



Match Game: Busy Day and Night

How do the animals stay busy throughout the year? Match the following animals to their activity. There is one animal for each month. Some are busy during the day. ☀️ Others are busy at night. 🌙



☀️ **1** *January*—Eagle

A. I catch insects in my web.



🌙 **2** *February*—Porcupine

B. I gather acorns to store.



☀️ **3** *March*—Spider

C. I use my camouflage to grab insects.



🌙 **4** *April*—Frog

D. I fly to a river to fish.



☀️ **5** *May*—Opossum

E. I migrate south to find food.



🌙 **6** *June*—Bat

F. I chew bark.



🌙 **7** *July*—Cricket

G. I search for prey in the snow.



☀️ **8** *August*—Lizard

H. I scratch for insects to eat.



☀️ **9** *September*—Goose

I. I eat moths and mosquitoes.



☀️ **10** *October*—Squirrel

J. I carry my babies on my back.



🌙 **11** *November*—Raccoon

K. I lay my eggs in water.



🌙 **12** *December*—Cougar

L. I sing by rubbing my wings together.

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ACTIVITY SHEET: Riddles in Rhyme

Directions: Follow-up a reading of *Daytime Nighttime, All Through the Year* with more rhymes. Have children guess the animals from the story that are being described. Answers found on the following page.

1. Tail is marked by stripey bands,
Paws like busy little hands.
2. A long, thin tail and 50 teeth.
Mothers have a pouch beneath.
3. Flying quickly in the night,
Finding moths a tasty bite.
4. Quills protect from enemies,
Or maybe he'll just climb a tree.
5. They give honey for our plate;
Plus, they help to pollinate.
6. She builds a home for sons &
daughters,
With a doorway under water
7. Noisy insects out of sight,
But we'll hear them on warm
nights.
8. Ribs a'plenty', eyelids: none,
Basking daily in the sun.
9. Dig, dig, dig with sturdy feet
To escape the desert heat.
10. Running fast up rock or wall,
In pursuit of insects small.
11. From the pond (and from an egg),
This guy jumps on long, slim legs.
12. Up 'til now, her coat's been brown,
But turns to white when snow's
around.
13. His eyes are on the end of stalks;
His slimy foot will glide, not walk.
14. All night long she spins a wheel
Just to catch an insect meal.
15. She wakes at night; it's time to
prowl.
She contacts others with her howl.
16. Honking, flying, on their way
To a spot with warmer days.

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Answers to the Riddles

1. *Skunk*
2. *Opossum*
3. *Bat*
4. *Porcupine*
5. *Bees*
6. *Beaver*
7. *Crickets*
8. *Snake*
9. *Tortoise*
10. *Lizard*
11. *Frog*
12. *Weasel*
13. *Snail*
14. *Spider*
15. *Coyote*
16. *Geese*

What if Poems

Directions: Fill in the final word of the poems with a word that rhymes with the last word in the second line. Answers appear on the following page.

BAT

What if bats came out in day,
When the sun is hot?
Their tiny bodies would dry out ,
And so they'd better _____.

TORTOISE

What if a tortoise, who likes desert blooms,
Would wake up and seek them in fall?
She might keep walking for day after day
And never find any at _____.

GEESE

What if geese would fly at night?
There would be a cost.
Without the sun to light their way,
They just might get _____.

SPIDER

What if spider spun her web,
Though in a place well chosen,
In the winter, when it's cold.
Would her web get _____?

WEASEL

What if a weasel stayed white all the year,
Not just winter, but times in between
Out in green grasses & rocks black & brown,
He'd be very easily _____.

SNAIL

What if a snail wandered out in the day,
When sun was up high in the sky?
That poor little guy couldn't stand that much heat
And soon would be withered and _____.

FROG

What if frogs would lay their eggs
In winter? Bad advice!
It would be so cold that eggs
Would turn to balls of _____.

QUAIL

What if a quail, who uses her eyes,
To see tiny seeds on the ground?
Went out at night to look for some food
In the dark, she would miss what's _____.

SQUIRREL

What if squirrels only sought acorns in spring,
When acorns are still green and small?
Because of bad timing, in winter to come,
They'd have almost no food at _____.

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ANSWERS for What If Poems

BAT

What if bats came out in day,
When the sun is hot?
Their tiny bodies would dry out,
And so they'd better not.

GEESE

What if geese would fly at night?
There would be a cost.
Without the sun to light their way,
They just might get lost.

WEASEL

What if a weasel stayed white all the year,
Not just winter, but times in between
Out in green grasses & rocks black & brown,
He'd be very easily seen.

FROG

What if frogs would lay their eggs
In winter? Bad advice!
It would be so cold that eggs
Would turn to balls of ice.

TORTOISE

What if a tortoise, who likes desert blooms,
Would wake up and seek them in fall?
She might keep walking for day after day
And never find any at all.

SPIDER

What if spider spun her web,
Though in a place well chosen,
In the winter, when it's cold.
Would her web get frozen?

SNAIL

What if a snail wandered out in the day,
When sun was up high in the sky?
That poor little guy couldn't stand that much heat
And soon would be withered and dry.

QUAIL

What if a quail, who uses her eyes,
To see tiny seeds on the ground?
Went out at night to look for some food
In the dark, she would miss what's around.

SQUIRREL

What if squirrels only sought acorns in spring,
When acorns are still green and small?
Because of bad timing, in winter to come,
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