

An unusual insect

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question:

- 1 Which of the following is TRUE?
 - a. The hissing cockroach looks like a snake.
 - b. It can be found all over the world.
 - c. It lives only on an island near Africa.
- 2 What do we know for certain about this cockroach?
 - a. It makes a sound.
 - b. It lives in dead trees.
 - c. It eats fruit.
- 3 What is unusual about the female hissing cockroach?
 - a. It lays about 30 – 60 eggs.
 - b. It doesn't lay eggs.
 - c. It is not so different from other cockroaches.
- 4 In what way is this insect different from other cockroaches?
 - a. It doesn't have wings.
 - b. It doesn't live as long as other cockroaches.
 - c. It can fly but it doesn't have wings.
- 5 Why do teachers and students choose this insect to study at school?
 - a. Because it is so different from other cockroaches.
 - b. Because it is easy to look after.
 - c. Both the above reasons.

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. Where is Madagascar?

2. What does the cockroach probably eat?

3. What is most unusual about this insect?

4. How many babies can a female produce at one time?

5. Why is this a good insect for students to study in class? (give 3 reasons)

ANSWER KEY (An unusual insect)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. c

Exercise 2

1. *off the coast of Africa*
2. *fruit*
3. *it makes sound*
4. *thirty to sixty*
5. *it is interesting; it is easy to take care of; it seems to enjoy living with people*

How Animals 'Talk'

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question:

1. What do animals use to send messages?
 - a. Words
 - b. Sentences
 - c. Senses
2. What message can animals send with their sense of smell?
 - a. 'Go away!'
 - b. 'Come here!'
 - c. Both the above messages
3. If a male butterfly can smell a female three kilometers away, this will help him to...
 - a. warn his enemies.
 - b. find a partner.
 - c. get away from danger.
4. If a cat raises its tail, what do we know?
 - a. It's angry.
 - b. It's sad.
 - c. It's happy.
5. What do elephants do to show friendship?
 - a. They kiss.
 - b. They hold each other close.
 - c. They hold each other's trunk.

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. What do animals use to talk to each other?

2. Which animals are best at 'singing songs' to send messages?

3. How do dogs show they're angry?

4. How does a monkey show it's angry?

5. What do big cats do to show friendship?

ANSWER KEY (How Animals 'Talk')**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

1. c
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. c

Exercise 2 Short answers

1. *their senses*
2. *whales*
3. *they show their teeth*
4. *it raises its eyes*
5. *hold their face close to each other*

Leeches

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the correct answer for each question:

1. What do leeches look like?
 - a. Small and dangerous
 - b. Large and dangerous
 - c. Small and not dangerous
2. Where do leeches live?
 - a. At the tops of trees
 - b. On the forest floor
 - c. On animals
3. What do leeches eat?
 - a. Leaves on the forest floor
 - b. Animal meat
 - c. Blood
4. How many times must a leech eat each year?
 - a. Two times
 - b. Three times
 - c. More than that
5. Why are people so afraid of them?
 - a. They drink blood during operations.
 - b. No one is really sure.
 - c. They can make people sick.

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. How big are most leeches?

2. Where do they get their blood from?

3. How do they get the blood?

4. How much blood can they drink?

5. Why are they useful for doctors?

ANSWER KEY (Leeches)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. B

Exercise 2

1. *less than one centimeter*
2. *animals and humans*
3. *sink their teeth through the skin and drink*
4. *as much as three times their own weight*
5. *They take away blood during operations*

Pitcher plants

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the correct answer for each question:

1. Where does the pitcher plant get its name?
 - a. It eats insects.
 - b. Its shape.
 - c. It has water inside.
2. Why are pitcher plants interesting?
 - a. They eat insects.
 - b. They can carry water.
 - c. They have a strange shape.
3. Why do insects climb inside the plant?
 - a. They are looking for meat.
 - b. There is some sweet liquid inside.
 - c. They like the shape of the plant.
4. Can these plants eat human meat?
 - a. Yes, they can.
 - b. No, they cannot.
 - c. We don't know.
5. What do we know about the biggest pitcher plants?
 - a. A small child could fall inside.
 - b. They're difficult to see.
 - c. They hold almost one litre.

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. What is a 'pitcher'?

2. What do pitcher plants usually eat?

3. How much water can the biggest plants hold?

4. What do we know about the smallest pitcher plants?

5. Why is there no need for people to worry about the pitcher plant?

ANSWER KEY (Pitcher plants)

Exercise 1 Comprehension

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. c

Exercise 2

1. *something for carrying water*
2. *insects*
3. *almost one litre*
4. *it's difficult to see them*
5. *It's too small for a person to fall inside.*

The biggest flower in the world

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question:

1. Rafflesias are
 - a) very big
 - b) small
 - c) very small
2. There are _____ species of rafflesia?
 - a) 13 species
 - b) 14 species
 - c) more than 14 species
3. Which of these countries do NOT have rafflesias?
 - a) Japan
 - b) Malaysia
 - c) Indonesia
4. It is difficult to find rafflesia?
 - a) True
 - b) False
 - c) We don't know
5. How long does the flower stay open?
 - a) A day
 - b) A week
 - c) A month

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. How big can a rafflesia flower grow?

2. Where do rafflesias grow?

3. How do rafflesias get their food?

4. How long does a rafflesia flower stay alive?

5. Why did people buy rafflesias at the market?

ANSWER KEY (The biggest flower in the world)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

1. a
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. b

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. *up to one metre across*
2. *only in Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia*
3. *they take everything they need from other plants*
4. *one week*
5. *to make a special medicine*

The Importance of pets

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question:

1. Which of these is **TRUE**?
 - a. There are four million cats in Britain.
 - b. There are six million cats in Britain.
 - c. There are four million people in Britain who own cats.

2. Which one is more likely to have a weak heart?
 - a. Someone who owns a cat.
 - b. Someone who has a pet goldfish.
 - c. Someone who doesn't live with an animal.

3. Why are pets good for people?
 - a. Pets take care of their owners.
 - b. People with pets don't think about themselves so much.
 - c. People with pets don't take good care of the animals.

4. Which of these is **NOT TRUE**?
 - a. Only cats and dogs can stop you getting sick.
 - b. Even a goldfish can keep you healthy.
 - c. All pets are good for your health.

5. What happened when doctors brought animals into hospital?
 - a. The patients didn't get better.
 - b. Many of the sick people started to get better.
 - c. The traditional medicine made the sick people better.

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. How many people in Britain think they own a cat?

2. How many cats are there in Britain?

3. What are the favorite pets in Britain?

4. What happens when people forget their own problems?

5. What happened to the cancer patients in hospital when animals were brought in?

ANSWER KEY (The Importance of pets)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. b

Exercise 2 Short answers

1. *six million*
2. *four million*
3. *cats and dogs*
4. *They feel better*
5. *Many of them showed signs of getting better; a few recovered completely*

The Saltwater Crocodile

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question:

1. Why does the crocodile have to lie in the sun?
 - a. It's so big.
 - b. It has cold blood.
 - c. It lives in the water.
2. How long can the female crocodile grow?
 - a. Over seven meters long.
 - b. Almost as big as the male.
 - c. Around three and a half meters.
3. What makes them strong swimmers?
 - a. Their strong tails.
 - b. Their excellent sense of smell.
 - c. The fact they can live as long as one hundred years.
4. What will crocodiles **NOT** eat?
 - a. Other animals
 - b. People
 - c. Plants
5. Where's the best place for crocodile skin?
 - a. On a bag
 - b. On a pair of shoes
 - c. On a living crocodile

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. Where can saltwater crocodiles be found?

2. Name three reptiles from the passage.

3. How long can they stay under the water?

4. How many eggs does the female lay at one time?

5. What is the greatest danger for these crocodiles?

ANSWER KEY (The Saltwater Crocodile)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. c
5. c

Exercise 2 Short answers

1. Asia, New Guinea, Australia, America and Africa
2. snake, lizard, crocodile
3. as long as five hours
4. between forty and sixty
5. people hunt them for their skins

A strange animal

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question:

1. Which is the longest part of the tarsier?
 - a. Its body
 - b. Its tail
 - c. Its feet
2. Which of these does the tarsier **NOT** eat?
 - a. Leaves
 - b. Fish
 - c. Insects
3. Why does the tarsier sleep in a high tree during the day?
 - a. It looks for food there.
 - b. It has long feet which help it to jump from tree to tree.
 - c. It's safe there.
4. Which of these is **TRUE**?
 - a. The tarsier is brown in color.
 - b. The tarsier has large eyes.
 - c. The tarsier has a very big brain.
5. Why do the people in Indonesia and the Philippines call it '*hantu*'?
 - a. It hunts at night.
 - b. It has big eyes.
 - c. We don't know

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write short answers for each question:

1. How long is the tarsier from one end to the other?

2. How heavy is the tarsier?

3. When does it hunt for food?

4. How far can it jump at one time?

5. Where does it live?

ANSWER KEY (A strange animal)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. c

Exercise 2 Short answers

1. *It can be more than thirty centimeters long*
2. *only around one hundred and twenty grams*
3. *at night*
4. *almost three metres*
5. *in Indonesia and the Philippines*