

NONFICTION QUESTIONS

task cards

2nd & 3rd GRADE

9. Nonfiction Questions

Plants have different parts that help them to grow. The roots of a plant collect the water. The roots grow underground and soak up water from the soil. The roots hold the plant in the ground. The stem carries the water to the different parts of the plant. It also makes the plant stand up tall. The leaves collect the sunlight and turn it into food for the plant. The petals on a flower make insects, like bees, want to land on it!

What do roots do?

- a Collect sunlight
- b Make the plant stand
- c Hold a plant in the ground
- d Carry the water to different parts



10. Nonfiction Questions

Our country has many leaders. Leaders of a country take care of the citizens who live there. In the United States, we have a president who is elected by the people. Every four years a new president is voted into office. A president can stay in office for eight years. The president lives in the White House in Washington D.C. Washington D.C is the capital of the United States. The president makes laws for our country and meets with leaders of other countries, too!

Where does the president live?

- a In New York
- b In an apartment
- c In the White House
- d In a blue house



Answering Nonfiction Questions



11. Nonfiction Questions

Do you know all of the work you have to do to take care of a horse? Horses need to eat hay and oats. They need to have clean straw in their stall. Horses need to be groomed. They need to have their hair brushed. They also need to get bathed! When they are out in the field, they can get very muddy. Horses wear metal shoes on their feet. Lots of mud and dirt get stuck in their hooves. Owners need to pick the horse's hooves to keep them clean. Owning a horse is a lot of work.

Why is owning a horse a lot of work?

- a They are big
- b Owners have to clean, groom and feed them
- c They have horseshoes
- d They get muddy



12. Nonfiction Questions

Mars is a planet in our solar system. It is the fourth planet from the sun. Mars is called the red planet because the ground is covered with iron and it makes it look red. Mars is covered with craters and mountains. There are even volcanoes. There is no water on Mars, so it is very dry and dusty. There are very big dust storms on Mars. The temperature is much colder on Mars than on Earth because it is farther from the sun! Earth has one moon and Mars has two!

Which is NOT a detail from the selection?

- a Mars looks red from iron
- b Mars has volcanoes
- c Mars has 2 moons
- d Mars has four seasons



17. Nonfiction Questions

There are four types of instruments. Instruments in the string family make music by having their strings plucked or strummed or by using a bow. A guitar and violin are stringed instruments. Woodwind instruments are instruments that make music by having air make vibrations. Instruments like a clarinet and flute are woodwinds. Brass instruments like the trumpet and tuba make music by having air blown into it. Percussion instruments, like drums, make music by people striking them.

18.

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- b. Tuba
- c. Guitar
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What makes the tapping sound on tap shoes?

- a. Wood
- b. Nails
- c. Metal plates
- d. Coins



from getting the ball into your basket. You cannot carry the ball on the court. Instead, you have to pass the ball across the floor. Basketball

20. Nonfiction Questions

How many people are on a

- a. 10
- b. 5
- c. 7
- d. 9

In the winter, it is hard for birds to find food to eat. You can help them by making a bird feeder. First, go outside and find a big pinecone. Next, cover the pinecone with peanut butter. Then, roll the pinecone in birdseed. The birdseed will stick to the peanut butter. Last, tie the pinecone onto a branch of a tree. If you sit at your window, you may be able to see birds visiting your bird feeder! The birds will be glad you made it!!

Why will the birds be glad that you made the bird feeder?

- a. The birds do not like peanut butter.
- b. Birds do not have much food to eat in the winter.
- c. The birds will eat too much.
- d. The birds will sit at your window.



30. Nonfiction Questions

The Grand Canyon is in Arizona. It is a large opening in the rocks that was formed by the Colorado River. It is 277 miles long and 6,000 feet deep. It is 18 miles wide, and it's still getting wider. Many Native Americans live in and around the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon became a national park in 1919. Many people visit the Grand Canyon to go hiking and camping. You can ride on a donkey and go down into the Canyon! You can go rafting in the Canyon, too!

How was the Grand Canyon formed?

- a. By a meteor
- b. By a volcano
- c. By the Colorado River
- d. By the ocean



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19. Nonfiction Questions

Basketball is a team sport. Two teams play against each other. They shoot the ball into their opponent's basket. The team that scores the most baskets is the winner. You can't score by getting the ball into your basket. You have to dribble the ball across the court. Instead, you have to dribble it. Dribbling is bouncing the ball across the floor. Basketball is a fun game to play.

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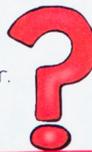


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Answer Sheet



Name: _____ Date: _____

Card #	Answer	Card #	Answer
1.	D	16.	A
2.	B	17.	D
3.	C	18.	C
4.	B	19.	B
5.	D	20.	B
6.	A	21.	A
7.	C	22.	C
8.	C	23.	D
9.	C	24.	B
10.	C	25.	D
11.	B	26.	C
12.	D	27.	A
13.	B	28.	B
14.	A	29.	A
15.	C	30.	C

Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.



1. Nonfiction Questions

Bengal tigers are native to the Indian subcontinent in subtropical and temperate forests. They are one of the largest wild cats. Their coat is yellow to light orange with black stripes. They are considered endangered. Their population is decreasing due to poaching and habitat loss. Organizations such as WWF are working to save Bengal tigers.

Where are Bengal tigers found?

- a. WWF
- b. Zoos
- c. Deserts
- d. Indian subcontinent



2. Nonfiction Questions

There are many uses for rocks. Rocks can be used to build. Houses can be made from rocks and so can bridges. Roads are made from rocks too. Rocks are used to make jewelry. You can find shiny rocks in rings and necklaces. Did you know that sand is a very small rock? Sand is used on sandpaper to make wood smooth. Sand is also used to make glass. Rocks, like coal, can be used for heat. You can use coal to cook your food on a grill. There are many ways to use rocks everyday!

What is a very small rock?

- a. Boulder
- b. Sand
- c. Coal
- d. Glass



3. Nonfiction Questions

There are three states of matter. They are solid, liquid and gas. Water is a liquid, but you can also see water in the other two states. When water is a liquid, it takes the shape of the container that it's in. When water gets cold, it turns into ice. Ice is the solid form of water. When the temperature is below thirty-two degrees it freezes. Water can also be a gas. When water is heated, it turns into steam. Steam is a gas. Boiling water creates steam.

What is the solid form of water?

- a. Steam
- b. Liquid
- c. Ice
- d. Gas



4. Nonfiction Questions

Animals need air, water, food and shelter to survive. An animal's habitat provides the things it needs to survive. If you have a pet, you need to provide it with food, water and shelter every day. Animals that live in the wild need to find food and water on their own. Some animals are meat eaters, and they need to hunt for food. Some animals are plant eaters, and they need to forage for plants to eat. All animals need fresh water to drink.

How are wild animals different than pets?

- a. Pets drink saltwater and wild animals do not.
- b. Wild animals hunt for food and pets do not.
- c. Wild animals live in a house and pets do not.
- d. Pets and wild animals are the same.



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