

Survival Teams

Use evidence to argue how animal groups can help members survive.

3-LS2-1 "Construct an argument that some animals form groups that help members survive."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each detail that tells what an animal group does. Circle the words or sentences that explain how the group action helps members survive.

Working Together to Survive

- ① A wolf pack is a family group that may include parents, pups, and older young wolves. When the pack hunts a large animal, wolves work together. Some chase while others block the animal's path. A wolf alone might have trouble catching prey that is larger or faster. By sharing jobs, the pack has a better chance to get food for its members.
- ② Prairie dogs live in colonies, where many families use nearby burrows. A prairie dog watching above ground may spot a coyote or hawk. It gives an alarm call, and other prairie dogs quickly run into burrows. The caller and the listeners all benefit because more animals can hide before the predator gets close. This group warning can help colony members avoid being eaten.
- ③ On the cold Antarctic ice, emperor penguins form tight huddles during storms. Each bird's body helps trap warm air, so penguins in the middle stay warmer than they would alone. Penguins slowly change places, allowing birds from the cold outside edge to move inward. Their huddle helps many group members save energy and survive harsh weather.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What claim can you make about wolf packs? Use one detail from the passage as evidence.

2 How does an alarm call help prairie dog colony members survive?

3 What do emperor penguins do in a huddle, and how does this help them survive?

4 Use evidence from two different animals in the passage to support this claim: Some animals form groups that help members survive.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose an animal not named in the passage that lives or works in a group. Write three sentences: a claim that the group helps members survive, then two facts that support your claim.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each detail that tells what an animal group does. Circle the words or sentences that explain how the group action helps members survive. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What claim can you make about wolf packs? Use one detail from the passage as evidence.	Wolf packs help members get food. Wolves share hunting jobs, such as chasing prey or blocking its path.
2	How does an alarm call help prairie dog colony members survive?	An alarm call warns prairie dogs about a predator so they can run into burrows and hide.
3	What do emperor penguins do in a huddle, and how does this help them survive?	They stand close together and change places. The huddle traps warm air and helps them save energy in harsh weather.
4	Use evidence from two different animals in the passage to support this claim: Some animals form groups that help members survive.	Wolf packs work together to catch food, and prairie dog colonies warn members about predators so they can hide.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Ant colonies help their members survive. Worker ants collect food and carry it back to the nest, so the colony has food to eat. Other workers protect the nest, which can keep ants safer from attackers.

Accept accurate claims that connect a group behavior to survival, supported by details from the passage. For Part 3, accept another accurate animal example with a clear claim and two supporting facts.