1. On a doe, what do the mammary glands produce?

   *(Answer: milk)*

2. The loose skin that hangs from the throat and is most common in does is called what?

   *(Answer: dewlap)*

3. What does the mouth do in digestion?

   *(Answer: mechanically breaks down the food; begins digestion)*

4. Where would you find a rabbit's mandible?

   a. on its head
   b. on its backbone
   c. on its tail
   d. on its belly

   *(Answer: a - on its head (specifically, the mandible is the rabbit’s jawbone))*

5. Throughout a rabbit’s lifetime, its teeth continue to do what?

   a. break off
   b. get stronger
   c. grow
   d. get soft

   *(Answer: c – grow)*
1. Rabbits need twice as much water as ____________?
   a. Sunlight
   b. Food
   c. Hay
   d. Attention

   (Answer: b - food)

2. What happens if you give your rabbit all the food it wants?

   (Answer: It gets fat.)

3. True or False. A rabbit will eat pellets even if it does not have water to drink.

   (Answer: False)

4. What is a plant-eating animal called?

   (Answer: Herbivore)

5. Which of the following is not necessary in a balanced rabbit pellet?
   a. fiber
   b. protein
   c. vitamins
   d. seasonings

   (Answer: d – seasonings)
1. How often should water and feed dishes be cleaned?
   a. Once a year  
   b. Once a month  
   c. Once a week  
   d. Once every few years  

   (Answer: c – once a week)

2. Why are water bottles better to use than crocks?

   (Answer: The water stays cleaner; rabbits can’t dump the water. “Your Rabbit,” pg. 52)

3. Give 2 reasons why a rabbit should not be kept on the ground.

   (Answer: May ingest too much grass/greens; it can be attached by other animals; it will be harder to clean; it can pick up fleas for other parasites from the ground.)

4. Where does a breeder place a rabbit’s identification tattoo?
   a. Left ear  
   b. Right ear  
   c. Tail web  
   d. Upper lip

   (Answer: a – left ear)

5. What should you put in the cage with a doe when she is going to have kits?

   (Answer: Nest box. “Your Rabbit”)

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Housing and Equipment
1. The normal lifespan of a domestic rabbit is_______?
   a. 1-2 years
   b. 3-4 years
   c. 5-10 years
   d. 12–15 years

   (Answer: c - 5-10 years)

2. What is one of the first signs that a rabbit is sick?

   (Answer: It stops eating and drinking.)

3. Rabbits defend themselves most often by:
   a. Running away
   b. Biting
   c. Scratching
   d. Attacking


4. Why should you keep rodents and birds out of the rabbitry?

   (Answer: Because they carry diseases into the rabbitry.)

5. How do rabbits remove heat from their bodies?

   (Answer: Breathe; air movement, ears)
1. The time between breeding and birth or kindling is called?
   a. Muzzling  
   b. Gestation  
   c. Lactation  
   d. Weaning  
   (Answer: b - gestation)

2. The process of separating the kits from their mother is called?
   a. Kindling  
   b. Gestation  
   c. Lactation  
   d. Weaning  
   (Answer: d - weaning)

3. When a doe has more than one bunny, the group of bunnies she kindles is called what?
   (Answer: Litter)

4. What is a male rabbit called?
   (Answer: Buck)

5. When a doe gives birth to young, it is called what?
   a. Kindling  
   b. Gestation  
   c. Suckling  
   d. Weaning  
   (Answer: a - kindling)
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Terminology

1. A subdivision of a breed based on color is called what?
   (Answer: Variety)

2. What is a permanent identification mark inside a rabbit’s ear using special tools and dye called?
   (Answer: Tattoo)

3. If your rabbit is _mealy_, how would you describe its coat?
   (Answer: Off-colored stray hairs in a colored pattern, giving the appearance of being powdered or sprinkled with meal.)

4. What is a _broken_ rabbit?
   a. A solid-colored rabbit
   b. A senior rabbit
   c. A white-and-colored rabbit
   d. It has a broken bone
   (Answer: c - a white-and-colored rabbit)

5. When a hair shaft has 3 or more bands of color, the color of the rabbit is called what?
   a. Broken
   b. Steel
   c. Agouti
   d. Self
   (Answer: c – Agouti. (SOP))