

# Roads for Wildlife

Trace a problem, its solution, and its results.

**ELA.4.R.2** "Reading Informational Text"

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the sentence that states the problem. Circle the solution, then number two details that show how the solution helps.

### Helping Animals Cross Roads

- ① Busy roads can split animal habitats into smaller pieces. When deer, turtles, or other animals try to cross, they may be hit by cars. Drivers can also be hurt in crashes. In places with many road crossings, scientists and transportation workers look for ways to make travel safer for both people and wildlife in the area.
- ② One solution is a wildlife crossing, a bridge or tunnel built for animals. Fences guide animals toward the crossing instead of the road. In Banff National Park in Canada, bridges covered with soil and plants connect land on both sides of a highway. Cameras show that bears, elk, and many smaller animals use these crossings.
- ③ Wildlife crossings can reduce collisions and help animals reach food, water, and mates. They also reconnect parts of a habitat that a road divided. Building a crossing costs money, so workers study where animals cross most often before choosing a site. By solving a road problem, these structures can protect drivers and support nearby animal populations.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What problem does the first paragraph describe?

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2 What solution does the passage explain? Give two parts of the solution.

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3 How does the example from Banff National Park support the idea that wildlife crossings help animals?

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4 How is the passage organized?

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## 3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence problem-and-solution paragraph about a problem at school or in your neighborhood. Name the problem, explain one solution, and give two details about how the solution could help.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline the sentence that states the problem. Circle the solution, then number two details that show how the solution helps. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                             | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1 | What problem does the first paragraph describe?                                                      | <b>Roads split habitats, and animals crossing roads can be hit by cars, which can also endanger drivers.</b>                                                                     |
| 2 | What solution does the passage explain? Give two parts of the solution.                              | <b>It explains wildlife crossings. Bridges or tunnels give animals a way to cross, and fences guide animals toward the crossing instead of the road.</b>                         |
| 3 | How does the example from Banff National Park support the idea that wildlife crossings help animals? | <b>The bridges connect land on both sides of a highway, and cameras show that bears, elk, and smaller animals use them.</b>                                                      |
| 4 | How is the passage organized?                                                                        | <b>It uses a problem-and-solution structure. It presents the danger of roads, explains wildlife crossings as a solution, and describes the results and a planning challenge.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

At our school, rainwater makes the playground muddy. Adding a covered walkway from the building to the play area would keep students drier and reduce muddy footprints in the hall. The walkway would also make recess easier on rainy days.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the road-and-wildlife problem, the crossing solution, and its effects. For the open response, accept a clear problem, a workable solution, and at least two stated benefits in three sentences.