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Nature Stinks!



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Focus Question

How does being stinky help plants and animals?



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Skunks spray to keep themselves and their babies safe.

Stinky Nature

Some animals smell bad.

Some plants smell bad, too.

Being **stinky** helps some plants
and animals stay alive.



Striped polecats are like skunks. They raise their tail and spray when scared.

Stinky Furry Animals

This animal **sprays** a stinky liquid when **enemies** get close.



Opossums have pouches, like kangaroos.

This animal plays dead if enemies get close.

It also makes stinky green slime.



A Very Stinky Plant

The corpse flower stinks!

A *corpse* is a dead body, and this plant smells like one.

The plant's bad smell brings flies and beetles near.



A lesser anteater's rough fur keeps ants off its body.

This animal shoots a stinky liquid
at its enemies.



Wolverines are also called "nasty cats" because of their stink.

This animal makes stinky liquid to keep other animals away.

It also pees on food it doesn't eat right away.

The smell may keep other animals away.

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