

**Asset Practice Answers: English**

The Okapi

The Okapi is also known as the forest giraffe. It is found in the rainforests of Africa. It mostly roams

about alone in the nights.

Its quick speed allows it to escape whenever it senses danger. Its coat is deep reddish-brown and it

has zebra-like stripes on its upper legs. It looks a little like a giraffe but it is much smaller in size.

Like the giraffe, the okapi has a very long sticky tongue. It uses it to pull tender new leaves off forest

trees. It also licks its eyes and cleans its ears with its long tongue. Its large ears help it to hear very

well.

The Okapi is a plant-eater. It eats leaves, shoots, fruit, and berries, spending most of its time eating. It

swallows its food without chewing it. After a while, it brings up this food to the mouth again, chews it

and then swallows it for the last time.

Source: The Okapi - <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/okapi/Okapi.shtml>

1. What does the Okapi do when it is in danger?

A. It climbs up a tree.

B. It hides its face in the ground.

**C. It runs away very fast.**

D. It hides under water.

2. Where is the Okapi found?

**A. in the rainforests**

B. in the caves in the forests

C. on the trees

D. near the zebras

3. In which of these ways does the Okapi use its tongue?

A. to catch flies to eat

B. to keep its teeth sharp

C. to clean its legs and body

**D. to clean its ears and eyes**

4. Which word from the passage means ' to run away from danger '?

A. allow

B. roam

**C. escape**

D. use

A weary traveller once bought seven cakes. Tired and hungry, he gobbled up the first three. But this hurried eating did not make his hunger any less.

So he decided to eat another cake. Thereafter, he quickly ate a fifth and a sixth cake. He was no longer mad with hunger. Yet, he was glad he had one cake left.

Next, he started on the seventh cake. This time, he ate more slowly. And, as he finished the last mouthful of the last cake, he felt very pleased and satisfied.

Then he began to feel very sad. It had taken him so long to satisfy his hunger. The man said: What a fool

I’ve been. I should have eaten the seventh cake first! Then, my hunger would have gone away at once. Besides, I could have saved the rest of the cakes.

Listening to the man babbling , everyone laughed at him.

5. Which of these words from the story means ' ate very quickly '?

A. finished

**B. gobbled**

C. hurried

D. decided

6. What does ' babbling ' mean in this sentence from the passage?

‘Listening to the man babbling, everyone laughed at him.’

A. singing loudly

**B. talking foolishly**

C. snoring in sleep

D. laughing noisily

7. The yaks live together in herds.

The word 'herd ' in this sentence means that they live

A. in pairs.

**B. in groups.**

C. in safe places.

D. in the forest.

8. “How many of you would like to become great without having to work hard?”

In the sentence above, the word 'great' means\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. large in number

B. bigger in size

C. more than usual

**D. important and famous**

9. ''Ramana Athreya saw a pair of strange birds. ''

In this line, '' strange '' means something that is '' \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_''.

A. real

B. large

C. pretty

**D. different**

10. Which word from the passage is connected with '' groups ''?

**A. flocks**

B. shelters

C. distances

D. feathers

11. 'Empty wrappers' are wrappers that have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. something in them

**B. nothing in them**

C. light things in them

D. heavy things in them

12. The word wonderful means the SAME as

A. many.

**B. lovely.**

C. little.

D. kind.



1. C: We know that the okapi runs fast especially when it is in danger, from this sentence: Its quick speed allows it to

escape whenever it senses danger. None of the other options are correct as they don't tell us that the okapi does any of

these things when it knows danger is near.

2. A: The passage clearly tells us that the okapi is found in the rainforests of Africa. They are not found in caves in the

forests. So option B is not the correct answer.

3. D: In the passage we come to know that the okapi has a very long sticky tongue. It uses it to lick its eyes and clean its

ears. Option A is not the correct answer as the passage tells us that the okapi is a plant eater and flies are not plants but

are insects.

4. C: The word," escape " means " to run away from danger ". The word," allow " means to " give permission". It does not

mean to run away from somewhere or from danger. So A is the wrong answer.

5. B: The word, " gobbled " means, " ate quickly and greedily ". The words, " seven cakes, tired and hungry, and hurried eating " give us hints about the meaning of the word, " gobbled ". The word, " hurried " means " quick ". It does not mean, " eating " also. So C is wrong.

6. B: The word, “babbling” means “talking foolishly ". Since he had already eaten the cakes, it is foolish to say, that he should have eaten the seventh cake first and still believe that if he had eaten the seventh cake first he would have had

six cakes left with him. D is wrong because the man was not laughing, it was the others watching him and listening to him who actually laughed.

7. B: A herd is a group of animals like the elephants, cows etc. It does not mean "safe places". So C is wrong.

8. D: The correct meaning of "great" is given in option D. It does not mean "large in number" but someone important and famous.

9. D: The word, " strange " means something that is not seen everywhere or anywhere else. That means they are different things. It does not mean, “real things".

10. A: The word, " flocks " means, " a group of animals or birds ". Ostriches are birds. That means option A is correct. So the meaning of " flocks " does not mean, " a group of watchmen ".

11. B: The word, " empty " means the opposite of " full ". If a glass is "full", it means there is a lot of something. If a glass is empty, then there is nothing in the glass. In the same way wrappers that are empty are wrappers that have nothing in them. That means option A, "something in them" is not the correct answer.

12. B: The word, " wonderful " also means, " lovely " or " beautiful ". It does not mean "kind". So D is not the correct answer.