

Group Help

Compare how animal groups meet different needs.

2.13.C “record and compare how being part of a group helps animals obtain food, defend themselves, and cope with changes; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each action animals do in a group. Write 1 by an action that helps get food, 2 by an action that helps defend, and 3 by an action that helps cope with a change.

Animals Together

- ① Meerkats live in groups on dry grasslands. While some meerkats dig for insects, one may stand tall and watch. The watcher gives an alarm call when danger comes. The group can find food while also staying safer.
- ② Emperor penguins gather in large groups when Antarctic winds are cold. They huddle close, and penguins on the outside take turns moving toward the warm middle. By sharing the warmer space, more penguins cope with the cold change.
- ③ Like meerkats, penguins gain help from a group, but the help is different. Meerkat groups help members get food and notice danger. Penguin groups help members stay warm during cold weather. Each group action meets a different need.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What do some meerkats do to help the group obtain food?

2 How does a watching meerkat help its group defend itself?

3 How is the help from a penguin group different from the help from a meerkat group?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a group-living animal that is not named in the reading. Fill in the table to record how its group helps with food, defense, and a change in its environment.

NEED	ANIMAL	HOW THE GROUP HELPS

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each action animals do in a group. Write 1 by an action that helps get food, 2 by an action that helps defend, and 3 by an action that helps cope with a change. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do some meerkats do to help the group obtain food?	Some meerkats dig for insects.
2	How does a watching meerkat help its group defend itself?	The watching meerkat gives an alarm call when danger comes, so the group can stay safer.
3	How is the help from a penguin group different from the help from a meerkat group?	Penguins huddle to stay warm during cold weather. Meerkats work to find food and notice danger.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

NEED	ANIMAL	HOW THE GROUP HELPS
Food	Honey bees	Worker bees collect nectar for the hive.
Defense	Honey bees	Guard bees protect the hive from intruders.
Change	Honey bees	Bees cluster together to stay warm when the weather turns cold.

Accept accurate examples of a group action that helps the chosen animal obtain food, defend itself, and cope with an environmental change. The animal must be different from meerkats and emperor penguins.