

CISD Grade 2 ELAR Unit 5B

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## **From the Squirrel Family**

### **What is it?**

1) The largest animal in the squirrel family is the groundhog. A groundhog has dark brown fur. This fur is very stiff. Under its belly the fur is orange-yellow. The groundhog's nose, eyes, and ears are in a straight line. Its head is flat. How does the flat shape help the groundhog? When it sticks the top part of its head out of the burrow, it can see what's above the ground.

### **What do they do?**

2) The groundhog eats all summer long. It gets very fat. This is so it can go under the ground and sleep until spring. Every groundhog digs a hole at the first frost of winter. It curls up into a ball and falls asleep. In the spring, mother groundhogs welcome litters of babies. Babies stay with their mothers for several months. Then they go and get their own food. When winter comes again, they are ready for it.

3) Groundhogs are seen on the ground most of the time. However, they can climb trees and swim in lakes and rivers. They like to roam around in the woods. They really enjoy open fields, roads, and streams. These mammals like to eat and eat and eat.

### **What do they eat?**

4) In the fields, these little furry animals eat grasses and plants. They can also eat fruits and some tree bark. Gardeners know when there are groundhogs around. These animals can eat everything in the garden during the summer and fall.

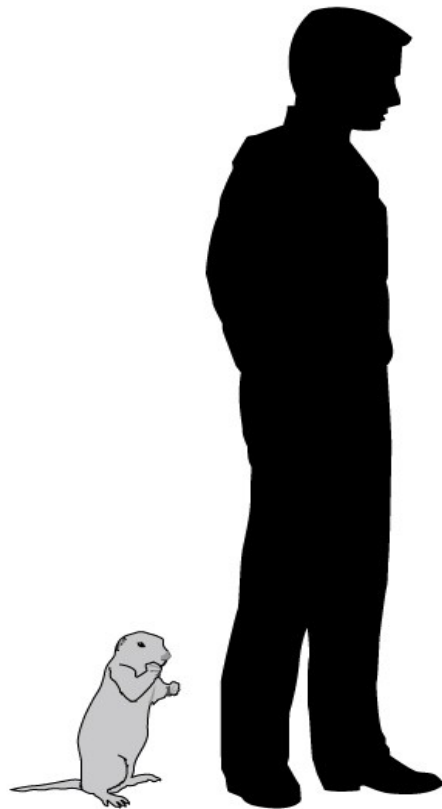
### **What is an interesting fact?**

5) There is a special day just for groundhogs. February second is Groundhog Day. The groundhog comes out of his burrow on that day and looks for his shadow. Some people believe if he sees it, there will be six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is near. Most of the time, the groundhog sees his shadow. Here is a little song for Groundhog Day.

*Groundhog,  
Groundhog,  
What will you see?  
Groundhog,  
Groundhog,*

*Please tell me!*

[www.squirrelfacts.org/groundhog](http://www.squirrelfacts.org/groundhog)



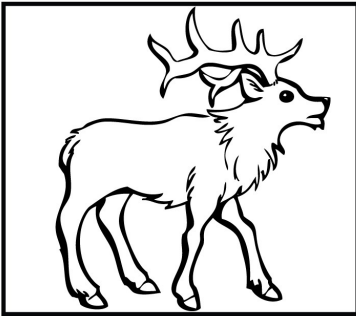
- 1** Why did the author write this article about groundhogs?
- A** to entertain the reader with a story
  - B** to persuade the reader to get a groundhog
  - C** to explain how to have a groundhog in your back yard
  - D** to teach the reader about groundhogs
- 2** What is Paragraph 1 mainly about?
- F** what a mammal eats
  - G** groundhog's fur
  - H** what a groundhog looks like
  - J** different kinds of squirrels
- 3** Which paragraph tells why gardeners do not like groundhogs?
- A** Paragraph 1
  - B** Paragraph 4
  - C** Paragraph 3
  - D** Paragraph 5
- 4** What happens right after the groundhog digs a hole?
- F** It has baby groundhogs.
  - G** It eats all summer.
  - H** It swims in the lakes.
  - J** It curls up into a ball.

# Kid's Country News

Is it a horn or an antler?

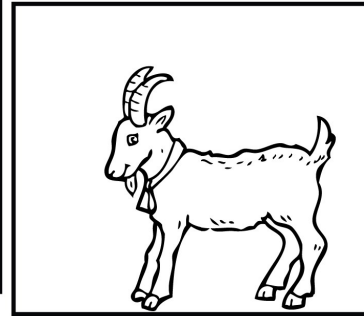
## Antlers

- Moose have them.
- Deer have them.
- They grow on top of the head.
- They are solid bone.



## Horns

- Buffalo have them.
- Goats have them.
- They grow on top.
- They are covered with skin.
- They grow their whole life.



## How do animals use them?

- To protect themselves
- To get food

## Go on a search for antlers:

- Take a camera.
- Search in bushes and on the ground where deer have been seen.
- Use your bug spray.
- Keep an eye out for other interesting things.
- Take a magnifying glass in case you find something really tiny in the dirt or on the leaves.



- 5 What is a fact about horns from the newsletter?
- A Horns will fall off every year.
  - B More animals have horns than antlers.
  - C Horns have many points.
  - D Most horns would NOT be lying on the ground.
- 6 The *Antler* box says that antlers are solid. Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word **solid**?
- F hollow
  - G hard
  - H big
  - J light

- 7 What is the meaning of *magnifying glass* as it is used in the box at the bottom of the page?
- A a glass that makes things look smaller
  - B a glass that makes things look bigger
  - C a glass that holds liquid outdoors
  - D a glass that is really clear
- 8 Why would the author include the picture in the middle of the page?
- F to show you what antlers and horns look like if you are going to hunt for them
  - G to show you how animals fight
  - H to show you what you can do with antlers and horns
  - J to show you what to take on your outdoor search
- 9 How does the author add details to the information he gives in the newsletter?
- A He gives you other places you can get information.
  - B He repeats things over and over.
  - C He uses pictures, headings, and clipart.
  - D He tells you how to contact him.

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*There may be some mistakes in this story. Answer the questions to find them.*

### **Bobby - the Superhero!**

(1) Bobby put on his mask. (2) He flapped his cape in front of the mirror. (3) "This is a very good looking costume," he thought. (4) "I am sure to win the contest." (5) Bobby skipped downstairs. (6) "Here I come to rescue you!" Bobby shouted. (7) "Nice costume," said Bobby's dad. (8) "I'm a superhero," said Bobby.



- 10** The word **lukiing** is misspelled in Sentence 3. What is the correct way to spell the word?
- F** loking
  - G** looking
  - H** luukiing
  - J** locking
- 11** What is the right way to combine the words **I** and **am** in Sentence 4?
- A** I'am
  - B** Im
  - C** I'm
  - D** Im'