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You are doing research about animals and pets. You have found two animal fact cards. Read the fact cards.

Text 1 Fact cards



Hungry hamsters

Hamsters are little nocturnal creatures. They sleep from morning to evening and are awake at night. Their diet usually consists of nuts, seeds and fruits, which they like storing in their special cheek pouches so that they can eat them later. However, they sometimes make an exception for an especially tasty treat. Online, you can find videos of a hamster eating a miniature slice of pizza, as well as a tiny burrito!



Squirrel selfie

Squirrels are related to hamsters. They are both members of the rodent family, and have similar diets. Squirrels may appear charming and tame, but they can be truly wild at heart!

Things turned a little 'nutty' for one man in Florida when he attempted to take a selfie with a squirrel. He saw the adorable critter sitting on a hand rail in a park and thought it looked friendly. Unfortunately for this would-be photographer, his smartphone's flash was on. That startled the squirrel, causing it to leap onto his back and scurry under his shirt. Luckily, no one was injured!

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Comprehension 1 *Your friend asks you about the fact cards. Answer his/her questions using information from the fact cards.*

- 1 Find a word in the first fact card that means 'active at night'.

- 2 Who/what does 'them' (line 6) refer to?

- 3 Why do hamsters store food in their cheek pouches?

- 4 What is an example of 'an especially tasty treat' (line 8)?

- 5 Find three words in the first fact card that mean 'small'.

- 6 Which of the following kinds of food is NOT mentioned in the first fact card? Put a tick (✓) in the box.


☐

Nuts


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Cornflakes


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Fruits


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Pizza

- 7 Why did the man want to take a selfie with the squirrel?

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8 Which word in the second flashcard means the same as 'crazy'?

9 What does 'that' in line 23 refer to?

10 Complete the sentence below.

The squirrel jumped on the man because _____

_____.

11 Complete the following summary about the second fact card. Use ONE word to complete each blank.

A man living in _____ saw a squirrel in a _____ and wanted to take a selfie with it. However, he forgot to turn off his _____. This _____ the squirrel, so it leapt onto the man's back and hid under his _____.

12 Decide if the following statements apply to hamsters or squirrels.

	hamster	squirrel
i) This animal is usually a pet.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) This animal belongs to the rodent family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) This animal can be dangerous.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



13 Do you think it is a good idea to take selfies with wild animals? Why or why not?
