

# Comprehension & FLUENCY

## 2nd GRADE

# Reading Passages

**A Visit to the Zoo**

1. Read the text 3 times. Color a star after each time you read.

Little Tommy and his mom want to visit the zoo in the morning. They wanted to see the wild animals from different places. They bought the tickets at the zoo entrance and went to walk on a narrow trail and saw cages and areas of a zoo by fence. The first wild animal they saw there was a giraffe. It had a huge body with a long thick trunk and two white spots on its neck. Tommy and Mom went towards the area where the lions lived. They were laying down in the sun and didn't care about the curious people who were watching them. Then Mom and Tommy saw a giraffe who were watching them. Then Mom and Tommy saw a giraffe who were watching them. Then Mom and Tommy saw a giraffe who were watching them.

A. Why did Tommy and Mom go to the zoo?  
B. Describe the giraffe.  
C. What did Mom and Tommy see at the zoo?

**Mannah's Crayons**

1. Read the text 3 times. Color a star after each time you read.

Mannah had a pack of six crayons for her birthday from her friend, Kate. She used the yellow crayon to draw the flowers in her garden. She used the red crayon to draw hearts and flowers in her garden. She used the blue crayon to draw plants and the grass. She used the green crayon to draw plants and the grass. She used the green crayon to draw plants and the grass. She used the green crayon to draw plants and the grass.

That's OK," said Kate.  
Kate grabbed the red, yellow, blue, brown, and green crayons and wanted to draw a garden full of trees and flowers.  
Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Why did Hannah have a pack of crayons?  
B. What did Hannah draw with the crayons?  
C. How did Hannah use the crayons?

**Rocky and Nutty**

1. Read the text 3 times. Color a star after each time you read.

Rocky and Nutty were once best friends. One was named Rocky. The other was named Nutty. Rocky had brown fur and a bushy tail. Nutty was tall and thin. Rocky was short and stout. One day Nutty went to look for a nut. He looked around and saw a big old tree with long branches full of nuts. Nutty quickly started to climb the tree all the way up. He tried to pick a nut but got stuck in the tree. He called for Nutty to come home. It was getting dark. Nutty didn't know where to go. He went out to look for Nutty. Nutty, where are you?", yelled Rocky in the dark. Nutty was stuck in the tallest tree", answered Nutty. Nutty got down. Nutty got down. Nutty got down.

A. Why couldn't Nutty go back home?  
B. How did Rocky help Nutty?  
C. How did Nutty feel when he got down?

**Tiger Sharks**

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Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. How do tiger sharks camouflage?  
B. How big can tiger sharks grow?  
C. What do tiger sharks eat?

**Astronauts**

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Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. How do astronauts travel?  
B. How do astronauts sleep in space?  
C. How do astronauts stay hydrated?

# **ABOUT this PRODUCT**

This resource contains 8 reading comprehension and fluency passages presented in 2 versions and followed by a True/ False sort.

The students will have to:

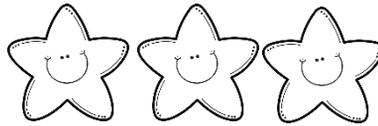
- read each text 3 times and color a star after each reading (for fluency)
- answer text-based questions and color the evidence in the text ( in the first version)
- write and answer their own questions about the important details in the text ( in the 2nd version)
- cut, sort, and paste sentences that use details from the story on a True/ False chart

I used a narrow font to fit a passage and three comprehension questions on the same page and make it easier for the kids to work with the text.

Differentiation is easy: use the 2nd version to challenge your higher 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

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"Tommy, do you want to feed the giraffe?" asked Mom.

"Yes, but the giraffe is much taller than me," answered Tommy.

Mom led Tommy to the steps that took him to a higher platform. There Tommy got some leaves and gave them to the giraffe. He watched in amazement how the giraffe chewed the leaves slowly. After that, Tommy and his mom went to see the other wild animals in the zoo.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Why did Tommy and his mom go to visit the zoo?



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B. Describe the elephant from the zoo.



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C. What did Mom ask Tommy?

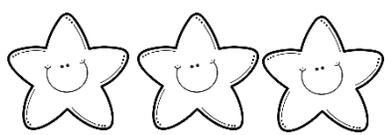


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Question 3: What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# A Visit to the Zoo

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**True**

**False**

The main characters  
in the story are  
Tommy and his mom.

Mom got the zoo  
tickets for free from  
the city library.

The first animal that  
Tommy saw was a  
giraffe.

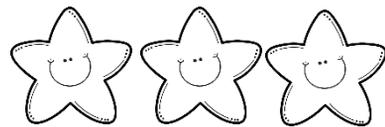
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## Hannah's Crayons

Hannah received a pack of six crayons for her birthday from her grandpa. She loved her crayons so much that she drew pictures almost every day. She used the yellow crayon to draw the sun and the stars. She used the red crayon to draw hearts and flowers. She used the green crayon to draw plants and the grass. She used the brown crayon to draw a monkey and a grizzly bear. She used the blue crayon to draw the sky and the ocean. She never used the black crayon, though. One day, she took her crayons to school. She showed them to her friend, Kate.

"Can I draw with your crayons, too?" asked Kate.

"You can draw with all the crayons except the black one. I haven't used it yet," added Hannah.

"That's O.K.!" said Kate.

Kate grabbed the red, yellow, blue, brown, and green crayons and started to draw a garden full of trees and flowers.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Who gave Hannah a pack of crayons?



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B. What did Hannah draw with her brown crayon?



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C. Why didn't Hannah let Kate draw with the black crayon?

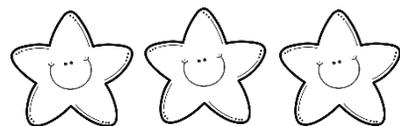


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Answer : \_\_\_\_\_  
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Question 2: What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Question 3: Why \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Hannah's Crayons

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**True**

**False**

Hannah never took her crayons to school.

Hannah used the black crayon the most.

Hannah got a pack of ten crayons from her grandma.

Kate drew a garden full of trees and flowers.

Hannah drew the sky with the blue crayon.

Kate and Hannah were friends.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tiger Sharks

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Most tiger sharks live in the Atlantic Ocean. They have very large bodies, a wedge-shaped head, sharp teeth, and strong jaws. They can camouflage easily in the deep ocean because their skin is blue or light green and their underbelly is white. They can also grow to be about 14-20 feet long and they can weigh more than 1,400 pounds.

Tiger sharks are known to be some of the most powerful predators in the ocean. They have great senses of sight and smell and like to hunt at night. They feed on fish, seals, sea snakes, crabs, turtles, or dolphins.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Why are tiger sharks called like that?



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B. What color is the skin of a tiger shark?



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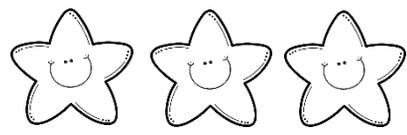
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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Tiger Sharks

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True

False

Tiger sharks do not eat dolphins.

A tiger shark has a large body.

The young tiger sharks do not have stripes.

Tiger sharks like to hunt at night.

There are no tiger sharks in the Atlantic Ocean.

Tiger sharks are powerful predators.

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## The Little Puppy



Once upon a time there was a mother dog and her little puppy. They lived happily on a farm. The puppy was black with white spots and very playful. One day, he walked in the road and almost got hit by a car.

“Don’t walk in the road again until you grow up and learn how to cross a street,” said Mamma Dog. “A long time ago, when I was just a little puppy, I got hit by a car. Luckily, it didn’t hurt me too bad. I learned how to cross the road safely from that. I look both ways and I cross only if I don’t see or hear a car coming,” added Mamma Dog. “Yes, Mom, I learned a good lesson today,” answered the little puppy.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Who lived happily on a farm? 

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B. What did the puppy do one day? 

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C. How did Mamma Dog cross the road safely? 

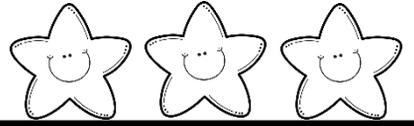
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The story happened  
in a big city.

The puppy had a black  
fur with white spots.

The puppy got lost  
in the woods.

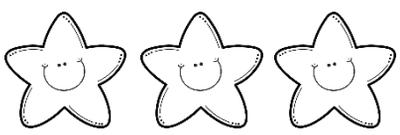
The story happened  
on a farm.

Mamma dog got hit  
by a car when she  
was little.

Mamma dog never  
learned how to  
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# Rocky and Nutty

There once lived two squirrels. One was named Rocky. The other one was named Nutty. Rocky had brown fur and a bushy tail. Nutty had a bushy tail too, but his fur was red. One day Nutty went to collect nuts.

“I’m fast and smart and I’ll climb the tallest tree,” said Nutty to himself. He looked around and saw a big old tree with long branches and a bunch of nuts. Nutty quickly started to climb the tree all the way to the top. There he tried to pick a nut but he got stuck in the tree.

Rocky waited for Nutty to come home. It was getting dark and Rocky started to worry. He went out to look for Nutty.

“Nutty, Nutty, where are you?” yelled Rocky in the dark forest.

“Here I am, stuck in the tallest tree,” answered Nutty.

Rocky helped Nutty get down.

“You are a good brother, Rocky!” said Nutty. “From now on I promise I’ll share with you all the nuts I’ll collect!” added him.

“Then I’ll share mine with you, too,” answered Rocky smiling.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. How are Rocky and Nutty different? 

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B. Why couldn't Nutty go back home? 

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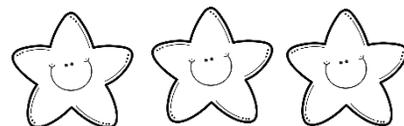
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Question 3: What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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True

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Rocky and Nutty were two squirrels.

One day Rocky got stuck in a big tree.

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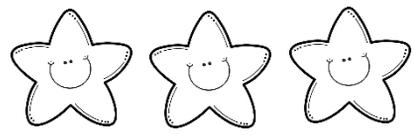
Rocky was Nutty's father.

Nutty had a red fur and a bushy tail.

Rocky and Nutty were two rabbits.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Lazy Bear

It was spring. The sun was shining down among the trees in the green forest. Lazy Bear opened his eyes. He just woke up from his long sleep. He didn't eat for a long time and his stomach was growling.

"I'd better look for some food right now," he said to himself. He started to walk through the forest sniffing in the air. Suddenly, he smelled honey. The nice smell was coming from a hole in a small tree. Lazy Bear put his nose in the hole to lick some honey. While he was enjoying the honey, the bees got together and stung him right in his nostrils. Suddenly, he felt a terrible pain in his nose and started to run as fast as he could to get away from the angry bees.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Why did Lazy Bear go to look for food ? 

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B. Where was the smell of honey coming from ? 

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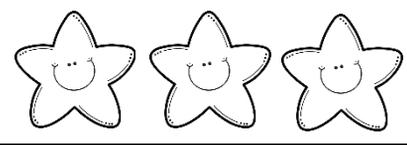
C. What did the bear do after he got stung by the bees ? 

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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Question 3: What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Lazy Bear

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The setting of the story is a forest in spring.

The setting of the story is a zoo in summer.

The smell of honey was coming from a very big tree.

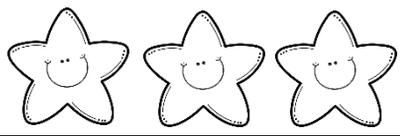
The bees stung the bear in his tail.

The main character in the story is a bear.

The bees got mad because the bear wanted to eat their honey.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Astronauts

Astronauts are trained workers who explore the outer space. They ride in powerful rockets and they can even visit the moon.

In 1969 millions of people around the world watched on T.V. how an astronaut, Neil Armstrong, set foot on the moon for the first time. He was one of the first three astronauts who were sent to explore the moon and return to the Earth. The astronauts had to wear a special suit and a special helmet. There is no air or water on the moon, so the astronauts had to bring their own water and oxygen with them.

Do you wonder how astronauts sleep while they are in space? They have to tie themselves to the bed with a belt, so they don't start floating around.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. What are astronauts? 

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B. Who was Neil Armstrong? 

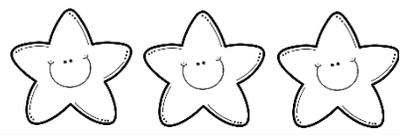
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Question 2: Who \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Question 3: Why \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Neil Armstrong is the second astronaut who stepped on the moon.

Astronauts can fly in powerful rockets.

An astronaut is a very trained worker.

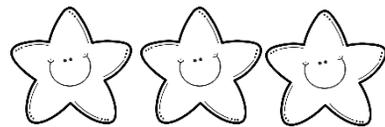
Nobody ever stepped on the moon.

There is plenty of air and water on the moon.

Astronauts need to wear a special suit.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bill and Phil

Bill and Phil were two twin brothers who lived in a small house near a big forest. The twins looked so much alike that it was hard to tell them apart. They were both skinny with brown curly hair and big blue eyes. One day, the two boys decided to go for a walk in the forest. It was a beautiful day! The forest seemed to be very friendly with lots of different birds singing in the trees and playful squirrels roaming around.

“ Let’s play hide-and-seeK,” said Bill.

“ O.K., but you count, ” answered Phil.

While Bill was counting, Phil climbed an old tree with huge thick branches.

Soon, Bill finished counting and started to look around. First, he looked behind some bushes that grew tall near the road, but Phil wasn’t there.

Next, he looked behind a picnic bench, but Phil wasn’t there either.

Suddenly, he heard a noise coming from a big tree nearby. He looked up and saw two squirrels fighting with each other. Then, he saw Phil trying to hide his face behind some green leaves.

“ I found you!” shouted Bill, “and now it’s your turn to count.”

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. How did Bill and Phil look the same? 

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B. What game did the boys play in the forest? 

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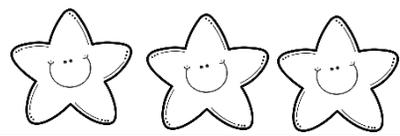
C. Where did Bill look for Phil first? 

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Read the text 3 times and color a star after each reading.



# Bill and Phil

Bill and Phil were two twin brothers who lived in a small house near a big forest. The twins looked so much alike that it was hard to tell them apart. They were both skinny with brown curly hair and big blue eyes. One day, the two boys decided to go for a walk in the forest. It was a beautiful day! The forest seemed to be very friendly with lots of different birds singing in the trees and playful squirrels roaming around.

“ Let’s play hide-and-seek,” said Bill.

“ O.K., but you count,” answered Phil.

While Bill was counting, Phil climbed an old tree with huge thick branches. Soon, Bill finished counting and started to look around. First, he looked behind some bushes that grew tall near the road, but Phil wasn’t there. Next, he looked behind a picnic bench, but Phil wasn’t there either. Suddenly, he heard a noise coming from a big tree nearby. He looked up and saw two squirrels fighting with each other. Then, he saw Phil trying to hide his face behind some green leaves.

“ I found you!” shouted Bill, “and now it’s your turn to count.”

2. Ask and answer questions based on the text.

Question 1: Who \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Question 2: What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Question 3: Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Bill and Phil

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True

False

The two brothers lived in a small house near a lake.

Bill and Phil played hide-and-seek in a forest.

Bill was the one who counted while Phil was hiding.

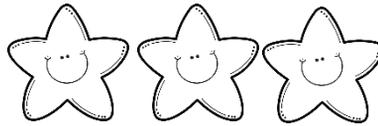
Bill and Phil were twin brothers.

Both Bill and Phil had big brown eyes.

Bill heard a noise made by two deer that were fighting with each other.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Lions

Lions are a symbol of strength, pride, and courage. They are the largest and the most powerful cats of the African continent, so most animals don't dare to fight them. They live in grasslands and plains. They weigh about four hundred pounds and are over three and a half feet tall. They can run at fifty miles per hour and their roar can be heard from five miles away.

Lions live together in large family groups called "prides". A pride consists of about fifteen lions. The mature male lions have a long mane around their head and neck, which gives them a majestic look, but the females don't have a mane.

Lions are carnivores, so they eat only meat. The female lions do the hunting, while the male lions protect their territory.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Where do lions live? 

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B. What is a "pride"? 

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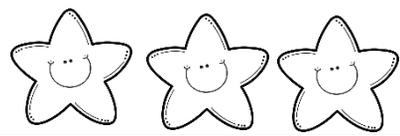
C. How are male and female lions different? 

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Question 2: What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Question 3: How \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# LIONS

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True

False

Lions weigh about  
600 pounds.

A female lion has a  
mane around its neck.

Most lions live in the  
grasslands and plains  
of Africa.

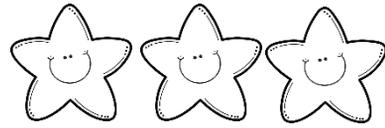
Most lions live in the  
jungle.

Lions can run at  
50 miles per hour.

A lion is a carnivore  
animal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Read the text 3 times and color a star after each reading.



# Whitetail Deer

Whitetail deer are land mammals that live in forests and grasslands. They are large animals that weigh about 110 to 300 pounds and they can run as fast as 35 miles per hour. The whitetail deer are named so because the underside of their tail is covered with white hair. Their fur is reddish during the summer, but in winter it changes to a gray-brown coat.

Whitetail deer are herbivores, so they don't eat meat. They feed on blackberry bushes, acorns, clover, corn, and leaves. In winter, when the ground is covered in snow, they can eat the buds off the tree limbs or the bark of the trees.

A male deer is called a buck and a female deer is called a doe. Bucks have two antlers on top of their head that fall off every late winter. The bucks' antlers will start growing again at a very rapid rate in spring. In summer, bucks live together in bachelor groups, while their antlers are still growing. In fall, when their antlers are fully grown, bucks use their antlers to defend against predators or to fight each other.

2. Use evidence in the text to answer each question. Color the evidence.

A. Where do whitetail deer live? 

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B. What can whitetail deer eat in winter? 

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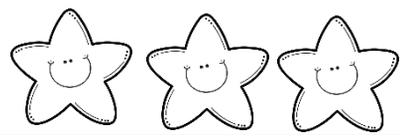
C. When do bucks shed their antlers? 

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\_\_\_\_\_

Question 2: What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Question 3: When \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# WHITETAIL DEER

Cut and glue the sentences at the bottom of the page into the correct column.

**True**

**False**

A whitetail deer's coat is reddish in winter.

A female deer is called a doe.

Whitetail deer can run 60 miles per hour.

Whitetail deer are carnivores.

Whitetail deer have white hair on the underside of their tail.

A buck's antlers start growing in spring.

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