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   1. Birds communicate with vocal behaviors. Ants and termites communicate through sound, touch, and scent. Finally, bees can communicate through a dancelike motion.
7. What are predators? What is prey?
   1. A predator is an animal that hunts and feeds on other animals. Prey is an animal that is hunted by other animals for food.
8. How do group behaviors benefit predators?
   1. When predators work together as a group, they are more successful hunters. For example, they might be able to tire out their prey or set a trap to easily catch their next meal.
9. Why do animals migrate?
   1. Animals often migrate to find food, create offspring, or avoid harsh weather conditions. For example, birds migrate for better weather as well as laying eggs and raising chicks. Other animals such as wildebeest, gazelles, and zebras migrate when their food supply is low. Animals migrate instinctually for survival.
10. List three animals other than bears that hibernate.
    1. In addition to bears, bats, lizards, snakes, and other reptiles hibernate.