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Groups of Animals

Animals often live within groups, together like friends. Whether it's birds, deer, geese, turtles, fish, ants, bees, they all have one thing in common—they like to be part of a group.



Why do they like being in a group? It makes their lives much easier! When they are hungry, they work together to find food. The rabbits will hop around, looking for carrots, while the birds fly high to spot berries and the chipmunks gather nuts and seeds to share. These groups share everything they find, so no one goes hungry.

They also have to protect themselves from sneaky predators. When animals stay in a group, they can look out for each other. The big animals, like the bears, can roar loudly, and the small ones, like the squirrels, can quickly hide and signal the others to hide as well. Together, groups of animals are safer.

The weather outdoors can change a lot. It can be sunny one day and rainy the next. But the animals don't worry because they have each other. When it rains, they huddle together under the trees or bushes to stay warm and wait for the sun to come back out.

Groups can be big, like a whole flock of geese, or small, like a family of ants. But no matter the size, being in a group is special. It helps the animals find food, stay safe, and be happy, even when things change.

1. Read the passage about "Groups of Animals".
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Animals like to live together in groups like:**
 - a. families
 - b. teams
 - c. friends

- 2. Animals like to be in groups because it makes their lives:**
 - a. friendlier
 - b. easier
 - c. enjoyable

- 3. It is easier for groups of animals to protect themselves from:**
 - a. predators
 - b. storms
 - c. hunters

- 4. When it rains, some groups of animals do this under trees or bushes:**
 - a. sleep
 - b. huddle
 - c. snuggle

- 5. Most importantly, groups of animals:**
 - a. sleep, play and find predators
 - b. hunt, fish and swarm
 - c. find food, stay safe and are happier

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

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

1. Why do you think the animals prefer being in a group over being alone?
 2. What do you think are some of the challenges of being in a group?
 3. Provide 3 facts about this reading passage.
 4. Describe a groups of animals that you have seen.
- Describe a time when you were part of a group and how you felt.
 - What would happen if animals weren't in part of a group?
 - What animal group would you prefer to be a part of and why?
 - How do you think the groups differ in the water? in the air? on the land?