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VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each animal word with its meaning.

1 species ____	**a** a natural home or environment for an animal
2 predator ____	**b** an animal that hunts other animals for food
3 prey ____	**c** an animal hunted by another animal for food
4 habitat ____	**d** colouring or pattern that helps an animal hide
5 mammal ____	**e** active at night
6 camouflage ____	**f** a group of animals of the same kind, especially large ones
7 migrate ____	**g** a warm-blooded animal that feeds its young with milk
8 offspring ____	**h** a group of animals with shared features that can breed together
9 nocturnal ____	**i** to travel long distances, often seasonally
10 herd ____	**j** the young of an animal

2 Choose the correct form.

1 Lions are natural predator / predators.
2 The rabbit is often prey / preys for foxes.
3 This forest is their natural habitat / habitats.
4 Whales are mammal / mammals.
5 The chameleon uses camouflage / camouflages to hide.
6 Birds migrate / migration south for winter.
7 The lioness protects her offspring / offsprings.
8 Owls are nocturnal / night animals.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

camouflage | habitat | herd | mammal | migrate | nocturnal | offspring | predator

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Elephant: It is a large 1 _____ that lives in a 2 _____ with others of its kind. Its natural 3 _____ is the African savanna.
Owl: It is a 4 _____ bird that hunts at night. As a skilled 5 _____, it uses excellent hearing to find food.
Chameleon: It uses 6 _____ to blend into its surroundings and protect its 7 _____.
Geese: Every year, they 8 _____ to warmer places for the winter.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 predator ____	**a** diurnal
2 nocturnal ____	**b** prey
3 wild ____	**c** domesticated
4 large ____	**d** small
5 carnivore ____	**e** herbivore
6 fast ____	**f** slow
7 dangerous ____	**g** harmless
8 common ____	**h** rare

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

The arctic fox

The arctic fox is a small mammal that lives in the cold habitats of the Arctic. It has thick fur that changes colour with the seasons, providing excellent camouflage against snow in winter and rocks in summer. This clever predator hunts small animals like lemmings, but it can also be prey for larger animals like wolves. Arctic foxes usually live and travel alone, but mothers care closely for their offspring until they are ready to survive independently.

1 The arctic fox lives in cold habitats. T / F

2 Its fur stays the same colour all year. T / F

3 It hunts small animals like lemmings. T / F

4 It can never be prey for other animals. T / F

5 Arctic foxes usually live in large herds. T / F

6 Mothers care for their offspring. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (in, on, for, to).

1 This species lives _____ the forest.

2 Lions feed _____ smaller animals.

3 Birds migrate south _____ winter.

4 The fox is well adapted _____ cold weather.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of an animal you find interesting. Include its habitat, diet and any special features.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use present tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and accurate.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Animal words

1 h 2 b 3 c 4 a 5 g 6 d 7 i 8 j 9 e 10 f

2 Choose the correct form

1 predators 2 prey 3 habitat 4 mammals 5 camouflage 6 migrate 7 offspring 8 nocturnal

3 Descriptions

1 mammal 2 herd 3 habitat 4 nocturnal 5 predator 6 camouflage 7 offspring 8 migrate

4 Opposites

1 b 2 a 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - it changes colour.
3 T
4 F - it can be prey for wolves.
5 F - they usually live alone.
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 in 2 on 3 for 4 to

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and factual wording.