

Animal Fact, Animal Fable

◆ Fill in the bubble next to the right answer.

Skills and Strategies

1. Some people think that a turtle can walk out of its shell. The shell is really _____.

(a) its food	(c) part of its body
(b) a weapon	(d) just a house

2. Some people think that porcupines shoot their quills. Porcupines really _____.

(a) back their quills into an enemy	(c) keep their quills
(b) shed their quills	(d) drop their quills on the ground

3. It is a fact that _____.

(a) porcupines shoot their quills	(c) dogs talk with their tails
(b) ostriches hide their heads in sand	(d) turtles walk out of their shells

4. If a dog's tail is straight, watch out. If the tail wags from side to side, the dog _____.

(a) has done something wrong	(c) is happy
(b) backs away	(d) may attack

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5. Ostriches do not stick their heads in the sand.
They _____.
- (a) fall asleep on the ground
 - (b) stretch their legs on the ground
 - (c) lie down on the ground
 - (d) stretch their necks along the ground

Vocabulary

6. When it is hot, a cricket chirps more **quickly**.
It chirps _____.
- (a) all night
 - (b) and counts
 - (c) faster
 - (d) slowly
7. A **porcupine** can hurt another animal.
A **porcupine** _____.
- (a) has quills
 - (b) buries its head
 - (c) chirps
 - (d) wags its tail
8. A porcupine's **quills** are _____.
- (a) sharp teeth
 - (b) pointed claws
 - (c) itchy hair
 - (d) thorn-like points
9. Porcupines can use quills on an **enemy**.
An **enemy** is something _____.
- (a) harmful
 - (b) helpful
 - (c) fast
 - (d) slow
10. **Ostriches** do not stick their heads in sand.
Ostriches are _____.
- (a) small insects
 - (b) large birds
 - (c) birds that swim
 - (d) large cats