

Friendship and Cooperation in the Animal Kingdom

Comprehension Questions:

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1. Symbiosis is when two animals rely on one another. The rhino and tickbird have a symbiotic relationship.
2. The tsunami reached the east coast of Africa and caused flooding and widespread damage. Owen, the young hippo, had been swimming in the river with his mother, but the waves swept him out to sea away from his mother.

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1. Owen is upset when he is put into the truck because he is alone and he doesn't know what's happening.
2. Mzee was wise enough to know to be there for Owen when he needed him.

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1. Owen was born in Kenya.
2. Owen can't be returned to the wild because he can't take care of himself and other hippos would reject him.
3. At first Mzee prefers to be left alone. Soon Owen and Mzee spend all their time together.
4. Symbiosis and friendship are both working relationships, but friendship is based on companionship instead of a specific benefit received.
5. Possible response: I can infer that they are friends because they play together and won't be separated.
6. Possible response: The main idea is that animals can have friendly and cooperative relationships.

Remember!

1. **Mammal:** An animal that has hair or fur and feeds its babies with milk
2. **Reptile:** A cold-blooded animal that usually has dry skin and scales like snakes, lizards, and turtles
3. **Blue Jay (bird):** A type of bird with blue feathers, a white belly, and a black "necklace" known for its loud calls and being very smart
4. **Cuddle:** To hold someone or something close in your arms in a loving or comforting way
5. **Tremendous:** Something that is very big, great, or amazing
6. **Natural Preserve:** A special area of land that is protected to keep animals, plants, and nature safe from harm
7. **Habitat:** The natural home or environment of a plant, animal, or other organism
8. **Infer:** To figure something out based on clues or evidence, even if it's not directly said