

“Animal Homes”

Story, Vocabulary, and Grammar Review

Directions: Read the sentences. Write a vocabulary word from the box on the space so that the sentence makes sense. The words may be used more than once.

Vocabulary Words

hives architects structures contain retreats shallow shelter

1. Animals are like _____ because they build their own homes.
2. Termites build tall _____.
3. Some _____ study animal homes for ideas about solving problems with buildings.
4. Honeybees build _____ made of waxy honeycombs.
5. The tortoise builds a _____ hole to keep cool.
6. A polar bear, however, needs a very different type of _____.
7. Bears may get stung if they poke around in honeybees' _____.
8. If you come across a spider's web, be careful because it may _____ an insect.
9. A turtle _____ into its shell when it senses danger.
10. A hermit crab finds _____ in an empty shell.
11. Choose **two** of the vocabulary words and write **one meaningful sentence** using both words.

Directions: Use *Animal Homes* to answer the following questions. Be sure to include a sentence starter, capital letter, and correct punctuation.

12. Why do people say the phrase “busy as a beaver?”

13. What are some animals that carry their homes on their backs?

14. Why is *Animal Homes* an informational nonfiction story?

15. Instead of building a nest, what do female cowbirds do when they are ready to lay eggs?

Grammar Review

Pronoun-Verb Contractions

- A **contraction** is a shortened form of two words. There are many pronoun-verb contractions.
- An **apostrophe** replaces missing letters.
- Examples: he + is = he’s, you + have = you’ve

Directions: Replace the underlined words with a contraction. Write the contraction on the line.

1. <u>She is</u> my sister.	_____
2. <u>He is</u> a friend of mine.	_____
3. <u>They are</u> my cousins.	_____
4. <u>We are</u> part of a large family.	_____
5. <u>It is</u> a family with many children.	_____

