

PAIRED TEXTS: "Hunting a Killer" • SKILL: Reading Comprehension

Paired-Text Quiz

Directions: Read "Hunting a Killer," "Indians Feed the Monkeys," and the poem "A Minor Bird." Then answer the multiple-choice questions below.

1. Which sentence best summarizes "Hunting a Killer"?

- (A) A grizzly bear in Yellowstone is found guilty of killing two hikers and sentenced to death.
- (B) Grizzly bears, once a prized symbol of the West, are in decline today.
- (C) A bear biologist describes a grizzly encounter.
- (D) Visitors to Yellowstone are risking their lives to catch a glimpse of the great grizzly.

2. Which word best describes the mood when Gunther kills the Wapiti sow?

- (A) heartbreaking
- (B) sweet
- (C) terrifying
- (D) peaceful

3. Which sentence best expresses the meaning of the headline "Indians Feed the Monkeys, Which Bite the Hand"?

- (A) Indians feed only monkeys that bite people.
- (B) When monkeys eat out of a person's hand, they may accidentally bite the person.
- (C) Monkey bites are a leading cause of emergency room visits in Delhi.
- (D) Monkeys are causing serious problems for the very people who feed them.

4. In "Indians Feed the Monkeys," the author says: *The two thieves sauntered away arrogantly.* What does *sauntered* mean?

- (A) crawled
- (B) raced
- (C) scurried
- (D) strolled

5. At the beginning of "Indians Feed the Monkeys," how does the writer characterize the monkeys?

- (A) as pranksters
- (B) as minor nuisances
- (C) as criminals
- (D) as innocent victims

6. What is the rhyme scheme of "A Minor Bird"?

- (A) AA, BB, CC, DD
- (B) AA, BB, AA, BB
- (C) AB, BC, CD, DA
- (D) AB, CD, AB, CD

7. Consider "A Minor Bird." Which word best describes the speaker's attitude toward the bird?

- (A) perplexed
- (B) delighted
- (C) murderous
- (D) irritated

8. Which of the following sentences is TRUE?

- (A) Both rhesus monkeys and grizzlies are overtaking major cities.
- (B) Both rhesus monkeys and grizzlies were nearly hunted and trapped into extinction.
- (C) Some grizzlies and rhesus monkeys fed by humans lost their fear of people.
- (D) Officials have created "justice systems" for both the bears in Yellowstone and the monkeys in Delhi.

Directions: Write your answers on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

9. Evaluate the reasons why the Wapiti sow was put down. Given these reasons, do you think the killing was justified? Use details from the article to support your opinion.

10. What are the potential consequences when humans and wild animals share space? Use details from at least two of the texts in your answer.