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## Skunk Alert by Lydia Lukidis

Last night Tommy saw a skunk. It was behind his house. It was looking through the garbage cans.

Tommy was scared. He asked his mom if the skunk would spray him.

His mom explained that skunks are known for spraying foul odors. Foul means yucky. She also said that there is no need to

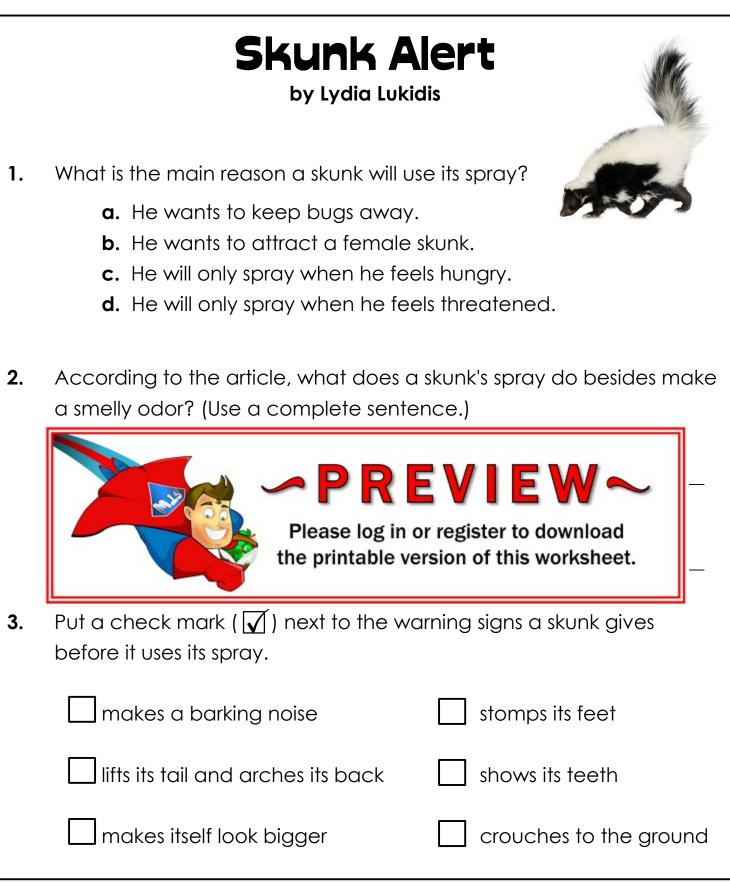


worry because skunks rarely use their spray. In fact, a skunk may never

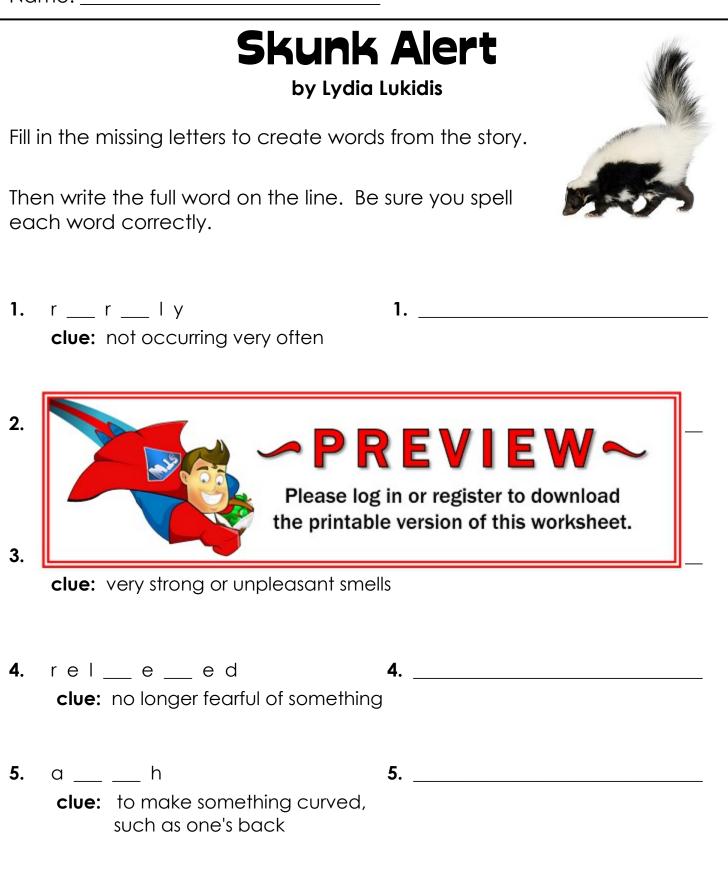


skunk, it will turn around and shoot its spray. The spray can go very far. It can go up to 10 feet away! The spray is very smelly. It can also sting the animal or person's eyes.

The skunk does not mean to hurt people or animals. The spray is just its way of protecting itself. When Tommy learned all of these facts about skunks, he was relieved.



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In the article, "Skunk Alert," you learned many fascinating facts about skunks.

On the lines below, describe how you would react if you saw a skunk nearby, like Tommy did in the article. How do you think reading this article about skunks may cause you to react differently if you saw one?





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### **ANSWER KEY**



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- 1. What is the main reason a skunk will use its spray? d.
  - a. He wants to keep bugs away.
  - **b.** He wants to attract a female skunk.



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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.

Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



such as one's back