

Examples for All Content Areas

Stand-Alone Answers

DIRECTIONS: Choose or write the best answer to each of the following questions using the evidence presented in the passage. When required, list specific sentence numbers or paragraph letters from the story to support your answer.

1. What coats the outside of an owl pellet?

The coats of the outside of an owl pellet is fur or feathers of animals the owl has eaten. Give the number of the sentence that best supports your answer. 11

2. According to paragraph A, why does an owl cough up a pellet?

Owls cough up pellets because they can't digest parts of what they eat. Give the number of the sentence that best supports your answer. 4

3. Looking at the skull pictured in the diagram, how might you determine that it belongs to a bird?

You might determine the skull belongs to a

4. Why would it be helpful to identify what kind of body parts are in the pellet? (as shown on the diagram)

It would be helpful to identify body parts from the owl pellet because you could find out

5. How does a cat's hairball compare to an owl pellet?

A cat's hairball compares to an owl pellet by how both these animals cough up →

List the numbers of the 2 sentences that best support your answer. 6, 7

6. As used in sentences 8 and 18, what does the word *dissecting* most closely mean?

- A. giving an estimate
B. putting together
C. separating into pieces
D. cleaning thoroughly

7. Why do you think owl pellets are commonly found beneath an owl's roosting place?

- A. This is the place an owl rests and sleeps during the day.
B. The pellets are used to make the owls' nests.
C. Owls toss them out when they clean their nests.
D. The pellets are used to attract prey.