

NEWS ^{edition} 2



Look Both Ways, Elephants!

In some places, animals have to cross busy roads to find food. That's dangerous for the animals and for the people in the cars. But there's a solution to keep everyone safe.

My name _____



Make Way for Animals!

Wildlife paths let animals and humans share a habitat.

As You Read

Think about how wildlife paths keep habitats safe.

A family of elephants lives in a beautiful grassy **habitat**. The habitat has tasty plants to eat. It has cool water to drink. It has shady trees to rest under.

But the habitat also has one thing the elephants really DON'T need: a busy highway full of cars.

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A Dangerous Problem

In many places, people build roads through animals' habitats. All day long, cars and trucks speed by.

The animals can't always stay away from the road. They may need to cross it to get to where their food is or to find other animals.

The road is a dangerous problem. If a car hits an animal, the animal would be badly hurt. The people in the car could get hurt too.

Animals need a way to get around their habitat without having to walk across the road. But how?

A Safe Solution

People have come up with a solution. They build paths that let animals cross roads safely. These are called **wildlife corridors**.

Some wildlife corridors are bridges that go over roads. People plant trees and grass on these bridges so they look more like the natural habitat.

Other wildlife corridors are tunnels that go under the roads. Animals can look through them and see the habitat on the other side.

A World of Wildlife Corridors

Wildlife corridors aren't just for elephants. They help all kinds of

animals. Big animals, like bears and coyotes, use corridors. Medium-sized animals, like monkeys and foxes,

use them too. And even tiny animals, like toads and crabs, use corridors!

Different animals **prefer** to use different kinds

of corridors. Some animals, like moose and deer, like open spaces. They prefer bridge corridors that are open to the sky.

Other animals, like cougars and black bears, like covered spaces. They prefer the tunnel corridors.



Wildlife corridors help animals get around their habitats to find food. They keep people from getting in dangerous accidents. They are

a great way for animals and people to live in the same area safely!

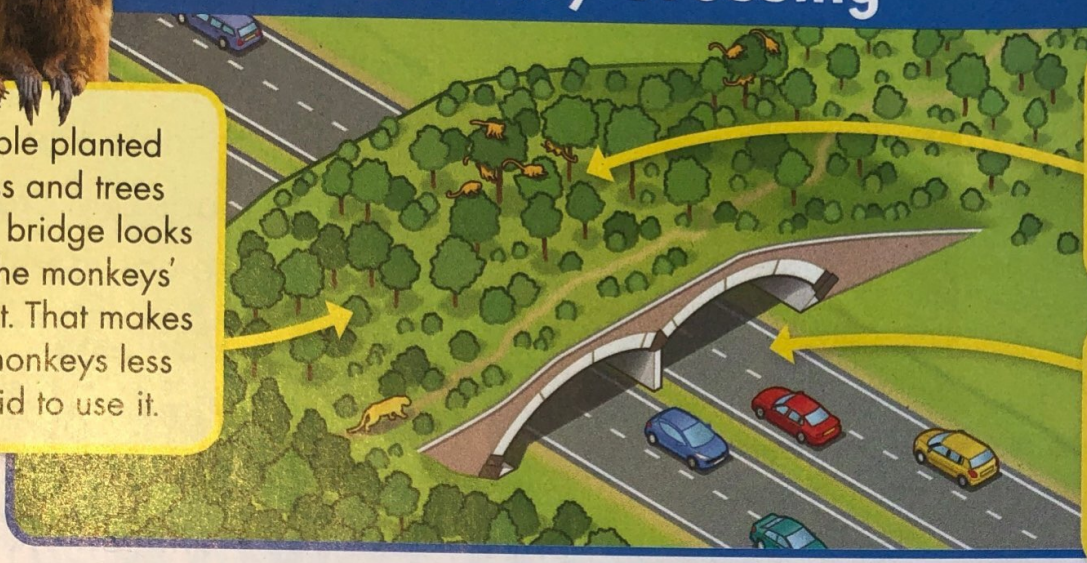
—by Blair Rainsford



This diagram shows a wildlife corridor for monkeys in Brazil.

Monkey Crossing

People planted grass and trees so the bridge looks like the monkeys' habitat. That makes the monkeys less afraid to use it.



The monkeys cross over the road without getting near the cars.

The cars drive under the bridge without getting near the monkeys.

1. The monkeys go _____ the bridge.
 over under through

2. The cars go _____ the bridge.
 over under around

3. What did people put on the bridge?
 another road trees and grass cars

4. Why did people make the bridge look like the monkeys' habitat?
 so the monkeys live there instead of in the forest
 so the monkeys are less afraid to use it
 so it would look prettier to the people driving under it

★ Bonus

Do you think these monkeys like to live in open spaces or in covered spaces?
(Hint: Think about what you read on pages 2 and 3.)

