

# Wild Insights Passage Comprehension Worksheet

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**Directions:** Read the passages, and then circle the correct answer for each question or item.

For years, I have tried state-of-the-art technologies and homespun remedies to keep deer out of my garden. But nothing has worked so well as my latest contraption. To build it, I used a double-socket light fixture equipped with a motion detector that automatically turns the fixture on and off. I also used a bright light bulb labeled as safe for outdoor use, a screw-in electric receptacle, a tall pole, a heavy-duty extension cord, and my teenage daughter's shower radio, set to her favorite station.

First, I mounted the double-socket fixture to the top of the pole. I screwed the light bulb into one socket and the electric receptacle into the other. Then I plugged the radio into the receptacle and used duct tape to secure the radio pole. I set the motion detector to the most sensitive setting, drove the pole into the dirt in my garden, and used the extension cord to run power from my house.

At night, when deer come within a 60-foot range of the motion detector, they are greeted by a short, loud blast of hard-rock music and a blinding flash of light. Based on their reaction, it's probably safe to assume that deer do not like rock concerts.

Only if one knows better, or kills or injures for personal amusement, can one be called cruel. And yet such labeling persists. How well does the label really fit? Wolves, except for the fact that they hunt, could not be considered cruel. In fact, they are notably affectionate and more sensitive than their domestic cousins, dogs. More people are injured or killed annually in this country by deer than by wolves, mountain lions, and bears combined!

**1. What animal would the author probably consider the most dangerous?**

- a. humans
- b. mountain lions
- c. wolves
- d. deer

**1. The contraption described in the passage provides a way to**

- a. hunt deer.
- b. observe wildlife.
- c. protect a garden.
- d. plan a rock concert.

**2. Which best describes the purpose of the duct tape?**

- a. support
- b. protection
- c. repair
- d. control

