**Reading exercises**

### **Task 1: Multiple Choice Quiz**

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. What is the main lesson we learn from **tortoises**?  
   a) Stay loyal to your friends  
   b) Take life slow and enjoy the ride  
   c) Be mischievous and have fun  
   d) Always stay active and exercise
2. Which animal is known for its **strong memory** and decision-making skills?  
   a) Dolphin  
   b) Monkey  
   c) Elephant  
   d) Zebra
3. What is a **pod**?  
   a) A group of dolphins  
   b) A rabbit’s burrow  
   c) A zebra’s stripe pattern  
   d) A monkey’s playful trick
4. How do **zebras** use their stripes?  
   a) To confuse predators and avoid insect bites  
   b) To look more attractive to other zebras  
   c) To show their age and strength  
   d) To communicate with their herd
5. Which of the following best describes **altruism**?  
   a) Helping others without expecting anything in return  
   b) Avoiding social interaction  
   c) Always thinking about yourself  
   d) Competing with others for resources
6. What do **monkeys** teach us about aging?  
   a) The importance of staying socially connected and having fun  
   b) The need to stay independent and live alone  
   c) That life should always be taken seriously  
   d) That it’s best to avoid interacting with others
7. Which animal symbolizes the idea of staying **physically active and eating healthily**?  
   a) Elephant  
   b) Dolphin  
   c) Rabbit  
   d) Zebra

**Task 2: Matching Words with Definitions**

Match the words from the text with their correct definitions.

1. **Burrowing**
2. **Grieve**
3. **Altruism**
4. **Predators**
5. **Agile**
6. **Bonding**
7. **Mischievous**
8. **Herbivores**

**Definitions:**  
A. The act of mourning or feeling deep sorrow after a loss.  
B. Quick and flexible in movement.  
C. Animals that primarily eat plants.  
D. To dig or create a hole or tunnel for shelter.  
E. Animals that hunt and eat other animals.  
F. The ability to form close relationships with others.  
G. A behavior of helping others without expecting anything in return.  
H. Playfully causing trouble or being naughty.

**Task 3: Fill in the Blanks**

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the list:

(*burrowing, grieve, agile, mischievous, altruism, bonding, predators, herbivores*)

1. Dolphins show great **\_\_\_\_\_\_** when they help injured pod members.
2. Rabbits are **\_\_\_\_\_\_**, meaning they eat only plant-based food.
3. The monkey was very **\_\_\_\_\_\_**, always playing tricks on its friends.
4. Some animals, like elephants, are known to **\_\_\_\_\_\_** when a family member dies.
5. Cheetahs are one of the most feared **\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the wild.
6. Physical touch and social interactions help in **\_\_\_\_\_\_** between animals.
7. The squirrel’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_** movements helped it quickly escape from danger.
8. Many desert animals survive by **\_\_\_\_\_\_** underground to avoid extreme heat.

**Task 4: Synonyms and Antonyms**

Write a synonym and an antonym for each of the following words:

1. **Loyal**
   * Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Unique**
   * Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_
3. **Flexible**
   * Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_
4. **Mischievous**
   * Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_\_