

Zoe's Christmas Walk Through Wild Environments

Grade 3

Science

Nonfiction

Christmas Theme

~149 words

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Name: _____ Date: _____

 **READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.**

Zoe loved spending Christmas break exploring the snowy woods near her home. She noticed that some animals left tracks in the snow. Others were nowhere to be found. Zoe wondered why some animals stayed while others disappeared. She learned that every living thing needs a habitat to survive. A habitat gives animals food, water, and shelter. The cold winter woods still met the needs of deer and foxes. Those animals had thick fur coats to stay warm. Zoe found a hollow log near the Christmas tree farm. A chipmunk had curled up inside to sleep all winter. Some animals change their behavior when the environment changes. Sleeping through winter is one way animals stay alive. Zoe also noticed that pine trees stayed green all winter. Other trees had lost every single leaf. Plants respond to cold environments in different ways. Zoe's Christmas walk helped her understand how living things survive in changing environments.

 *Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.*

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Questions

 **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What does the passage say a habitat provides for animals? Use words from the passage in your answer.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word habitat mean as it is used in this passage?

INFERENCE

4. Zoe noticed that some animals were nowhere to be found in the snowy woods. What can you infer about where those animals might be?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What caused the chipmunk to curl up inside the hollow log?

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. How does the passage show that not all plants respond to cold weather the same way? Use exact words from the passage.

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

This passage is mostly about how Zoe discovers that living things survive in cold winter environments in different ways.

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What does the passage say a habitat provides for animals? Use words from the passage in your answer.

According to the passage, "A habitat gives animals food, water, and shelter."

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word habitat mean as it is used in this passage?

In this passage, habitat means the place where a living thing lives and gets everything it needs to survive, like food, water, and shelter.

INFERENCE

4. Zoe noticed that some animals were nowhere to be found in the snowy woods. What can you infer about where those animals might be?

You can infer that those animals were hiding or sleeping somewhere safe to survive the cold, because the passage later shows that a chipmunk was sleeping inside a hollow log all winter.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What caused the chipmunk to curl up inside the hollow log?

The chipmunk curled up inside the hollow log because the environment changed and became cold, and sleeping through winter is one way animals stay alive.

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. How does the passage show that not all plants respond to cold weather the same way? Use exact words from the passage.

The passage shows this by stating, "Zoe also noticed that pine trees stayed green all winter. Other trees had lost every single leaf."