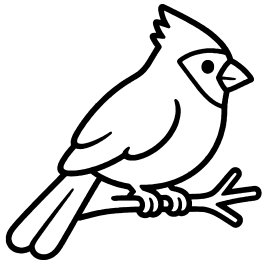
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Animals in Winter

Read about animals in winter. Then answer the questions.

Getting Through Winter

Winter can be a hard time for animals. The days are short and cold. Snow covers the ground, and food is hard to find.



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2. To migrate means to ____

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3. Every animal sleeps all winter. **true** **false**

4. What are the three ways animals get through the winter?

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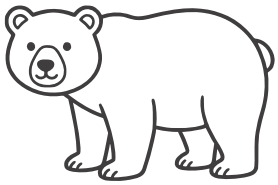
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Animals in Winter

Read about animals that hibernate. Then answer.

Winter Sleepers

When an animal hibernates, its body slows way down. Its heart beats slowly, and it breathes slowly. Its body gets cooler. It lives on the fat stored in its body, so it does not need to eat.



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1. An animal that hibernates lives on ____

grass under the ice the fat stored in its body food it finds in the snow

2. Many bats hibernate in ____ **nests** **caves** **ponds**

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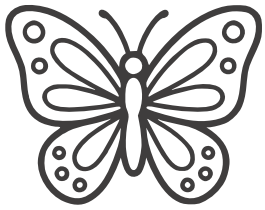
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4. Why do you think animals migrate in the fall?

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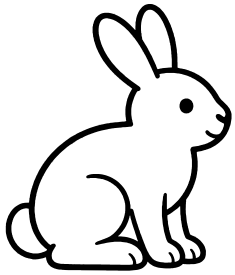
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Animals in Winter

Read about animals that stay active. Then answer.

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3. Cardinals fly south for the winter. **true** **false**

4. How do cardinals stay warm on cold days?

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Draw a line from each word to what it means.

hibernate	●	● to travel to a warmer place for the winter
migrate	●	● an animal's fur
active	●	● to warm up and stop being frozen
den	●	● to sleep through the coldest months, with the body slowed down
thaw	●	● moving around and busy
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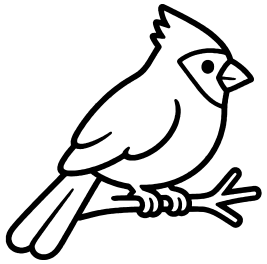
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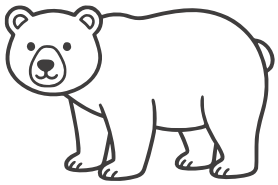
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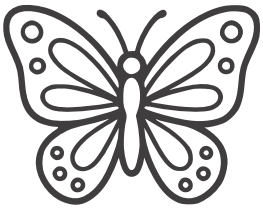
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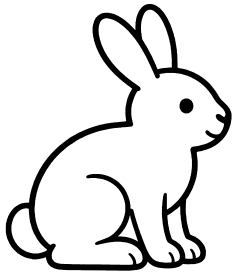
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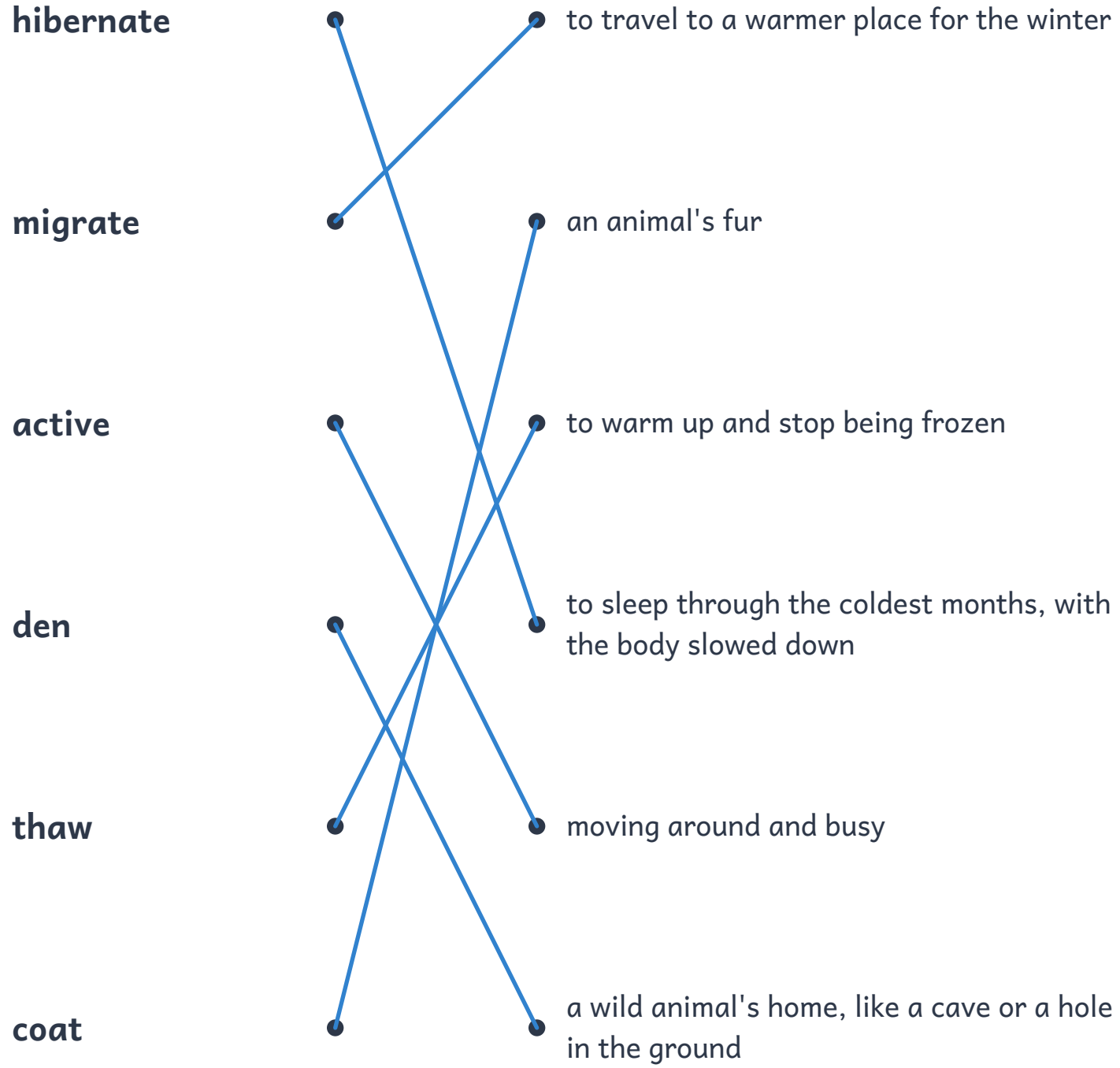
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I would migrate like a goose, so I could fly somewhere warm with my friends.

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