



## Capuchin Monkeys – Main Idea

Directions: In your own words, describe the main idea on the lines below.

Optional: In addition, the main idea may be circled or highlighted. Supporting details may be underlined.

### 11. What is the main idea?

Capuchin monkeys are the small brown monkeys with white faces that come from the rainforest in Brazil. Capuchin monkeys forage for food such as fruit, insects, leaves, small birds, and frogs by swinging from tree to tree. They live and sleep in the trees and will only come down to find fresh drinking water. Still, some are captured by humans. Some are captured because they are easy to train to do tasks that would help a handicapped person. Some are wanted as pets. Some are trained to be used in entertainment and movies. Some are eaten as meat by the local people. In addition to humans, jaguars and birds of prey are predators of Capuchin monkeys in their natural environment.

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### 12. What is the main idea?

Capuchin monkeys can be trained to help the handicapped. People with spinal chord injuries may not be able to move their arms or legs. Quadriplegics can't move their arms or their legs. The monkeys that will become their helpers have been raised in a human home since they were infants to be **socialized**. After much training, the Capuchin monkey helps the handicapped person around the house by doing jobs such as microwaving food, washing the person's face, and opening a drink bottle for the person. The monkey becomes the person's hands.




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# Wolves – Main Idea

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13. What is the main idea?

Wolves do not really howl at the moon, but they do howl. They howl to call the pack together or to give a warning. They howl to find each other after a storm or while in territory that is new to the pack. When howling, wolves will harmonized together, which makes it seem like there are more wolves than there really are. Lone wolves will not howl if they are in another pack's territory. A wolf will bark a few times if it is startled, then move away. A wolf will growl when it is challenged, although wolf pups will also growl while they are playing. Whining is heard when the wolf is worried, excited, or greeting the pups.

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14. What is the main idea?



The wolf is the ancestor to all of our modern dogs. Wolves have two layers of fur. There is an undercoat and also a topcoat, which allows the wolves to live in very cold temperatures. Wolves can run at speeds of 40 miles per hour during a hunt and will trot for hours over long distances of about 12 miles per day. Wolves howl to communicate. The wolf might be calling his pack. He might be warning another pack of his territory. He might just be howling because he heard another wolf howl. Wolf packs have one male and female pair that produce the young pups. The pups are born deaf, blind, and weighing about one pound. The rest of the pack cares for the pups by bringing food and watching them while others hunt. It will take about 8 months before the pups are old enough to go on a hunt with the pack.

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Wolves are excellent hunters. They live and hunt in packs. A pack may be as few as two wolves or as many as ten wolves, depending upon the habitat and the food supply. Most packs have a mated unit called the alpha pair that leads the hunts. Wolves in the Arctic have to travel farther than wolves in the woodlands to find food, so they are able to go for several days without eating. When hunting by itself, a wolf may catch small animals such as squirrels, raccoons, or rabbits. A wolf will also eat fish, lizards, snakes, birds, and fruit. When hunting in a pack, wolves can hunt larger animals such as deer, moose, or caribou. After a successful hunt, the alpha pair always eats first. They will eat up to 20% (about 20 pounds) of their own body weight to make up for the missed meals.

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16. What is the main idea?

Wolves used to live in more places than any other mammals with the exception of humans. Wolves once lived all over the Northern Hemisphere, but were then hunted almost to **extinction** in the United States. Farmers and ranchers hunted, trapped, and poisoned wolves to protect their **domesticated** animals. In addition, few gray wolves can be found in Europe, but there are gray wolves in Alaska, Canada, and Asia. The red wolf in the southeastern part of the United States went extinct in the wild in 1980. Due to concerns for the endangered status of wolves, conservation areas have been set aside for wolves to live. Also, laws were written to protect wolves, which has allowed the number of wolves to increase somewhat over time.

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