My Raccoon Fact File

Read the raccoon fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a raccoon

Raccoon facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. omnivore ____	A. a sheltered home, such as a hollow tree, where an animal rests or raises young
2. nocturnal ____	B. a baby raccoon
3. kit ____	C. active at night and resting during the day
4. den ____	D. able to change habits to survive in many different places
5. adaptable ____	E. an animal that eats both plants and animals

The most amazing thing I learned about raccoons

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Answer Key

Raccoon Fact File

Raccoon facts

Scientific name:	Procyon lotor
Size:	16–28 in body + 8–16 in tail
Weight:	Usually 11–26 lb (5–12 kg)
Lifespan:	Often 2–5 yrs wild; 20+ in zoos
Diet:	Omnivore: fruit, nuts, crayfish, bugs
Habitat:	Woods near water, farms, towns
Where:	North and Central America
Status:	IUCN Least Concern

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–E, 2–C, 3–B, 4–A, 5–D

Wow facts to share

- A raccoon's front paws are so sensitive they can 'see' by touch.
- Raccoons remembered how to solve puzzles for at least three years.
- Raccoons do not really wash their food; they feel it in the water.