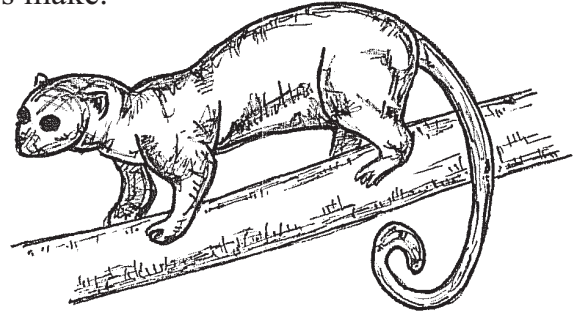


Kinkajou

Review Key Words⁶

benefit	Benefit means to get something good out of something.
nectar	Nectar is the sweet juice that flowers make.
pollinate	Pollinate means to move pollen from one flower to another so that the flowers can make seeds.
rainforest	A rainforest is an area of dense forest near the equator where the weather is hot and wet.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

5 It's nighttime in the **rainforest**.
 12 High above the ground, a small, furry
 18 animal swings from branch to branch.
 26 The animal stops and hangs from its tail
 34 in front of a big white flower shaped
 43 like a cup. It **plunges** its face into the
 50 middle of the flower. When the animal
 59 pops its face out again, it looks like it's
 66 wearing a **powdery** mask! What is this
 71 animal? What is it doing?
 77 The animal is a kinkajou. Kinkajous
 85 have sharp claws and teeth, so they are
 89 **classified** as **carnivores**. Sometimes,
 96 they do eat insects and other small
 102 animals. But kinkajous seem to **prefer**
 109 eating fruit. They also like to drink
 flower **nectar**.

111 When kinkajous drink nectar from
 116 flowers, they act as pollinators. **Pollen**
 122 from a flower sticks to the kinkajou's
 129 furry face. Later, the kinkajou moves to
 136 another flower. Pollen falls from the
 142 kinkajou's face into the new flower. In
 149 this way, the kinkajou spreads pollen
 155 from flower to flower.

159 Kinkajous are some of the only
 165 carnivores that **pollinate** flowers. In
 170 doing so, kinkajous help to keep the
 177 rainforest alive and healthy. The
 182 kinkajous **benefit** too—nectar is a sweet
 189 treat!
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Kinkajou

Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Nectar is a sweet treat for rainforest animals.
 - b. Kinkajous help pollinate flowers in the rainforest.
 - c. Kinkajous are carnivores that have sharp claws and teeth.
2. What do kinkajous seem to prefer to eat?
 - a. pollen
 - b. insects
 - c. fruit
3. What does the word **classified** mean in this story?
 - a. made an advertisement
 - b. kept something a secret
 - c. put into a certain group
4. How do kinkajous help keep the rainforest healthy?
 - a. by eating small animals
 - b. by pollinating flowers in the rainforest
 - c. by drinking sweet nectar
5. How are kinkajous different from most carnivores?

6. Match each word with its definition.

1. prefer	a. ___ drops suddenly
2. carnivores	b. ___ like dust
3. powdery	c. ___ meat eaters
4. plunges	d. ___ favor over another

Number Correct: _____

Summarize the Story

Number of Words Written: _____