in herds together. They are safer and they find food and water as a group. They are always looking out for each other making sure danger isn't close. Fish will form large schools to protect themselves, the smaller fish will stay in the middle which protects them from their predators. When the fish stay in schools, they share the task of locating food and looking for places to spawn. Even insects like to live in colonies, working to share food and take care of their young. Animals stay in groups, because it helps with survival. They look out for each other, work together, find shelter and food which helps them thrive and survive.

1. Read the passage about Animal Partnerships
2. Underline each word / sentence that you could not read or understand.
3. Answer the questions.

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. When animals stick together in groups, it helps them to:**
 - a. have friends
 - b. not get lost
 - c. survive

- 2. Sticking together in groups provides animals with protection from:**
 - a. freezing
 - b. predators
 - c. the hot sun

- 3. Birds travel together in:**
 - a. flocks
 - b. packs
 - c. a school

- 4. When fish travel together, the smaller fish stay:**
 - a. at the back
 - b. in the middle
 - c. in the front

- 5. Most importantly, animals stick together to:**
 - a. find food and keep predators away
 - b. find water and work together for shelter
 - c. all of above

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

- 1. Inferring**
- 2. Making Connections**
- 3. Summarizing**
- 4. Visualizing**

- 1. Why is it important to animal survival to stay in groups?**
- 2. How are humans and animals alike as far as groups go?**
- 3. In 2 sentences explain what this reading passage is all about.**
- 4. What images occur in your mind after reading this? What types of things can you visualize?**

- 1. Can you think of other animals that stay together and how it helps them thrive and survive?**