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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of *Nature Stinks!?*
  - Ⓐ Furry animals can shoot smelly liquid at other animals.
  - Ⓑ Some animals smell bad to protect themselves.
  - Ⓒ Being stinky helps some plants and animals stay alive.
2. Which of the following is a fact?
  - Ⓐ An anteater is the smelliest animal in the world.
  - Ⓑ Opossums have pouches, like kangaroos.
  - Ⓒ The stinkpot turtle is smelly but cute.
3. Why did the author write *Nature Stinks!?*
  - Ⓐ to inform the reader about why some plants and animals stink
  - Ⓑ to warn the reader to stay away from all stinky animals and plants
  - Ⓒ to tell funny stories about people getting sprayed by animals
4. How are a skunk and a polecat similar?
  - Ⓐ They both make a stinky green slime.
  - Ⓑ They both can only spray once a day.
  - Ⓒ They both raise their tail and spray when scared.
5. Which word means the same thing as **rotten**?
  - Ⓐ tasty
  - Ⓑ spoiled
  - Ⓒ fresh
6. **Extended Response:** How does a stinkbug protect itself?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Nature Stinks!

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include the following: *A stinkbug protects itself by spraying a hot, stinky liquid when an enemy gets close.*