Rèading A-Z		LEVEL K
Quick Check		Nature Stinks!
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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.		

- **1.** What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - (A) to inform readers about stinky plants and animals
  - (B) to entertain readers with stories about people being sprayed by animals
  - ① to persuade readers to protect stinky plants and animals
  - (D) to persuade readers to stay away from all stinky plants and animals
- 2. What is the main idea of *Nature Stinks!?* 
  - (A) Some plants use their stink to help them survive.
  - B Lesser anteaters are at least four times as stinky as a skunk.
  - C A bad smell may keep animals away from other animals.
  - D Being stinky helps many plants and animals stay alive.

- **3.** Which of the following words means the same thing as **rotten**?
  - (A) tasty
  - (B) fresh
  - © spoiled
  - ① dry
- **4.** How are wolverines and musk oxen similar?
  - (A) They both pee on food they don't eat right away.
  - (B) They both use their pee to keep other animals away.
  - ⑦ They both have two layers of fur to keep them warm.
  - ① They both fight other animals for females.



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- 5. How does attracting bugs help corpse flowers survive?
  - A The bugs collect powder from the flower and carry it to other corpse flowers.
  - B The bugs eat dead leaves on the flower so it can grow new ones.
  - ① The bugs keep away other animals that might eat the flower.
  - ① The bugs do not help the corpse flower survive.
- 6. What is the effect of the stinkbird eating mostly leaves?
  - (A) The bird is unable to create a stink.
  - B The bird creates a green slime.
  - <sup>(C)</sup> The bird is unable to fly.
  - ① The bird smells terrible.

- 7. In what way are all stinky animals alike?
  - (A) They all lift their tails and spray.
  - B They use their stink to keep away other creatures.
  - <sup>(C)</sup> They all live in North America.
  - ① They all have fur to keep them warm.
- 8. Why must a millipede give off a stinky smell when it is in danger?
  - (A) It is too slow to escape.
  - B It's teeth are too small to bite.
  - ① It gets scared and gives off a stink automatically.
  - ① It is trying to attract other millipedes to come help.
- **9.** Which of the following is an opinion?
  - (A) Wolverines are also called "nasty cats."
  - B Opossums pretend to be dead if an enemy is near.
  - ① Musk oxen are the smelliest animals on the planet.
  - ① Striped polecats are cousins of skunks.

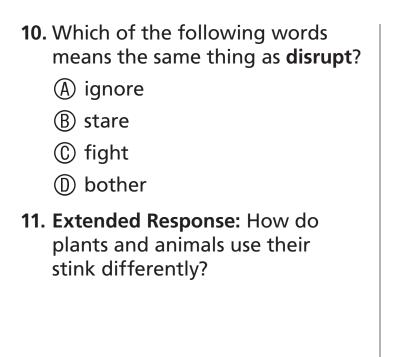


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Quick Check Answer Sheet Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast LEVEL K

### Nature Stinks!

- **1.** (A) Author's Purpose
- **2.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- **3.** ① Vocabulary
- **4. (B)** Compare and Contrast
- 5. A Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **6.** (D) Cause and Effect
- 7. B Compare and Contrast
- 8. (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 9. ① Fact or Opinion
- **10.** D Vocabulary
- 11. Answers will vary but should express that plants use their stink to attract insects that help to create more plants while animals mostly use their smell to keep away enemies.