

Before a Skunk Sprays!

Skunks usually give warnings to tell threats to go away.
Cut out the pictures below. Glue them in the boxes to show how
a skunk's warnings can **build** when a threat doesn't leave.



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The skunk raises its tail
and may hiss or show
other warning behaviors.



The skunk stomps
its front feet as
a warning.



If the threat stays, the
skunk turns its rear toward
the danger and gets ready
to spray.



If the threat still does
not leave, the skunk may
spray its strong-smelling
scent.



Why does a skunk give warnings before it sprays?



Color the best answer.

- ☐ It wants the other animal to move away.
- ☐ It wants the other animal to come closer.
- ☐ It is asking for food.



Skunk Smarts!



A skunk doesn't want to spray if it doesn't have to!
Warning behaviors can convince a threat to leave
without the skunk needing to use its powerful scent defense.