Cool Animal Clues

Compare three texts about animals on hot days.

RI.2.9 "Describe the relationship between information from two or more texts on the same theme or topic."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the body part that helps each animal cool off. Circle one other way each animal cools off so you can compare the texts.

How Animals Cool Off

1. Text 1: Elephants. On a hot day, an elephant flaps its large ears. Air moves over the ears and helps cool its blood. The elephant may spray water on its body or rest in the shade.

2. Text 2: Rabbits. A rabbit's long ears help heat leave its body. When the day is hot, a rabbit may rest in the shade. It can also go into a burrow, where the ground is cooler.

3. Text 3: Dogs. A dog pants when it is hot. Air moves over its wet tongue, and the dog cools down as the water dries. A dog may also drink water or lie in the shade.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do Texts 1 and 2 show that ears help animals cool off?

2. What do Texts 2 and 3 both say about shade? Name one other way each animal cools off.

3. How do the animals in Texts 1 and 3 use water in different ways to cool off?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two animals from the texts. Write three sentences to describe a cool resting spot you would make for each one and tell how the spots are alike or different. Use facts from both texts.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the body part that helps each animal cool off. Circle one other way each animal cools off so you can compare the texts. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do Texts 1 and 2 show that ears help animals cool off?	**Both animals use their ears to cool off. Air over an elephant's ears helps cool its blood, while heat leaves a rabbit's body through its ears.**
2	What do Texts 2 and 3 both say about shade? Name one other way each animal cools off.	**Both rabbits and dogs may rest in the shade. A rabbit may go into a cool burrow, while a dog pants.**
3	How do the animals in Texts 1 and 3 use water in different ways to cool off?	**An elephant may spray water on its body. Water dries on a dog's tongue when it pants, helping it cool down.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would give an elephant a shady place with water to spray on itself. I would give a rabbit a cool burrow under the ground. Both spots help the animals cool down, but only the rabbit's spot is under the ground.

Accept comparisons that accurately use details from the named texts. For Your Turn, the two resting spots should fit the chosen animals, and the final sentence should compare the spots.