

Main Topic and Focus of Paragraphs

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Quick Review

The main topic is what the whole text is mostly about. Each paragraph also has its own focus, or one smaller idea it talks about.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Animals in Winter

Winter can be cold and hard for animals. Food is hard to find when snow covers the ground. Animals have special ways to stay alive in winter. Some animals sleep. Some animals move away. Some animals stay and find a way to keep warm.

Some animals sleep all winter long. This long sleep is called hibernation. Bears, frogs, and groundhogs hibernate. They eat a lot of food in the fall. Then they sleep in a warm den until spring. Their bodies use the stored food to live.

Other animals move to warmer places. This trip is called migration. Many birds fly south where the weather is warm. They can find food there. When spring comes, the birds fly back home again.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Read the passage. Then answer each question about the topic and the paragraphs.

1. What is the main topic of the whole passage?
 - A. how birds build nests
 - B. how animals stay alive in winter
 - C. how bears find food
 - D. how snow falls from the sky
2. Which title fits this passage best?
 - A. Fun in the Snow
 - B. How Animals Get Through Winter
 - C. All About Birds
 - D. The Best Spring Day



- 3. What is paragraph 2 mostly about?
 - A. animals that move away
 - B. animals that play in snow
 - C. animals that sleep all winter
 - D. animals that build dens in spring
- 4. What is paragraph 3 mostly about?
 - A. animals that hibernate
 - B. animals that move to warmer places
 - C. animals that change color
 - D. animals that grow thick fur
- 5. What is the word for the long winter sleep?
 - A. migration
 - B. hibernation
 - C. vacation
 - D. season
- 6. Which animal hibernates in the passage?
 - A. a robin
 - B. a bear
 - C. a fish
 - D. a deer
- 7. Why do many birds fly south for the winter?
 - A. to make new nests
 - B. to find warm weather and food
 - C. to see other birds
 - D. to sleep in a den
- 8. The passage is mostly about how plants grow in winter.
T / F
- 9. What is the focus of paragraph 1?

- 10. Name one way an animal can live through winter from the passage.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 T F
- 9
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Explanations

1. B	The passage is mostly about the ways animals survive the winter.
2. B	The passage tells how different animals make it through winter.
3. C	Paragraph 2 focuses on hibernation, the long winter sleep.
4. B	Paragraph 3 focuses on migration, when animals move to warm places.
5. B	Paragraph 2 says the long sleep is called hibernation.
6. B	Paragraph 2 says bears, frogs, and groundhogs hibernate.
7. B	Paragraph 3 says birds fly south where it is warm and they can find food.
8. F	The passage is about animals in winter, not plants.
9.	Answer: Paragraph 1 tells that winter is hard and animals have special ways to stay alive. Accept any answer about winter being hard and animals having ways to survive.
10.	Answer: An animal can hibernate, migrate to a warm place, or stay and keep warm. Accept hibernation, migration, or staying warm.



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