

# Kid Scoop

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A **NEED** is something you must have in order to survive. You need shelter, clothing, food, water and sometimes medicine.

A **WANT** is something you would like to have, but can live without. A music player, computer, television and bike are wants not needs.

## Wants and Needs

Just like people, raccoons have things they need to survive. Raccoons that live in the wild also like things they don't need to survive. Some of these "wants" can be dangerous to a raccoon.

This raccoon **needs** fruit. But he **wants** candy, which isn't good for him.

Look at each picture next to the raccoon. Write the word **NEED** next to each picture that shows something a raccoon needs to survive.

Write the word **WANT** next to each picture that shows something a raccoon might want, but not need.



Standards Link: Economics: Differentiate between wants and needs.

### Raccoon Shelter

Shelter is a **need**. Raccoons prefer living in wooded areas where they make their homes or dens in the hollow parts of trees as well as abandoned burrows. Why do you think a raccoon would like its home to be in a hollow up high in a tree?

Today, raccoons also can be found in areas where people live. They sometimes make their homes in man-made structures like attics, sewers, barns and sheds.

Circle every other letter to reveal another raccoon need.

Help this little raccoon find its way home.

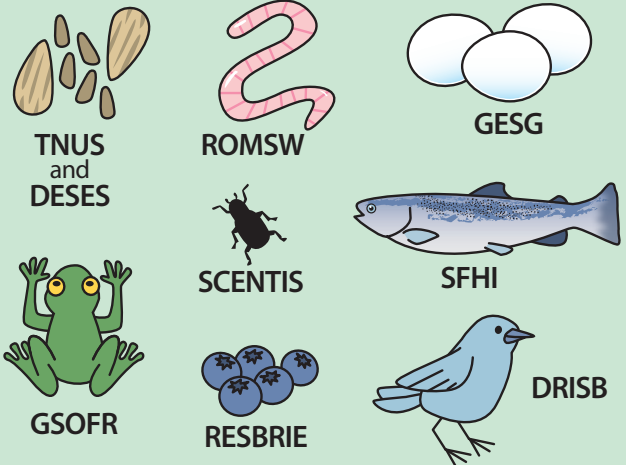
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### Good Food for Raccoons

Raccoons like to eat lots of different foods. Healthy food is a **need**. Are there foods that could be a **want** instead of a **need**?

While all animals need food to survive, raccoons will eat food that is healthy and good for them. But they will also look for and eat food that is bad for them. If they fill up on food that is not healthy, they can become sick and weak.

Unscramble the letters to spell each kind of food that is good for raccoons.



### Extra! Extra! Wants and Needs Search

Look through today's newspaper and circle things that humans **need** to survive in green. Underline things that could be called **wants** in red.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Raccoon Code

Use the code and discover these raccoon facts!



#### RACCOON SECRET CODE

A group of raccoons is called a

**N** **U** 13 6 9 8 22 9 2

Baby raccoons are called

16 18 7 8

Raccoons are nocturnal, meaning they are mostly active at

13 18 20 19 7

Raccoons eat plants and animals. They are

12 14 13 18 5 12 9 12 6 8

- 26 = A
- 25 = B
- 24 = C
- 23 = D
- 22 = E
- 21 = F
- 20 = G
- 19 = H
- 18 = I
- 17 = J
- 16 = K
- 15 = L
- 14 = M
- 13 = N
- 12 = O
- 11 = P
- 10 = Q
- 9 = R
- 8 = S
- 7 = T
- 6 = U
- 5 = V
- 4 = W
- 3 = X
- 2 = Y
- 1 = Z

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- RACCOON
- SURVIVE
- SHELTER
- HEALTHY
- BURROWS
- WATER
- BARN
- FROGS
- WANT
- NEED
- BIKE
- WILD
- DENS
- SAFE
- FOOD

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

W R E T L E H S A E  
 N E N T S A N W K H  
 S A F S U R V I V E  
 W N D A N A B L E A  
 O A E E S C D D S L  
 R A T D R C N E D T  
 R I F E O O F E E H  
 U R E F R O G S E Y  
 B A R N S N F N T D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Raccoon Habitat Ad

Look at the house for sale or rent ads in the newspaper. Rewrite an ad as if you were selling or renting a home for a raccoon. Be sure to include how the home meets a raccoon's wants and needs.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



### What did the beaver say to the tree?

ANSWER: "It's been nice gnawing you!"

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