**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use hyphens to avoid ambiguity with word meanings.

**Challenge 1**

**Complete the sentences below with the most suitable hyphenated words from the following list:**

nimble-footed

human-like

pitch-black

re-entered

runner-up

mischievous-looking

high-rise

warm-blooded

two-year-old

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ raccoon disappeared without a trace into the alleyway.
2. Despite the danger, the masked raccoon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the garbage bin.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ raccoon was already two thirds of the way through its short life.
4. In contrast to cold-blooded creatures, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ raccoons have a stable body temperature of around 101 – 103 degrees Fahrenheit.
5. The occupants of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_building should avoid leaving uneaten food items in their wheelie bins.
6. In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_raccoon was thumbing a piece of chicken in its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hands.
7. Once more, the unlucky raccoon was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the race to find a tasty scrap of human food.

**Challenge 2**

**Correct the sentences below by joining the words that require a hyphen between them.**

1. The wildlife presenter re discovered his love for the mischeivious looking raccoons after spending some time observing them in the wild.
2. The quick witted raccoon waited for the traffic lights to change before re crossing the busy road.
3. The abandoned raccoon kit was hand raised in an animal sanctuary before being released into the wild.
4. Thirty six raccoons were spotted in the vicinity of the newly built three storey block of flats.
5. The award winning wildlife photographer snapped the raccoon as it tiptoed its way across a high voltage telephone wire.

**Challenge 3   
Write your own narration for the main clip in the style of David Attenborough. It should include some figurative language, factual information about raccoons, elements of suspense and a generous handful of hyphenated words. You may find some of the words in the Word Wall helpful when completing this writing challenge.**



high-voltage

nocturnal

quick-thinking

deep-fried

nimble-footed

high-rise

well-known

one-way

masked bandit

agile

re-entered

urban

raccoon

**Word Wall**