



Bears and Raccoons

A. Reading

Raccoons and bears are similar animals in many ways. Bears are found in the Canadian wilderness, and raccoons are too. Bears eat a wide range of foods, and raccoons do too. Bears are omnivores (they eat meat as well as plant food), and raccoons are too. Bears especially enjoy eating garbage. They have often been found rummaging through people's garbage, and so have raccoons! Bears have sharp pointed teeth, and raccoons do too. Bears can be very effective predators, and so can raccoons. During the last century, bears have become more and more used to the presence of humans and less timid. Bears are often seen in towns and in people's yards, and so are raccoons. There is one big difference between bears and raccoons. Bears hibernate during the winter, but raccoons don't. Raccoons don't sleep through the entire winter, but they are less active.

Bears and Raccoons cont.

B. Questions

1. Are raccoons found in the Canadian wilderness?

2. Do bears and raccoons eat similar types of food?
What do they like to eat?

3. Are raccoons ever found eating people's garbage?

4. Is it true that bears have sharp, pointed teeth
and that raccoons have dull, rounded teeth?

5. Are raccoons good hunters?

6. What is the big difference between bears and raccoons?



The Plight of the Prisoner and the Caged Bird

A. Reading

A prisoner and a bird in a cage lead very similar existences. A prisoner isn't free to do as he or she wishes, and neither is a bird in a cage. A prisoner can't travel far or see new places, and neither can a bird in a cage. A prisoner cannot interact freely with others, and neither can a bird in a cage. A prisoner is isolated from friends and family, and so is a bird in a cage. A prisoner can't live out his or her dreams, and neither can a bird in a cage. A prisoner may go insane from loneliness and boredom, and so might a bird in a cage.

The Plight of the Prisoner and the Caged Bird cont.

B. Questions

1. Is a bird in a cage free to do as it wishes?

2. Can a bird in a cage travel far and see new places?

3. Can a bird in a cage interact with as many other birds as it wishes?

4. Are prisoners and caged birds both isolated from friends and family?

5. Might a caged bird go insane from loneliness and boredom?



Two Artists in New York

A. Reading

Jane and Ian are friends. They are both artists. Jane enjoys painting, and so does Ian. Ian loves photography, and so does Jane. Jane has a large studio in New York, and so does Ian. However, Jane doesn't make sculptures, and Ian doesn't either. They find it too messy. Jane doesn't make a lot of money, and Ian doesn't either. It's hard to be an artist sometimes. Ian finds great inspiration in landscapes, and so does Jane. Ian paints trees, lakes, and natural settings, but Jane prefers cityscapes. Ian loves painting people and portraits, but Jane doesn't. Sometimes they go to art galleries together. Ian loves Impressionism, but Jane doesn't. Often they disagree on which galleries to visit. Luckily, they remain friends despite their disagreements.

Two Artists in New York cont.

B. Questions

1. Does Ian enjoy painting?

2. Does Jane love photography?

3. Do both Jane and Ian have large studios in New York?

4. Does Ian like making sculptures? Why or why not?

5. Do both Ian and Jane make a lot of money?

6. Do both Jane and Ian find great inspiration in landscapes?

7. Does Jane like painting trees and natural settings? If not, what does she prefer?

8. Does Jane like Impressionism? Does Ian?

Comprehension

A. True or False?

Write T if the answer is true, and write F if the answer is false.

- _____ 1. Clowns are funny, and comedians are too.
- _____ 2. Fish like to swim, and so do whales.
- _____ 3. Birds can fly, and so can cats.
- _____ 4. Snails don't move fast, and neither do slugs.
- _____ 5. Mexico has a warm climate, and Alaska does too.
- _____ 6. Garbage doesn't smell good, and neither does soap.
- _____ 7. People don't wear shorts in the snow, and they don't wear bathing suits either.
- _____ 8. Orchestras don't use guitars, and rock stars don't either.
- _____ 9. Apples grow on trees, but carrots grow underground.

B. Complete the Sentences

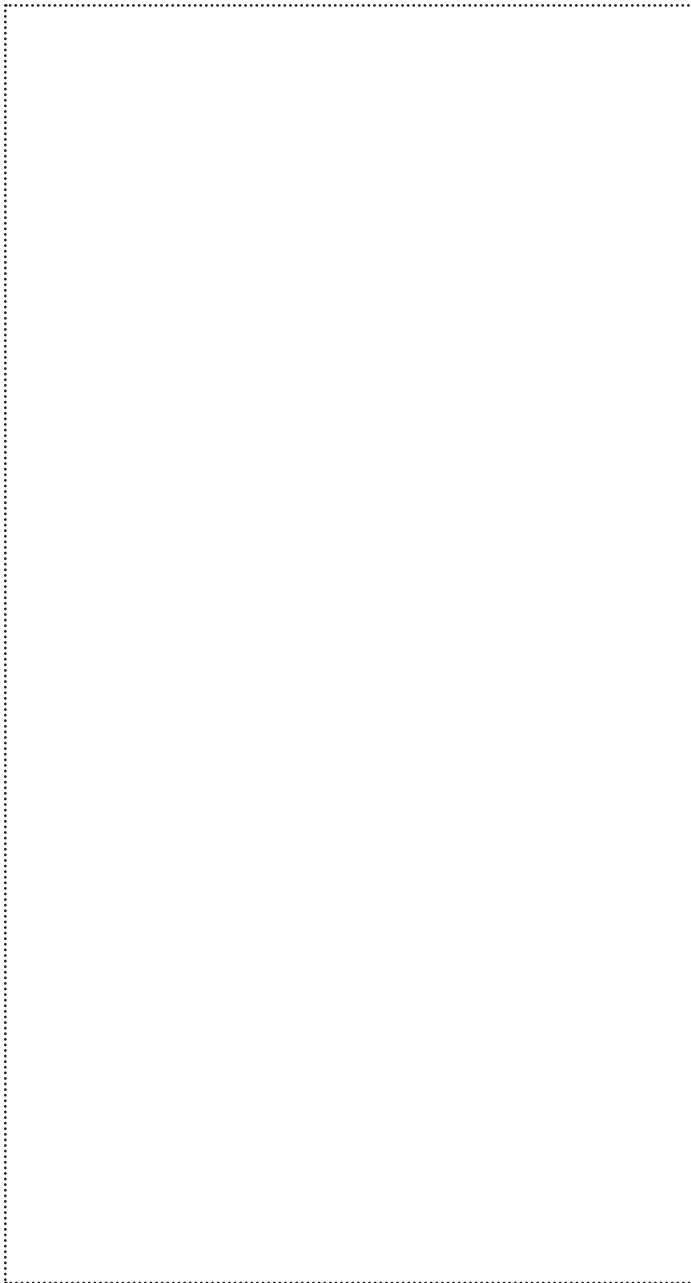
Complete the following sentences using the connectors in parentheses.

- 1. Cigarettes are addictive, and _____ .
(too)
- 2. My friends are nice, and _____ .
(so)
- 3. I'm not scared of ghosts, and _____ .
(neither)
- 4. John doesn't like vegetables, and _____ .
(either)

About You

A. Drawing

Draw a picture of yourself and one other person in the box, or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Now write a short paragraph about yourself and the other person using connectors.

Your Own Story

A. Drawing

Draw a picture in the box, or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Using connectors, write a short paragraph about the picture in the box. Use your notebook if you don't have enough space below.

Your Own Story cont.

C. Questions

Write five questions about your paragraph.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. Answers

Give your story and questions to a classmate.

Have them read your story and answer your questions below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____