

Name _____

Wildlife of North America

A. Circle the name of the animal that completes each sentence.

- _____ live in the deserts of the United States and Mexico.
quetzals bison Gila monsters
- The _____ is the largest land carnivore.
polar bear bison quetzal
- The _____ has babies that are called kits.
quetzal beaver humpback whale
- The _____ is a venomous carnivore.
polar bear Gila monster humpback whale
- The _____ migrates over 30,000 miles each year.
humpback whale quetzal bison
- The _____ eats mostly seals.
Gila monster polar bear humpback whale
- _____ live in the rainforests of Central America.
quetzals Gila monsters beavers
- The _____ eats mostly krill.
bison Gila monster humpback whale
- _____ are grazing animals.
bison beavers polar bears
- _____ live together in family groups inside lodges.
Gila monsters beavers quetzals

B. Which of the six animals is your favorite? Why?

Name _____

Review

Use words from the box to complete the crossword puzzle.

bananas
bison
coniferous
corn
fossil
quetzals
renewable
salmon

Across

- Most of the U.S.'s _____ crop is used to feed livestock.
- Wind is a _____ resource.
- _____ live in the Central American rainforest.
- Today, most _____ are farmed rather than caught in the wild.

Down

- _____ forests cover most of Canada.
- Mexico grows nearly 2 million tons of _____ each year.
- Oil, natural gas, and coal are _____ fuels.
- _____ live mostly in the Great Plains region of North America.

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North America: Plants, Animals, and Resources

Directions: Decode the missing words in the text below by using the code key at the bottom of the page.

North America has a wide variety of plants and animals, industries, and valuable natural resources. Large deposits of _____ and natural gas are in Alaska, western Canada, the southwestern United States, and eastern Mexico. North America also has large deposits of _____ and iron ore. Gold and _____ are mined throughout the continent. _____ is a major industry throughout the continent. Grains and livestock are raised in the plains regions, while _____, Florida, and Texas produce fruits and _____. Forestry is a major industry in _____ and the western United States. _____ is the most important industry in Greenland and is done along the entire coast of the continent.

Major _____ of the continent include food, chemicals, _____, forest products, metals, and _____ oil. Mexico and the Central American countries also export _____ and minerals.

In addition to domesticated animals, the plains and prairies are home to mammals, such as _____, deer, _____, and prairie dogs. Larger mammals include _____, moose, _____, oxen, and puma. The world's largest bears, the _____ bear and _____ bear, are found in North America. _____ and dolphins live in the waters off the coast of the continent.

Reptiles in North America include poisonous snakes, such as the _____, rattlesnake, and _____. The _____ lizard, the world's only poisonous lizard, lives in Mexico and the southwestern United States.

North America's lakes and rivers are home to many species of _____ fish. Many kinds of shellfish, _____, and _____, live in the coastal waters.

More than 800 species of birds also inhabit the continent. They range from the tiny _____ to the large California _____. Marsh and inland water birds, such as _____, ducks, _____, and geese, are also plentiful. Central America is home to colorful _____ birds. Birds of _____ that live in North America include eagles, hawks, and _____.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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