## 9A COMMUNICATIVE Animal quiz

## Student **B**



Answer **A**'s questions.

Ask A the questions. Then confirm if he / she has the right answer and explain the answers to them. Who knows more about animals?

- 1 How intelligent are dogs?
  - a as intelligent as a 2-3-year-old child
  - **b** as intelligent as a 4–5-year-old child
  - c as intelligent as a 6–7-year-old child answer: a Research has shown that dogs can understand about 165–200 words, signs, or signals—about the same as a 2.5-year-old child.
- 2 Which animal produces mohair?
  - a a rabbit
  - **b** a goat
  - c a sheep answer: b Mohair is made from the hair of the angora goat, which is farmed mainly in South Africa, the US, and Turkey.
- 3 In ancient Rome which animal was a symbol of liberty?



**b** the wolf **c** the eagle

a the cat

**answer:** a In ancient Rome, cats were a symbol of liberty. In ancient Egypt, they were sacred animals, and whoever killed a cat (even accidentally) was executed.

- 4 Which animal can't taste sweet things?
  - a a dog
  - **b** a bear
  - c a cat
    - **answer: c** A human has 9,000 taste buds whereas a cat only has 470, and their sweet buds are not very reactive, so, unlike humans, they will not be tempted by chocolate or cake!
- 5 What do male (but not female) elephants do at the age of 13?
  - a go back to the place where they were born
  - **b** leave their herd forever to live alone
  - c become the leader of the herd
    answer: b Although female elephants
    spend all their lives living with their
    herd, once a male

reaches about the age of 13, he will leave the rest of the herd, and will live a solitary life from then on.



- 6 Which of these animals have "friends?"
  - a gorillas
  - **b** chickens
  - **c** cows

**answer: c** Cows are incredibly sociable animals. Research shows that their stress levels go down when they are put with a "friend" in comparison to when they are alone or paired with a random cow.

- 7 On average, how long does a housefly live for?
  - a 15 minutes
  - **b** 15 hours **c** 15 days



- **answer: c** Houseflies live for 15 days, and are only active during the daytime. They are capable of carrying over 100 diseases such as cholera and TB.
- 8 What color of clothing will make a mosquito more likely to bite you?
  - a pale yellow
  - **b** dark blue
  - **c** red

**answer: b** You're twice as likely to be bitten if you're wearing dark blue because dark colors trap carbon dioxide, which is what attracts a mosquito to you in the first place. Yellow is the best color to wear as it's a color they can hardly see and they get confused by it.

- **9** Which creature would survive the shortest time if it were sent into space?
  - a a bird
  - **b** a tortoise
  - **c** a rabbit

**answer: a** It would soon die because a bird actually needs gravity in order to be able to swallow.

- 10 Which of these creatures doesn't sleep?
  - a ants
  - **b** crabs
  - **c** bees

**answer: b** Crabs "relax" as opposed to sleep. However, if they detect light or movement, they get active again very quickly.