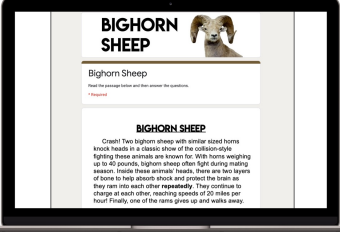


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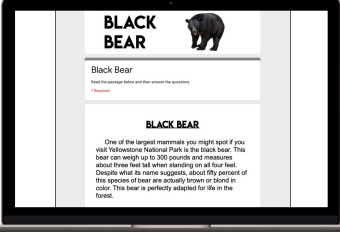
Creat! Two bighorn sheep with similar sized horns knock heads in a classic show of the collision-style fighting these animals are known for. With horns weighing up to 40 pounds, bighorn sheep often fight during mating season. Inside these animals' heads, there are two layers of bone to help absorb shock and protect the brain as they ram into each other repeatedly. They continue to charge at each other, reaching speeds of 20 miles per hour! Finally, one of the rams gives up and walks away.

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BLACK BEAR

Black Bear

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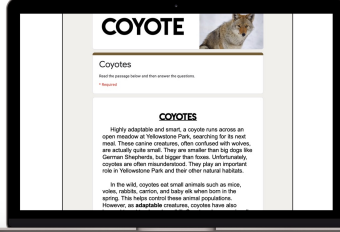
One of the largest mammals you might spot if you visit Yellowstone National Park is the black bear. This bear can weigh up to 500 pounds and has a head and neck that is about three feet tall when standing on all four feet. Despite what its name suggests, about 90 percent of this species of bear are actually brown or blond in color. This bear is perfectly adapted for life in the forest.

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COYOTES

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COYOTE

Coyotes

Read the passage below and then answer the questions.

COYOTES

Highly adaptable and smart, a coyote runs across an open meadow in Yellowstone Park, searching for its next meal. These canine creatures, often confused with wolves, are actually quite smart. They are smaller than the dogs they are often misidentified. They play an important role in Yellowstone Park and their other natural habitat.

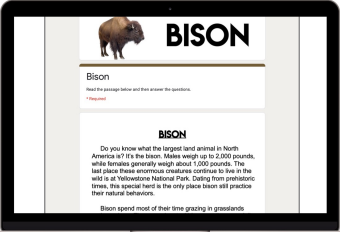
In the wild, coyotes eat small animals such as mice, voles, rabbits, caracis, and baby elk when born in the spring. This helps control these animal populations. However, as adaptable creatures, coyotes have also

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BISON

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BISON

Bison

Read the passage below and then answer the questions.

BISON

Do you know what the largest land animal in North America is? It's the bison. Bison weigh up to 2,000 pounds, while females generally weigh about 1,000 pounds. The last close bison massacre occurred in 1924 in the wild at Yellowstone National Park. Using their protective horns, this special herd is the only place bison still practice their natural behaviors.

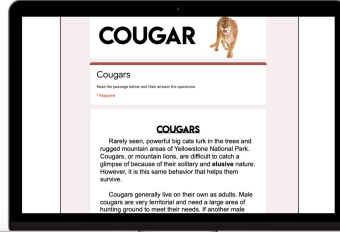
Bison spend most of their time grazing in grasslands.

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COUGARS

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COUGAR

Cougars

Read the passage below and then answer the questions.

COUGARS

Rarely seen, powerful big cats lurk in the trees and rugged mountain areas of Yellowstone National Park. Cougars, or mountain lions, are difficult to catch a glimpse of because of their solitary and elusive nature. However, it is this same behavior that helps them survive.

Cougars generally live on their own as adults. Male cougars are very territorial and need a large area of hunting ground to meet their needs. If another male

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BIGHORN SHEEP

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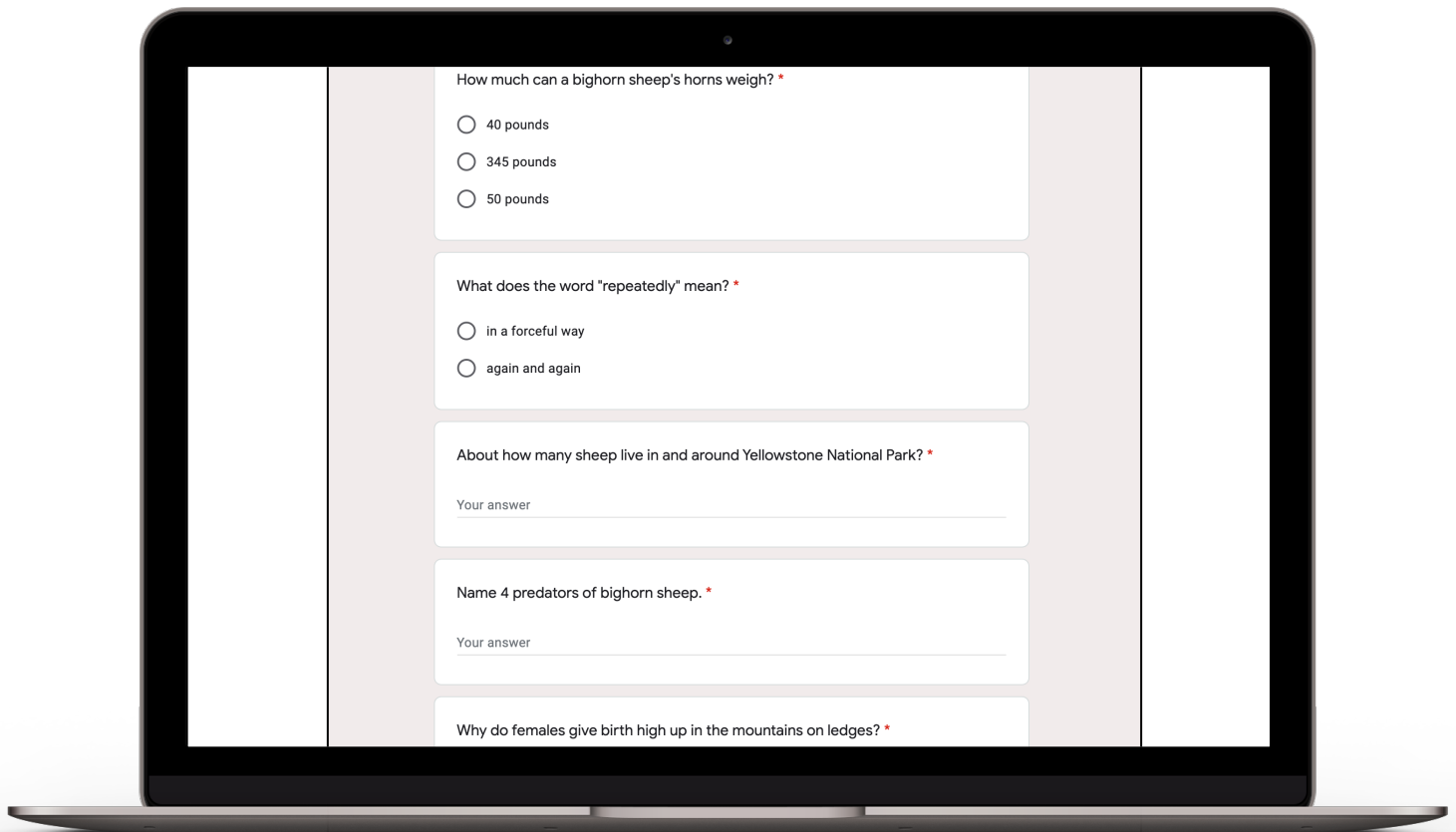
Bighorn sheep are known to inhabit many areas of the Rocky Mountains, including in Yellowstone National Park. Currently, about 345 sheep live in and around the park. These hooved creatures spend their time grazing on grasses and shrubs. During the summer months, bighorn sheep live higher up in the mountains. However, during the winter, they seek out lower pastures where food is more plentiful.

Predators of bighorn sheep include wolves, cougars, and coyotes. Golden eagles are also known for seeking out young lambs just after birth. To avoid predators, female bighorn sheep, called ewes, give birth high up in the mountains on ledges. However, eagles can still reach

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How much can a bighorn sheep's horns weigh? *

☐ 40 pounds

☐ 345 pounds

☐ 50 pounds

What does the word "repeatedly" mean? *

☐ in a forceful way

☐ again and again

About how many sheep live in and around Yellowstone National Park? *

Your answer _____

Name 4 predators of bighorn sheep. *

Your answer _____

Why do females give birth high up in the mountains on ledges? *

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