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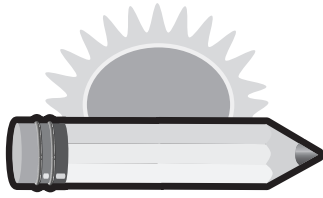


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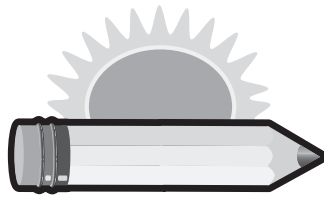
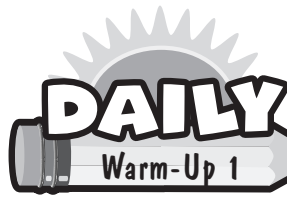


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GREAT-HORNED OWLS

Have you ever heard a hoot as the sun goes down? This may be the cry of a great-horned owl. She is looking for her dinner.

Great-horned owls have sharp eyes and ears. They see and hear small animals. Then, they swoop down and grab their prey.

Great-horned owls eat mice, frogs, snakes, and small birds. They also eat insects. They can fly without making a sound.

Great-horned owls hoot to other owls in the forest. Their brown and black feathers make them hard to see in the daytime. You may see one flying at dawn or dusk. Be very quiet. Then, you may hear owls calling out to each other through the trees.



STORY QUESTIONS

- In this passage, the word *swoop* means . . .
 - run.
 - fly.
 - skip.
 - skate.
- Which statement is **false**?
 - Great-horned owls don't see well.
 - Great-horned owls fly in silence.
 - Great-horned owls eat snakes.
 - Great-horned owls have feathers.
- What colors are the great-horned owl's feathers?
 - black and white
 - blue and red
 - brown and orange
 - brown and black
- Which animal does the great-horned owl **not** eat?
 - frog
 - snake
 - small bird
 - bear



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CATS

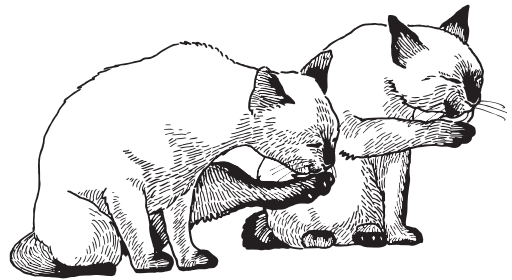
Do you have a cat at home? If so, you know what amazing creatures they are.

Cats learn about the weather from their whiskers. They can tell if it is hot or cold, wet or dry. Their whiskers also help them to find their way in the dark.

Indoor cats like to play with balls. They also love to play with string. You can toss a catnip mouse and train your cat to bring it back to you.

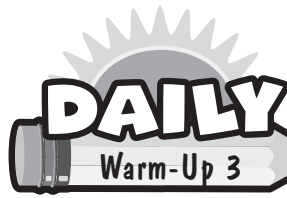
One of the best things about cats is their fur. They keep themselves very clean. They are soft and warm. Most cats like to be brushed and petted. They also like to sit on your lap.

Many cats do not have a home. They are cold and hungry. You can adopt one from your local shelter. Then, you will have an amazing creature of your own.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Cats learn about the weather from their . . .
 - a. tails.
 - b. fur.
 - c. whiskers.
 - d. teeth.
2. You can train your cat to . . .
 - a. cook dinner.
 - b. bring back a catnip mouse.
 - c. brush your hair.
 - d. play football.
3. How do you think a cat cleans its fur?
 - a. by taking a shower
 - b. by swimming in the ocean
 - c. by soaking in the bathtub
 - d. by licking itself
4. In this story, the word *shelter* means . . .
 - a. a place that holds stray cats.
 - b. a teepee.
 - c. a doghouse.
 - d. a tent.



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THE CROW

You can find crows almost any place. These birds are very smart. They can even talk! Crows can live in forests. They can live near houses. They can even live in big cities. They eat bugs, berries, fruit, and scraps of food.

Crows have large brains. They hide bits of food and save them for later. They can learn how to crack nuts. They even make tools out of twigs.

Crows talk to each other. They caw and squeak. They can learn human language, too. Some crows can learn to ring a bell when asked. Others can laugh on command. Crows are interesting birds!



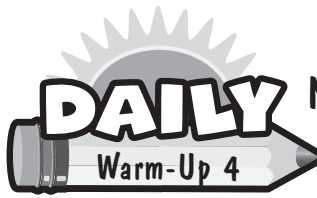
STORY QUESTIONS

- Why do you think crows can live almost any place?
 - They carry big suitcases.
 - They can eat many different types of food.
 - They like to ride the subway.
 - They steal people's beds.
- Which statement is **true**?

a. Crows can learn to drive a car.	c. Crows can make their own tools.
b. Crows can live on the moon.	d. Crows are not very smart.
- In this story, the words *on command* mean . . .

a. when asked to do so.	c. when thrown in jail.
b. when forced to do so.	d. when someone says "pretty please."
- Why would a crow need to make a tool?

a. to fix its car	c. to record itself laughing
b. to repair a sink	d. to get bugs out of the cracks in trees



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THE POLAR BEAR

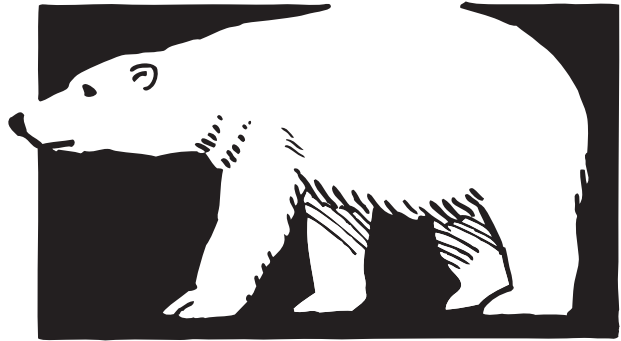
The polar bear makes its home in the cold and icy Arctic. Other animals might freeze or starve. But the polar bear knows how to live in the snow.

Polar bears have thick blubber, or fat, that protects them from the cold. They also have a thick fur coat.

The polar bear's coat is white. This allows it to blend into the snow. That way, the polar bear can sneak up on its prey.

Polar bears swim well. They eat seals, walruses, small whales, and rodents. In the summer, they may eat berries.

Polar bears will also eat people. They may look cute and furry, but be careful of this big bear!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Polar bears are found in . . .
 - a. sunny Florida.
 - b. tropical jungles.
 - c. the freezing Arctic.
 - d. the Pacific Ocean.
2. Polar bears can live in the cold because . . .
 - a. they have fireplaces.
 - b. they have thick fur coats.
 - c. they wear socks.
 - d. they eat blubber for lunch.
3. Which sentence is **true**?
 - a. Polar bears blend into the snow.
 - b. Polar bears are black.
 - c. Polar bears blend into brown rocks.
 - d. Polar bears are white and black.
4. Which of the following do polar bears not eat?
 - a. people
 - b. walruses
 - c. rodents
 - d. salad