

## OXBOW AT HOME

# Sensational Senses

## Wildlife Wednesday Reflection Questions

Facebook Live Event on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon (EST)

**Some snakes have special vision, or sight. Describe how some snakes can see their prey or danger.**

Some snakes have "heat pits" or tiny holes near their nostrils. These snakes can see infrared light, which means they can see in the dark! They see a heat image, made up of different colors depending on their temperature. Hot things are red, cold are blue, and warm is on the spectrum in between the two.

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**Do snakes have ears? Explain your reasoning and describe how snakes can hear.**

Snakes do not have ears. Instead, they sense vibrations to "hear."

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**Animals make different calls or songs to communicate. Depending what they are trying to say, the pitch may sometimes be higher and sometimes be lower. Some animals can communicate in either high or low pitches. What animals can you think of that may communicate using high and low pitches? Some animals may appear in both columns.**

High Pitch	Low Pitch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• birds</li><li>• frogs</li><li>• cats</li><li>• whales</li><li>• dolphins</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dogs</li><li>• frogs</li><li>• lion</li><li>• elephants</li><li>• Gorilla pounding chest</li></ul>
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Why do you think animals will often eat what they find instead of what they like to eat?

An animal's main goal is survival. If an animal only ate the food items that they preferred or like, there likely would not be a large enough supply to sustain the animal long-term. Animals forage, hunt, or scavenge - and usually take advantage of opportunity and eat what they can find within their diet and nutritional requirements. Some herbivores will sometimes eat meat and some carnivores, like alligators, have been observed consuming fruit.

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Think about two animals that you saw on Facebook live. What texture would you describe them if you could touch or feel them? Would the animals feel similar in any ways?

Answers will vary.

Animal:

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