

Raccoons



The raccoon is a common backyard “bandit” that is easy to spot with its black face mask and ringed bushy tail. Raccoons are nocturnal mammals meaning they are active at night. They spend the nighttime hours looking for food. Raccoons use their front paws like hands. They are very clever and can open doors and trash cans, and even take lids off jars!

A mother raccoon makes a den in a hollow tree. In the spring, she has one to seven tiny babies. Raccoon kits are very playful. In a year, the kits are old enough to leave their mother.



1. Why is a raccoon clever? _____
2. Nocturnal means _____.
3. Raccoons make their homes in hollow _____.
4. What does a raccoon look like? _____
5. Find 2 compound words in the story. _____

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