

The Setts

Curled up, safe and snug,
The cubs sleep entwined,
Safe within their mother's warmth,
Their rhythmic breathing, all as one.

Suddenly their mother starts,
A sudden distant noise wakens her from sleep,
She scurries down a nearby tunnel,
The soil ahead churned by some giant beast.

Outside men's shouts,
A great yellow monster, moves jaggedly,
From side to side, grabbing at earth,
With its iron claws.

She senses danger,
Hurries back to scoop her babies up,
And usher them to safety,
As the monster gets nearer!



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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

The cubs slept

1 **deeply.** **restlessly.** **together.** **entwined.**

Their mother kept them

2 **awake.** **warm.** **fed.** **playing.**

Suddenly, their mother scurried down a

3 **hill.** **lane.** **road.** **tunnel.**

A great yellow monster

4 **shouts out.** **churns the soil.** **moves jaggedly.**

The mother

5 **senses danger** **runs away** **is frightened**

and hurries back to

6 **play with her babies.** **usher her babies to safety.**

find her babies. **comfort her babies.**

Section B

1 Where were the cubs curled up?

2 What is meant by the phrase 'rhythmic breathing all as one'?

3 What woke the mother?

4 What do you think the phrase 'great yellow monster' refers to?

5 What do you think the 'monster' would be doing?

6 What danger were the cubs in?

7 How did the mother rescue her cubs from danger?

Section C

Write your own poem about an animal in its natural habitat.