

Answer Key

Before You Read

- I. Circle the animals that match the words.
stripes – bee, skunk
spines – hedgehog, porcupine
paws – dog, wolf
shell – turtle, armadillo
- II. Scan through the book and write the name of each character.
a. a magician b. the Ethiopian
c. the tortoise d. Nqong
e. the young jaguar
- III. Scan the chapter titles. Match each animal with the right word.
1. d 2. c 3. e 4. a 5. b
- Now write the chapter title with each animal's name.
1. How the Whale Got His Throat
2. How the Leopard Got His Spots
3. How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin
4. How the Kangaroo Learned to Hop
5. How the Camel Got Its Hump

[Chapter 1] How the Whale Got His Throat

- I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).
5, 3, 1, 2, 4
- II. Choose the best answer.
1. b 2. d 3. b 4. a
- III. Match the word with the meaning used in the chapter.
1. b 2. e 3. g 4. i
5. h 6. j 7. d 8. f
9. a 10. c
- IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.
1. clever 2. followed
3. island 4. let
5. holes

[Chapter 2] How the Camel Got Its Hump

- I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.
1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. F
- II. Choose the best answer.
1. d 2. c 3. d 4. a
- III. Write the correct word in each blank.
1. desert 2. lazy
3. grumbled 4. complained
5. fair 6. magician
7. suggested 8. performed
9. hump 10. share
- IV. Write the sentences in the correct order.
1. The dog asked the camel to help.
2. The animals complained about the camel.
3. The magician performed his magic.
4. The hump was filled with food and water.

[Chapter 3] How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin

- I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).
5, 3, 2, 4, 1
- II. Choose the best answer.
1. c 2. d 3. a 4. c
- III. Circle the correct word.
1. simple 2. stove
3. baked 4. climbed
5. nothing 6. beach
7. rubbed 8. itch
9. loose 10. folds
- IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.
1. near 2. smooth
3. cool 4. broke
5. until

[Chapter 4] How the Leopard Got His Spots

I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. T 5. F

II. Choose the best answer.

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

III. Write the correct word in each blank.

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| 1. stripes | 2. hunted |
| 3. meat | 4. hide |
| 5. else | 6. among |
| 7. blotches | 8. baboon |
| 9. smell | 10. difficult |

IV. Write the sentences in the correct order.

1. At one time, the zebra, the giraffe, and the leopard were all the same color.
2. The zebra and the giraffe went to live among the trees.
3. The zebra grew stripes, and the giraffe grew blotches.
4. The Ethiopian gave the leopard some of his skin color for spots.

[Chapter 5] How the Kangaroo Learned to Hop

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- 4, 3, 2, 1, 5

II. Choose the best answer.

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

III. Match the word with the meaning used in the chapter.

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| 1. e | 2. f | 3. g | 4. h |
| 5. j | 6. i | 7. d | 8. c |
| 9. b | 10. a | | |

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.

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| 1. short | 2. different |
| 3. middle | 4. chase |
| 5. stronger | |

[Chapter 6] How Armadillos Came to Be

I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.

1. F 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

II. Choose the best answer.

1. c 2. d 3. d 4. c

III. Circle the correct word.

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| 1. clever | 2. spines |
| 3. scoop | 4. coil |
| 5. advised | 6. confuse |
| 7. paw | 8. dropped |
| 9. trick | 10. nonsense |

IV. Write the sentences in the correct order.

1. Mother Jaguar told her son to go to the river to eat.
2. Mother Jaguar advised her son to drop the hedgehog in the river.
3. The animals decided to play a trick on the jaguar.
4. The tortoise took off his shell and coiled up in a ball.

[Chapter 7] How the Crab Became Small

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- 4, 1, 5, 2, 3

II. Choose the best answer.

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

III. Match the word with the meaning used in the chapter.

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| 1. g | 2. f | 3. h | 4. b |
| 5. i | 6. d | 7. c | 8. a |
| 9. e | 10. j | | |

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.

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| 1. giant | 2. flowed |
| 3. enough | 4. caused |
| 5. safe | |

[Chapter 8] The Cat That Walked by Himself

I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.

1. T 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. T

II. Choose the best answer.

1. c 2. b 3. c 4. b

III. Circle the correct word.

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| 1. wild | 2. meal |
| 3. enemy | 4. Servant |
| 5. cave | 6. cruel |
| 7. bargain | 8. purr |
| 9. stroked | 10. praised |

IV. Write the sentences in the correct order.

- The other animals went to live with the Woman in the cave.
- The Woman made a bargain with the Cat.
- The Baby was crying and crying.
- The Cat played with a string, and the Baby laughed.

After You Read

I. Match the picture with a sentence from the story.

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

II. Now work with a partner to answer these questions about the pictures.

(Answers may vary, and sample answers are given.)

- He thought it was the tortoise.
- The camel was lazy and the other animals complained about him.
- The kangaroo wanted to be different from other animals.
- A rhinoceros came up and ate his cake.
- He gave some of his skin color to the leopard so the leopard could hide and hunt the other animals.