

## OCELOTS

### SIXTH GRADE:

1. Ocelots are larger than which of their feline cousins?

Answer: Margay and Oncilla

2. In an attempt to make them better pets, some humans do what to big cats including Ocelots?
  - a. De-fang
  - b. De-claw
  - c. De-scent
  - d. Alter or neuter
  - e. All of the above

Answer: e

### SEVENTH GRADE:

1. In terms of the Species Survival Plan how could it be problematic that most Ocelots in captivity are of unknown or hybrid ancestry?

Answer: This makes breeding healthy Ocelots difficult due to unknown genetics.

2. How long do Ocelots generally live in captivity versus the wild?  
How can this difference be explained?

Answer: >20 years in captivity versus 7-10 years in the wild.

In captivity the Ocelot can be protected from human and animal predators, be given a healthy consistent diet and receive veterinary care.

**For an extra challenge: Discuss the merits of life in the wild versus life in captivity.**

### EIGHTH GRADE:

1. What behavioral adaptations do Ocelots display?

Answer: They are solitary and territorial; Communication via vocalizations and scent marking; They live in diverse habitats and are nocturnal hunters.

2. What physical adaptations aid in the Ocelot's survival?
- a. Protective coloration; camouflage
  - b. Claws
  - c. Foul smelling urine
  - d. Sharp teeth
  - e. All of the above

Answer: e