





Talk About It

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and humans need
to live?



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Animal Needs

Animals Need to Eat

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Vocabulary

beasts
puddles
nibble
itches
preen
handy



Word Parts

The **word endings** **-s** and **-es** can be added to make nouns plural.

beast + *s* = *beasts*

Many *beasts* live at the zoo.

All animals need to eat, but different **beasts** eat in different ways.

A raccoon searches for fish, nuts, and other things to eat. Raccoons wash all their food before eating it. To do this, they must live near water. Even small pools of water, like **puddles**, will do. After the raccoon washes its food, it begins to eat by taking small bites. The animal may **nibble** on an acorn once it is clean.

A tiger hunts for the meat it eats. Eating can make a mess out of the tiger's fur. There are many places that need to be scratched. To get rid of these **itches**, the tiger bathes in a pond. Later the tiger may lie in the sun and **preen**. It carefully smooths its fur with its tongue.



A spider eats meat, too. It builds a sticky web and then hides. The web is a useful tool for the spider. Bugs get stuck in the **handy** web. Then the spider's dinner can't escape.

Reread for Comprehension



Ask Questions

Compare and Contrast

Asking questions can help you compare and contrast parts of an article. To compare means to tell how things are alike. To contrast means to tell how they are different. Reread to find out how animals get food and to compare and contrast the animals in the selection.

Animal	Animal	Animal
Behavior	Behavior	Behavior