



Field Notes

Use the trail signs to help answer these questions.



Dune Life Nature Trail Field Notebook

First through Third Grades

Have Fun! Be Safe!

For a fun and safe visit, remember:

- Look up, down, and all around.
- Listen to the sounds of nature.
- Stay on the trail.
- Always hike with an adult.
- Always have a buddy.
- Always be able to see both of your hands. Do not put your fingers, hands, or toes in holes.
- Trash goes in trash cans, not on the ground.
- Drink water and eat healthy snacks.
- Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

1. What kind of fox is Katy?
 - a. Red
 - b. Gray
 - c. Kit
 - d. Artic
2. Besides being cooler, why does Katy only come out at night?
 - a. That's when her food comes out.
 - b. She thinks it's pretty at night.
 - c. She likes to look at the stars.
 - d. There's more water at night.
3. It's easy for Katy to climb the dunes because she _____.
 - a. has special hairs between her toes
 - b. has built in wings to fly over dunes
 - c. slithers up the dune like a snake
 - d. eats the sand as she climbs

4. What surprised Katy and her brothers when they first came out of their burrow?
 - a. How hot the sand was.
 - b. How small the dunefield was.
 - c. How delicious the sand tasted.
 - d. How dazzling white the sand was.
5. Katy left home when she was two years old.
TRUE or FALSE



6. Katy said the sumac pedestal is a KFC. What does that stand for?
 - a. Kentucky Fried Critters
 - b. Kit Fox Cafeteria
 - c. Kapitan Fox Crunch
 - d. Kinda Freaky Castle
7. Katy only weights about 15 pounds.
TRUE or FALSE
8. By looking at their tracks, you can see that when lizards walk, they drag their:
 - a. Head
 - b. Feet
 - c. Body
 - d. Tail

9. Katy's ears are very big to help:
 - a. cool her down.
 - b. wave to her friends.
 - c. cover her eyes.
 - d. listen to music.
10. Roadrunner tracks are shaped like a "W".
TRUE or FALSE
11. Which animal will Katy NOT eat?
 - a. Lizards
 - b. Mice
 - c. Rats
 - d. Bird
12. The darkling beetle's nickname is stinkbug.
TRUE or FALSE
13. Katy likes to eat the seeds from the wildflowers.
TRUE or FALSE



14. How do most animals in the dunes get water to survive?
- a. Drinking from all the puddles.
 - b. Digging a hole in the ground.
 - c. From the foods they eat.
 - d. Using a cottonwood water wand.



15. Besides coyotes, who else hunts Katy?
- a. Black bears
 - b. Elk
 - c. Great horned owls
 - d. Mountain lions



18. Which rabbits are bigger than Katy?
- a. Cottontail
 - b. Jackrabbit
 - c. Snowshoe Hare
 - d. Pica

19. What color are the mice in the sand dunes?
- a. Brown
 - b. White
 - c. Black
 - d. Pink

20. Snakes at White Sands National Monument will eat Katy.
TRUE or FALSE

21. Ecosystem is another word for an animal's home.
TRUE or FALSE

16. What type of bird did Katy NOT name on the bird sign?
- a. Chihuahuan raven
 - b. Loggerhead shrike
 - c. Black-throated sparrow
 - d. Emperor penguin

17. What type of tree gets buried by the dunes?
- a. Aspen
 - b. Cottonwood
 - c. Japanese maple
 - d. Alligator juniper

Draw a picture of some tracks you saw on your hike.

What animal made these tracks?

Your Thoughts:

Write down five words that describe what the dunes mean to you.