Comparing Two Texts on Same Topic

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Read both texts carefully. They are about foxes living in towns. Then answer the questions, using details from the texts to support your ideas.

Two texts about urban foxes

TEXT A · LOCAL NEWS REPORT

More fox sightings reported in Northfield

The council received 46 reports of fox sightings in Northfield in March, compared with 29 in the same month last year. The increase may be linked to spring, when foxes are more active.

Wildlife experts say foxes are usually wary of people and can live in towns without causing trouble. However, some residents have complained about torn bin bags and noise at night. “I enjoy seeing them, but the mess is frustrating,” said local resident Asha Patel.

The council advises residents to secure rubbish and never leave food outside. It has no plans to remove foxes from the area.

TEXT B · WILDLIFE GROUP LEAFLET

Share our streets with foxes!

Foxes are wild animals, not pets, but they have lived alongside people for generations. They are our quiet wild neighbours, and they help keep some small animal populations in check.

A torn bin bag is frustrating, but it is usually easy to prevent. Try these simple steps:

- Secure bin lids tightly.
- Put food waste out on collection day.
- Never feed foxes.

If we keep our streets tidy, foxes can forage safely and residents can avoid mess. Let’s make space for our wild neighbours instead of treating them as intruders.

Questions

1. What is the main viewpoint about urban foxes in each text? Give one detail from each text to support your answer.

2. How does each text present the problems foxes may cause? Compare the details the writers choose to include.

3. Choose one phrase from either text. Explain how its language helps shape the reader’s view of foxes.

4. Compare how information is presented in the two texts. Think about features such as the headline, quotation, advice or list.

5. Which text do you find more convincing? Explain why, using evidence from both texts.

Check that each answer is clear and supported by the texts.