

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL ANIMALS

Lesson Plan

The Truth About Naked Mole Rats

Lesson Plan for *Naked Mole Rats*

Grade 2

Objective

To help students demonstrate comprehension by answering true-or-false questions about a text read aloud.

Things Needed

- *Naked Mole Rats* book
- The Truth About Naked Mole Rats worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the worksheet for each student.

Activity

Read through the *Naked Mole Rats* book as a class, choosing a different volunteer to read the text on each spread. Then pass out the worksheets. Explain that the worksheet has several true-or-false statements about naked mole rats. Students should circle the correct answer based on what they remember from the book.

Give students several minutes to work on their own. Then come back together as a class. Explain that students will correct their own work. Read each statement aloud and invite volunteers to raise their hands if they know the answer. You'll call on the first student to raise a hand. This student will say if the statement is true or false. Use the attached answer key to check this answer. If it's incorrect, provide gentle prompting to help students arrive at the correct conclusion. Then move on to the next question. At the end, students should add up the number of questions they answered correctly. They should write this number at the top of the worksheet.



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Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of class to check students' circled answers and their math when adding up their scores.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 2 (RI 2.1, 2.10).



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The Truth About Naked Mole Rats

Circle the correct answer

1. Naked mole rats are mammals. True or False
2. Naked mole rats are hairless. True or False
3. Naked mole rats can move their front teeth independently. True or False
4. Naked mole rat burrows have one tunnel and one room. True or False
5. Living underground keeps naked mole rats from getting sunburnt. True or False
6. A naked mole rat could have a tail that is as long as its body. True or False
7. A naked mole rat's front teeth never stop growing. True or False
8. Sometimes naked mole rats eat their own poop. True or False
9. Naked mole rats have great eyesight. True or False
10. Naked mole rats live in colonies. True or False
11. A naked mole rat's large lips cover its teeth. True or False
12. Naked mole rats can chew through concrete. True or False
13. All female naked mole rats mate and have babies. True or False
14. Most naked mole rats are soldiers. True or False
15. Scientists know that naked mole rats live for 30 years in the wild. True or False



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The Truth About Naked Mole Rats Answer Key

Circle the correct answer

1. Naked mole rats are mammals. **True, they are rodents, which are a type of mammal.**
2. Naked mole rats are hairless. **False, they are nearly hairless, but each has approximately 100 fine hairs on its body.**
3. Naked mole rats can move their front teeth independently. **True**
4. Naked mole rat burrows have one tunnel and one room. **False, the burrows have many tunnels and many rooms.**
5. Living underground keeps naked mole rats from getting sunburnt. **True**
6. A naked mole rat could have a tail that is as long as its body. **True**
7. A naked mole rat's front teeth never stop growing. **True**
8. Sometimes naked mole rats eat their own poop. **True**
9. Naked mole rats have great eyesight. **False, they have poor eyesight and rely on their senses of smell and touch to know where they are.**
10. Naked mole rats live in colonies. **True**
11. A naked mole rat's large lips cover its teeth. **False, its lips close behind the teeth.**
12. Naked mole rats can chew through concrete. **True**
13. All female naked mole rats mate and have babies. **False, only the queen mates.**
14. Most naked mole rats are soldiers. **False, most naked mole rats are workers.**
15. Scientists know that naked mole rats live for 30 years in the wild. **False, scientists don't know how long naked mole rats can live in the wild, but they live up to 30 years in zoos.**

