

Porcupine Power! Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Read the passage about porcupines. Then answer the questions below using complete sentences when asked.

Section 1: Vocabulary

Match each word to its correct meaning.

1. Quills	A. A place where an animal lives
2. Keratin	B. Special hairs used for defense
3. Species	C. A protein found in nails and hair
4. Habitat	D. A group of animals that are alike

Section 2: Multiple Choice

1. How many quills can a porcupine have?
A. 300
B. 3,000
C. 30,000
D. 300,000
2. What are porcupine quills made of?
A. Bone
B. Fur
C. Keratin
D. Wood
3. What do porcupines eat?
A. Meat
B. Fish
C. Insects
D. Plants

Section 3: Short Answer

1. Why do porcupines raise their quills when threatened?
2. What is a baby porcupine called?
3. Do porcupines truly hibernate? Explain.

Section 4: Think About It

The passage says porcupines teach us that strength does not always roar. What do you think this means? Write 2–3 sentences explaining your answer.