

ENGLISH

Read the following passage:

What's Wild about African Wild Dogs?

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What's the difference between African wild dogs and the dogs we know as pets? For one thing, African wild dogs, which live in Africa, south of the Sahara desert, only have four toes, while domestic dogs and wolves have five. But you wouldn't want to count for yourself, because these are truly wild animals.

"Wild dogs are not somebody's domestic dogs that ran away and didn't come back, although some people used to think that," explains Dr. "Tico" McNutt. "They are actually Africa's wolves, and just like wolves, they do not make good pets. They need to be out in the wild ranging many miles every day and hunting to find the food they need to survive and feed pups."

In fact, they travel so far that researchers use radio collars to keep track of them. The collars send out radio signal that tell people where the dogs are. African wild dogs are a separate species from domestic dogs: *Lycaon pictus*, which means painted, wolf-like animal. Incredible hunters, they can run up to 35 miles per hour (56 kilometers per hour).

African wild dogs are smart and sociable, like pet dogs. They enjoy each others' company and live in packs of about six to 20 animals. Both males and females look out for young dogs and make sure they have food; they will even take care of orphans that don't belong to them.

African wild dogs talk to each other with two common types of calls, says Dr. McNutt. "The 'hoo' call is a call that they make when lost or when a pack member is missing. It sounds almost like an owl." The dogs can hear the call two or three miles away and easily find each other. On the other hand the twitter calls are intended to carry only very short distances, and are used to wake up the pack members and rally them to go hunting. They are very high pitched and sound almost like songbird calls.

There's one huge difference between domestic or pet dogs and African wild dogs. Millions of domestic dogs live on the planet, but there are probably fewer than 6,000 African wild dogs left. Lions and hyenas eat them, but most of all, African wild dogs are threatened by people. Humans hunt them, and ranchers and farmers who don't want them going after cows and sheep, poison them. Humans are also destroying the wild, natural habitat they need to survive.

Researchers like Dr. McNutt are working to help people understand how rare and special these animals are. Today more ranchers are finding other ways to protect their cows and sheep from African wild dogs instead of killing the rare and special animals.

I(A) Based on your reading, answer the questions below. Choose the correct answer from the options given.

01. In the sentence, "Wild dogs are not somebody's domestic dogs that ran away and didn't come back," what does the word, "domestic" mean?
A. Wild B. Circus C. Home D. Hot
02. How do researchers keep track of how far wild dogs travel?
A. They hunt them. B. They use radio collars.
C. They use infrared goggles. D. They live with them.

I(B) Based on your reading unscramble the following highlighted words to make a meaningful word. Choose the correct word from the options given.

03. enrfidfeec _____
A. defiance B. friendly C. difference D. edifices
04. boseilac _____
A. lobelias B. sociable C. causable D. aliased

I(C) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. Choose the answer from the given option.

05. Investigators (para 7)
A. survivors B. researchers C. hunters D. rangers
11. Indicator (para 3)
A. track B. species C. signal D. collars

II. Complete each analogy by writing the best word in the blank.

06. Find is to lose as construct is to _____.
A. build B. demolish C. misplace D. materials
07. Pane is to pain as weigh is to _____.
A. scale B. pounds C. weight D. way

III. Choose the correct meaning of the idioms from the options given below.

08. Be par for the course
A. ready for the challenge B. happen as expected
C. spoil a secret surprise or joke D. choose what you want

09. Give the game away
A. make people feel relaxed with each other
B. choose what you want
C. spoil a secret surprise or joke
D. do something in a way that will give good results

IV. Choose the correct answer.

10. The cause of ____ remains a mystery.
A. die B. died C. dead D. death
11. The painting was not genuine so it was ____.
A. worthwhile B. worthy C. worth D. worthless

V. Choose the correct preposition.

12. My birthday is May
A. in B. on C. at D. of
13. She'll be away next week
A. since B. at C. until D. till

VI. Grammar Blast

14. Which sentence has an incorrect pronoun?
A. Derek speaks British English, and **he** is sometimes misunderstood in Iowa.
B. One day Derek said that **he** would go to the snack shop.
C. Derek asked for some chips, and **it** was surprised to get potato chips.
D. Derek expected French fries because **they** are called chips in England.
15. Which verb or verb phrase correctly completes this sentence?
Ronny _____ his piano lessons very well.
A. do B. done C. has done D. has did
16. Think about a memorable day. In a short paragraph of about 100 words, explain why that day was memorable.
Topic: A memorable day
Purpose: To explain why that day was memorable

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