

Answer Key: Animal Habitats

The paragraphs below are written correctly.

A kangaroo **rat's** world is the burning hot desert where the air above the sand is so hot it **wiggles**. During the day, a kangaroo rat **sleeps** in a cool, underground hole where it is safe from the terrible heat. But when the sun **goes** down, the desert **cools**. Then the rat **comes** out. It **scampers** about, looking for seed that **blows** across the desert. The rat doesn't look for water. Even if there were water, the kangaroo rat wouldn't drink it. This rat never **drinks**. Its body is able to make the water it **needs** out of just the dry seed the rat **eats**.

A walrus, on the other hand, **lives** in a world of cold water and floating **islands** of ice. A walrus **swims** to the edge of an ice island and **sticks** his two, long front teeth, called **tusks**, into the ice. He **pulls** himself right out of the water with his **tusks**. Then he **lies** on the ice in the sunshine, just as people lie on a sandy beach. Thick, tough skin with lots of thick fat underneath **helps** keep the walrus warm.

Differences in each **animal's** body help it stay alive in its world. A kangaroo rat has what it **needs** to stay alive in a hot desert. A walrus has what it **needs** to stay alive in its cold, icy world. Nature has perfectly equipped each animal, and each one has perfectly adapted to its habitat.

Possessives: *Answer Key*

	Singular Possessive	Plural Possessive
1. the foot of the ox	<u>the ox's foot</u>	<u>the oxen's feet</u>
2. the shoe of the woman	<u>the woman's shoe</u>	<u>the women's shoes</u>
3. the wrapper of the candy	<u>the candy's wrapper</u>	<u>the candies' wrappers</u>
4. the cage of the monkey	<u>the monkey's cage</u>	<u>the monkeys' cage</u>
5. the filling of the tooth	<u>the tooth's filling</u>	<u>the teeth's fillings</u>
6. home of the son-in-law	<u>son-in-law's home</u>	<u>sons-in-law's homes</u>
7. the hem of the scarf	<u>scarf's hem</u>	<u>the scarves' hems</u>
8. the label of the box	<u>box's label</u>	<u>boxes' labels</u>
9. the track of the deer	<u>deer's track</u>	<u>deer's tracks</u>
10. the feathers of the goose	<u>goose's feathers</u>	<u>geese's feathers</u>

___B___ 1. A. It is her's.
 B. It is hers.
 C. Its hers.

___B___ 2. A. The boy's gym was locked.
 B. The boys' gym was locked.
 C. The boys gym was locked.

___A___ 3. A. That girl's car needs a muffler.
 B. That girls' car needs a muffler.
 C. That girls car needs a muffler.

___C___ 4. A. The daisies stem was broken.
 B. The daisies' stem was broken.
 C. The daisy's stem was broken.

___C___ 5. A. The milk of goat's is more healthful than the milk of cow's.
 B. The milk of goats' is more healthful than the milk of cows'.
 C. The milk of goats is more healthful than the milk of cows.

- ___ B ___ 6. A. The knives blades should be sharpened.
 B. The knives' blades should be sharpened.
 C. The knife's blades should be sharpened.
- ___ C ___ 7. A. The fishes water had become dirty and clouded.
 B. The fishes' water had become dirty and clouded.
 C. The fish's water had become dirty and clouded.
- ___ A ___ 8. A. The children's toys were scattered throughout the house.
 B. The childrens' toys were scattered throughout the house.
 C. The childrens toys' were scattered throughout the house.
- ___ A ___ 9. A. Mr. Baker's car is in the shop.
 B. Mr. Bakers' car is in the shop.
 C. Mr. Bakers car is in the shop.
- ___ B ___ 10. A. The Baker's house is next to ours.
 B. The Bakers' house is next to ours.
 C. The Bakers house is next to ours.
- ___ C ___ 11. A. That cities streets are full of potholes.
 B. That cities' streets are full of potholes.
 C. That city's streets are full of potholes.
- ___ A ___ 12. A. My family's problem was minor.
 B. My families' problem was minor.
 C. My families problem was minor.
- ___ B ___ 13. A. The howling of the wolves' sent chills down my spine.
 B. The howling of the wolves sent chills down my spine.
 C. The howling of the wolfs' sent chills down my spine.
- ___ B ___ 14. A. A womans' work is never done.
 B. A woman's work is never done.
 C. A women's work is never done.
- ___ A ___ 15. A. Soldiers' rations are not considered gourmet food.
 B. Soldiers rations are not considered gourmet food.
 C. Soldier's rations are not considered gourmet food.
- ___ B ___ 16. A. The house on the corner of Elm Street and Pine Street is theirs'.
 B. The house on the corner of Elm Street and Pine Street is theirs.
 C. The house on the corner of Elm Street and Pine Street is their's.

- _____A_____ 17. A. That coat could be anybody's.
 B. That coat could be anybody's.
 C. That coat could be anybody's.
- _____C_____ 18. A. The peoples' wishes were ignored.
 B. The peoples wishes' were ignored.
 C. The people's wishes were ignored.
- _____A_____ 19. A. The studio's windows were large, and the room was light.
 B. The studios' windows were large, and the room was light.
 C. The studios windows were large, and the room was light.
- _____B_____ 20. A. Several war heroes' were honored at the ceremony.
 B. Several war heroes were honored at the ceremony.
 C. Several war hero's were honored at the ceremony.

Possessive Pronouns: *Answer Key*

The following sentences have been written correctly.

1. **It's** been so cold this fall that the trees have already shed their leaves.
2. Is the responsibility **theirs** or **yours**?
3. She is the actress **whose** chief claim to fame was a series of hair conditioner commercials.
4. The lady **whose** dog was lost had become hysterical.
5. The chair was in terrible condition; **its** stuffing was coming out, and it had several cigarette burns.
6. The dress is **hers**, but the shoes are mine.
7. **Who's** at the door?
8. I hope **they're** not planning to come to **our** house after the reunion.
9. **It's** getting late; I think **it's** time for the children to put on **their** pajamas.
10. I think **you're** in trouble for having too many absences in **your** English Comp I class.

The following sentences have been written correctly.

1. **His** being the nephew of the boss didn't hurt his chances for the job.
2. She appreciated **my** tutoring her daughter.
3. The other candidate did not approve of **my** putting flyers in his dorm.