

Fun Bits 5

Animals' Amazing Senses

Do you know that animals can predict the weather and even natural disasters such as typhoons and earthquakes? Read on to find out more!



On sunny days, we can see birds flying high up in the clear sky. But when bad weather like a typhoon comes, birds fly lower to the ground because the air pressure drops. This makes air become 'heavy'. It is hard for birds to fly high.



The temperature becomes low when there is a rain storm. Ants can feel a drop in temperature easily. Before the rain, ants run fast and build taller anthills because they do not want rainwater to wash away their homes.

A What animals can predict the following conditions? Fill in the blanks with the correct names of animals.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



Elephants can hear infrasound. It is sound with a low pitch that humans cannot hear. When elephants hear the roar of the Earth's crust and feel the ground shaking with their big feet, they run to safe places before an earthquake happens.



B Complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words from the text.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Hints:

1. Typhoons and earthquakes are natural _____.
2. Wear more clothes to keep warm when there is a _____ in temperature.
3. We need to drink a lot of water in hot _____.
4. I hate to hear the loud _____ of the cars on the road.

STEAM Highlights

What kind of sound can elephants hear? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)