

What Does a Groundhog Know? Worksheet

1 Read the multiple choice questions below.

2 As your teacher reads the dialogue, listen carefully for the answers. Then circle A, B or C.

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Akira: I just watched the news. I saw an interesting story, but I didn't understand it.

Betty: Oh? What was it about?

Akira: I'm not sure. There were men with tall hats. They held a brown animal in the air. The animal looked like a big rat.

Betty: Hmm. What's the date today?

Akira: It's February 2nd.

Betty: A-ha! Today is Groundhog Day! You saw a groundhog on TV. Those men had a groundhog.

Akira: Why?

Betty: It's a tradition in the United States. Every year on February 2nd, people watch the groundhog come out of his den.

Akira: What's a *den*?

Betty: Groundhogs sleep in a den. It's a hole in the ground. It's like a little bedroom.

Akira: Oh, I see. Groundhogs live in the ground.

Betty: Yes, that's right. Anyway, if the groundhog comes out of his den and sees his shadow, then it will be winter for six more weeks. The weather will be cold. If the groundhog comes out and doesn't see his shadow, then the weather will be mild.

Akira: Oh, really? Is that true? How does the groundhog know?

Betty: I'm not sure. I don't know if the groundhog is always right. But it's a fun holiday!

1 What animal are Akira and Betty talking about?

- a** A rat
- b** A mammal
- c** A groundhog

2 What month is it?

- a** January
- b** February
- c** Winter

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- 3** What tradition happens on that day?
- a** People wear tall hats.
 - b** People watch a groundhog wake up.
 - c** People see their shadows.
- 4** What is a *den*?
- a** A hole in the ground.
 - b** Where a groundhog sleeps.
 - c** Both a and b.
- 5** If the groundhog sees its shadow, what will happen?
- a** The weather will be mild.
 - b** The winter will continue.
 - c** The groundhog will go inside his den.
- 6** What kind of holiday is it?
- a** It's a fun holiday
 - b** It's a serious holiday
 - c** It's a boring holiday

What Does a Groundhog Know? Worksheet Answer Key

1 Read the multiple choice questions below.

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1 c

2 b

3 b

4 c

5 b

6 a