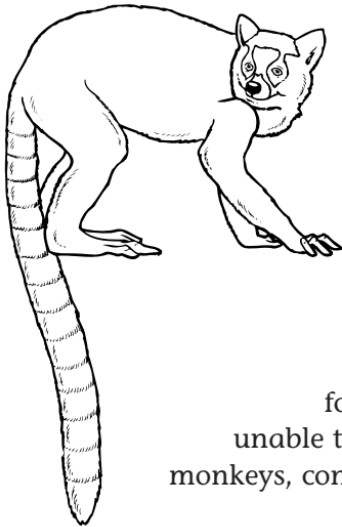


Test 9



How can closing your eyes help you read better? By letting you form a picture in your mind. Then you can go back and see if the words match your ideas.

Directions: Read the story, then fill in the bubble of the correct answer.



In the course of evolution, what happens when an area is cut off from the rest of the world?

Madagascar is an island 250 miles off the coast of Africa. It is estimated that it has been cut off from the mainland for perhaps 80 million years. The island today is a refuge for many forms of life that have become rare or extinct in other parts of the world. For example, up to 80 percent of Madagascar's plant species are unique to the island. In addition, about 46 kinds of birds are found nowhere else. Lemurs, which elsewhere were unable to compete with their larger primate cousins, the monkeys, continue to thrive in the isolation of Madagascar.

1. Which word refers to *a change over time*?
 estimation evolution isolation
2. Madagascar is an island off the _____ coast of Africa.
 east west south
3. Lemurs are _____.
 mammals birds plants
4. Which best describes the meaning of *unique*?
 special alone one of a kind
5. Which word means *a safe place*?
 rare thrive refuge
6. What percentage of Madagascar's plants are not unique to the island?
 80% 20% 46%
7. Madagascar is isolated because _____.
 it is an island it is part of Africa no one goes there



Name: _____

Date: _____

Answers

1. evolution
2. east
3. mammals
4. one of a kind
5. refuge
6. 20%
7. it is an island