# Unit 2

# Meeting Challenges

Solving problems and trying new things can be a challenge. People work hard to meet challenges.

## Reading 1 Play



The Rabbit and the Lion

#### Reading 2





**The Contest** 

## Reading 3

**Social Studies** 



Fresh Food in Strange Places





All of us have challenges at times. How can people meet challenges?

#### **Listening and Speaking**

You will talk about any challenges you face and what you do to meet those challenges. In the Listening and Speaking Workshop, you will perform a skit.

#### Writing

You will practice narrative writing. In the Writing Workshop, you will write a story.

#### **Quick Write**

Make a list of three challenges students face at the beginning of each school year.

#### **View and Respond**





Talk about the poster for this unit. Then watch and listen to the video and answer the questions at <u>Pearson English Portal</u>.

## **Build Unit** Vocabulary

## What do you know about meeting challenges?

### Words to Know 🕕

Listen and repeat. Use these words to talk about meeting challenges.











rehearse

train

#### **Practice**

Work with a partner. Look up these words in a dictionary. Then ask and answer questions.

a race

a test

a school play

a piano lesson

**Example:** A: What are you training for?

B: I'm training for a race.

#### Write

Read the question. Write your response in your notebook.

What is something you practice, train, rehearse, or study for?

Write two or three sentences about it.

#### **Make Connections**

Copy the sentences into your notebook and complete them.



perform before an audience



get good grades



win or get a medal



act in a play

1. I like to run. I train after school every day.

I want to \_\_\_\_\_\_ in a race this year.

2. I'm in the school play this year. It's my first time

to \_\_\_\_\_\_. It's fun!

3. I practice the piano every day. Soon I can

\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** I ask a lot of questions in class, so I learn a lot. I study hard, too, so I usually \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### What about you?

Talk with a partner about some of the challenges you have at school and at home. How do you meet these challenges? Who can help you?

## Build Unit Background

Kids' Stories
from around
the World



In Costa Rica, we have many rain forests. Our rain forests are in danger. Some people want to cut down the trees. Then the animals will not have homes. My parents and I try to help. We teach people about the animals in the rain forest.

Costa Rica



I live in Ethiopia. I want to be a good runner. Each morning, I train before I go to school. Each afternoon, I train after school. Then I go home and do my homework. If I train hard, I can be a great runner.



#### Krishna

I live in India. Every day after school, I do my homework. Then I go to see my chess coach. I play chess with her for two hours. If I work hard, I can enter a chess contest.

#### What about you?

- 1. What do you challenge yourself to do, either every day or a few times a week?
- How did you meet a big challenge in your life? Share your story.

## Reading 1 Prepare to Read

#### What You Will Learn

#### Reading

- Vocabulary building: *Context, phonics*
- Reading strategy: Identify events in a plot
- Text type: Literature (play)

#### Grammar

Possessive nouns and pronouns

#### Writing

Write a plot summary

These words will help you understand the reading.

#### **Key Words**

dinner

well

roars

reflection

## **Key Words**

In *The Rabbit and the Lion*, a smart rabbit plays a trick on a proud lion.

#### Words in Context

1 All around the world, people eat different foods for dinner.



2 In some places, people get water from a well. A well is a deep hole in the ground.



3 Different animals make different noises. A duck quacks. A horse neighs. A lion roars!



The reflection in this lake is very clear. You can see the mountains, trees, and clouds in the water.

#### **Practice**

Make flashcards to help you memorize the words.

- Write a key word on the front.
- On the back, draw a picture of the word.

#### **Make Connections**

What is your favorite animal? Why is it your favorite? Discuss.



#### Speaking Skills

If you don't know the exact English word to use, explain your idea with words you know.



#### Reading 1

These words will help you talk about the reading.

#### Academic Words

focus pay attention to identify tell what

something is



## **Academic Words**

#### Words in Context



When I take a test, I focus on the easy questions first.

My dad can identify different kinds of airplanes by their shape.

#### **Practice**

**Choose** an academic word to complete each sentence. Write your answers in the blank.

- **1.** I can \_\_\_\_\_ different kinds of birds by the colors of their feathers.
- 2. Hanna can't watch TV now. She has to on her homework.

Ask and answer with a partner

- 1. Can you focus on your homework and listen to music at the same time?
- 2. How can you identify something that is cooking in the kitchen before you see it?



## **Phonics**

## Long Vowel Pairs (1)



Long vowel sounds can be spelled with two vowels together making a pair. Listen. Then read each word aloud.



Long o Pairs		Long <i>u</i> Pairs		
road	foe	blue	fruit	

#### Rule

When two vowels are together, the first vowel says its name.

- The letters oa or oe usually have the long o sound.
- The letters **ue** or **ui** usually have the long **u** sound.

#### Practice

Work with a partner. Take turns sounding out the words in the box.

clue	toad	woe	foam	fruit	suit
doe	true	loan	toe	cue	soak

- List the words from the box that have the long o sound.
- List the words from the box that have the long u sound.

#### Reading 1

#### Literature

#### **More About**



Sometimes, a character meets a challenge with quick thinking. How can thinking be helpful?

Listen to the Audio.

Listen for the general meaning. Use the pictures to help you understand the selection.

#### Reading Strategy **Identify Events in a Plot**

As you read, think about the important events.

- Lion catches Rabbit.
- Rabbit tries to save himself. How?

Listen as your teacher models the reading strategy.

## The Rabbit and the Lion

by Ed Vuong illustrated by Tim Haggerty

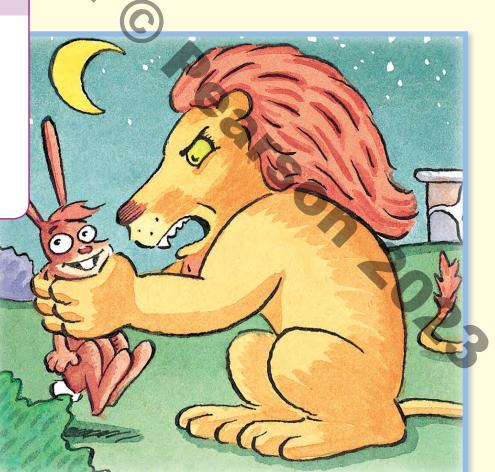
Characters

Narrator

Rabbit

Lion

**characters** people or animals in a play or story narrator person who tells a story



Narrator: Rabbit is smart. But one night his **foe**,

Lion, catches him.

**Rabbit:** Help!

Lion: I have you now, Rabbit! I am going to

eat you for dinner!

**Rabbit:** I am too small. You need a big animal

to eat.

Lion: Yes. But you are just the right size

for a snack.

Who are you to go around eating Rabbit:

rabbits?

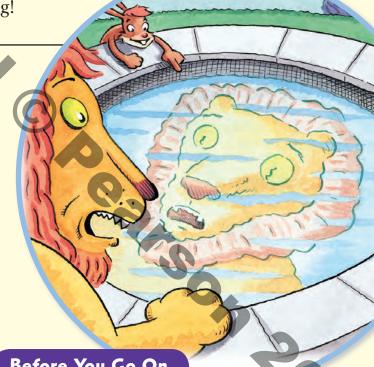
Lion: I am king of this forest!

Look at the lion in the well. **Rabbit:** 

He says he is king!

foe enemy

snack small bit of food to eat



#### Before You Go On

How does Rabbit change Lion's focus so he is thinking about himself and not about Rabbit?

**Narrator:** Lion looks into the well. He sees

a lion in the water.

**Rabbit:** Ha! Ha! He thinks his own

reflection is another lion!

**Narrator:** Lion roars at his own reflection in

the water in the well.

**Lion:** You are a **fake**! I AM KING OF

THIS FOREST!

**Narrator:** But a strange voice comes back out

of the well.

**Voice:** I AM KING OF THIS FOREST!

**Rabbit:** Hee! Hee! It is this silly king's own

voice. It is an **echo**.

fake someone who is not what they seem to be

echo sound you hear again





#### **Reading Skill**

Ask your classmates or your teacher if you do not understand a word, phrase, or language structure.

**Lion:** Fake! You will be sorry for this!

Narrator: Lion jumps into the well. But the

other lion is gone!

**Lion:** Where are you? Come out!

**Rabbit:** I guess I am king of this forest

tonight. See you tomorrow, Lion.



#### Think It Over

- **1. Recall** What does Lion want to do to Rabbit?
- 2. Comprehend Lion cannot identify himself in his reflection. Who does he think is in the well?
- 3. Analyze What happens when Lion roars into the well? Why does this make him more angry?

## Reading Strategy Identify Events in a Plot

- What does Rabbit tell Lion?
- What does Lion do?
- How did identifying the events help you see how Rabbit saves himself?

## Learning Strategies

#### Events in a Plot

**Events** are the things that happen in a play. The events make up the plot. The **plot** is the main story of a play.

#### **Practice**

Read these lines from the play. Tell who says each line. Then tell which events show how Rabbit tricks Lion.

- 1. Help!
- 2. But you are just the right size for a snack.
- 3. I am king of this forest!
- 4. Look at the lion in the well. He says he is king!
- 5. Ha! Ha! He thinks his own reflection is another lion!



### **Use a Sequence Chart**

In this play, the events happen in a certain order. One event makes the next one happen.

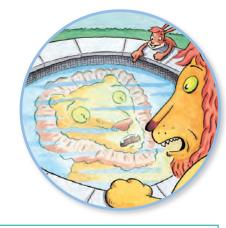
#### **Practice**



Answer the questions. Write your answers in the Sequence Chart.

- 1. Which is the best sentence for Number 3 in the chart?
  - a. Lion jumps into the well.
  - **b.** Rabbit thinks the reflection in the well is another lion.
  - **c.** Lion thinks his reflection in the well is another lion.
- 2. Which is the best sentence for Number 6 in the chart?
  - **a.** Lion jumps into the well to fight his reflection.
  - **b.** Rabbit says that Lion is king of this forest.
  - **c.** Lion says that Rabbit is king of this forest.

Retell the play to a partner. Refer to the pictures as you speak.



- 1 Lion catches Rabbit. Lion says that he is going to eat Rabbit.
- 2 Rabbit says there is another lion in the well.
- 3
- 4 Lion roars and shouts at the reflection in the well.
- An echo from the well comes back out at Lion.

6



#### **Extension**

Write a shorter version of the play that shows how the characters solved a problem. Present your skit to the class.

## Grammar

#### Pronouns and Possessives

A pronoun takes the place of a noun. Here are two types of personal pronouns.

Subject Pronouns		Object Pronouns		
I	9	it	me	it
you		we	you	us
he/she		they	him/her	them

A pronoun must match the noun it replaces in gender and number. The replaced noun is called the antecedent.

Mario is hungry. He wants dinner. Mario and Ana like sushi. They eat it a lot.

#### **Possessives**

Use possessive pronouns or possessive nouns to show ownership. For plural nouns ending in -s, just add an apostrophe.

Possessive Pronouns		Possessive Nouns	
mine	its	the lion's reflection	
yours	ours	the <b>king's</b> voice	0
his	theirs	the <b>students'</b> questions	
hers			
Whose			50,
To ask a que	estion about posses	ssion, use <i>whose.</i>	7.3
Whose pe	encil is this?	It's mine.	•

#### Whose

#### Practice A

Write the pronouns for each noun.

Object Pronoun	Possessive Pronoun
<b>1.</b> George <u>him</u>	
2. my friends	
3. my parents and I	
<b>4.</b> Isabel	



#### Practice B

Change the underlined nouns into pronouns. Write the sentences in your notebook.

- 1. This book is interesting. It is interesting.
- 2. Karen invited Jade and me to her party.
- 3. The students have a new teacher.
- 4. Ana and I like fairy tales.
- **5.** Bruce is my brother.

#### Apply

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions. Use possessive nouns and pronouns in your answers.

**Example:** A: Whose pen is this? B: It's mine.

- Whose books are those?
- Whose backpack is that?
- Whose eraser is that?
- Whose desk is that over there?
- Whose picture is that on the wall?

Grammar Check

Name some possessive pronouns.

#### Reading 1

One way to write about a story is to summarize the plot. This means you tell the main ideas in the story.



#### **Writing Prompt**

Write a paragraph summarizing the plot of a story. Tell the events in the correct order. Include details about what the characters say and do. Be sure to use possessive nouns and pronouns correctly.





Choose a story to summarize. Who are the characters? What are the events that happen? List your ideas in a Sequence Chart.

A student named Bruno listed his ideas like this.

THE RABBIT AND THE LION

Lion catches Rabbit. He wants to eat Rabbit.

Rabbit tricks Lion. Lion thinks there is another lion in the well,

Lion jumps into the well. Rabbit is safe.

Use your Sequence Chart to help you write a first draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose—to write a plot summary.
- Include the events of the story in the correct order.

### 3 Revise

Reread your draft. Look for places where it needs improvement. Use the Writing Checklist to help you find problems. Then revise your draft.

### 4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Use the Peer Review Checklist on page 402.

### 5 Publish

Make a clean copy of your final draft. Share it with the class. Save your work. You will need it for the Writing Workshop.

Here is Bruno's plot summary;

#### **Writing Checklist**



#### Ideas

I included all the events in the correct order.

I expressed my ideas clearly.



#### **Conventions**

I used pronouns correctly.

I used possessive nouns ('s) correctly.



"The Rabbit and the Lion"

by Ed Vuong

One night, Lion catches Rabbit. Lion wants to eat Rabbit, but Rabbit tricks Lion. He tells Lion to look in the well. Lion sees another lion in the well. It is lion's reflection. Lion shouts, "I am the king of the forest." He hears his echo: "I am the king of the forest." Lion is angry. He jumps into the well.

Now Rabbit is safe.



## Reading 2 Prepare to Read

#### What You Will Learn

#### Reading

- Vocabulary building: Context, word study
- Reading strategy: Visualize
- Text type: *Literature* (fable)

#### Grammar

Simple past: regular verbs

#### Writing

Retell a familiar story

These words will help you understand the reading.

#### **Key Words**

clouds stronger spiders webs

brighter

## **Key Words**

In *The Contest,* North Wind and Sun find out who is stronger.

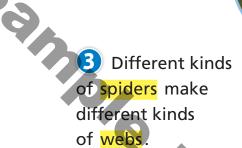
#### Words in Context

Some clouds are puffy and light. Some clouds are dark and heavy. Which ones do you think bring rain?

Which bridge is stronger?









4 Which room is brighter?





#### **Practice**

Make flashcards to help you memorize the words.

- Write a key word on the front.
- On the back, write the meaning.

#### **Make Connections**

In this story, one character wants to win. Do you think winning is important? Why or why not? Discuss.

#### **Speaking Skills**

When you're not sure what word or phrase to use, use gestures to express your idea.



#### **Reading 2**

These words will help you talk about the reading.

#### Academic Words

affect produce a change attitude way of thinking



## **Academic Words**

#### Words in Context (1)



The weather did not **affect** our trip. We were going no matter what.

Even though this class is difficult, we like it. We have a positive **attitude** about this class.

#### **Practice**

Choose an academic word to complete each sentence. Write your answer on the line.

- 1. Even when he loses, he doesn't get angry. He has a positive \_\_\_\_\_ about sports.
- 2. Don't look directly at the sun. It will your eyes badly.

Ask and answer with a partner

- 1. How does rain **affect** the way you feel?
- 2. How can a good attitude help you?

## **Word Study**

#### **Prefixes and Suffixes**

A **prefix** is a word part added to the beginning of a word.

A **suffix** is a word part added to the end of a word.

#### **Reading Skill**

Looking for patterns in English will make you a better reader.

#### Rule

Look for this pattern in English: when you add a prefix or suffix to a word, it changes the word's meaning. For example:

The prefix *dis* means *not*. So *disagree* means *not agree*.

The suffix *less* means *without*. So *restless* means *without rest.* 

#### **Practice**



Read the sentences with a partner. Take turns.

- Tell the meaning of each word with the prefix *dis*.
- Tell the meaning of each word with the suffix less
  - 1. The sun is disappearing behind the clouds.
  - **2.** My sister and I disagree.
  - 3. Mr. Ashton dislikes loud music.
  - **4.** At first the North Wind is thoughtless.
  - 5. It's a beautiful, cloudless day.





#### Literature

Fable

#### **More About**



Do you always need to be strong to meet a challenge?

#### Listen to the Audio.

Listen for the general meaning. Use the pictures to help you understand the selection.

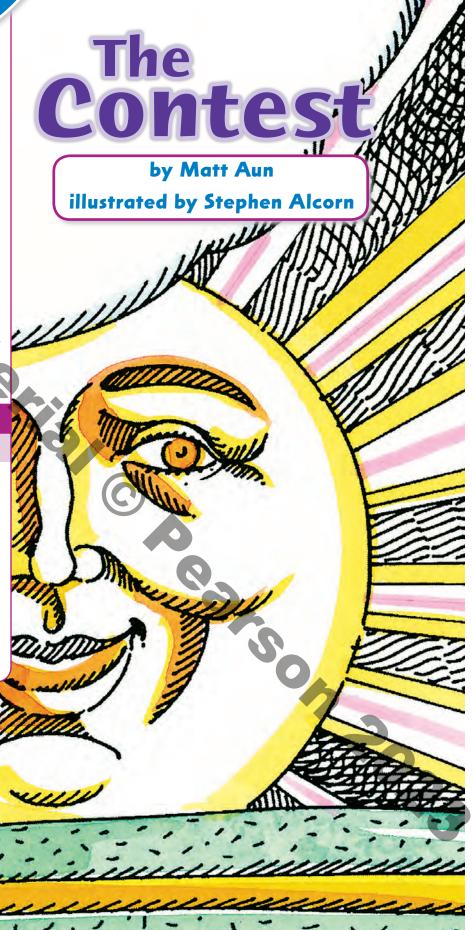
#### **Reading Strategy**

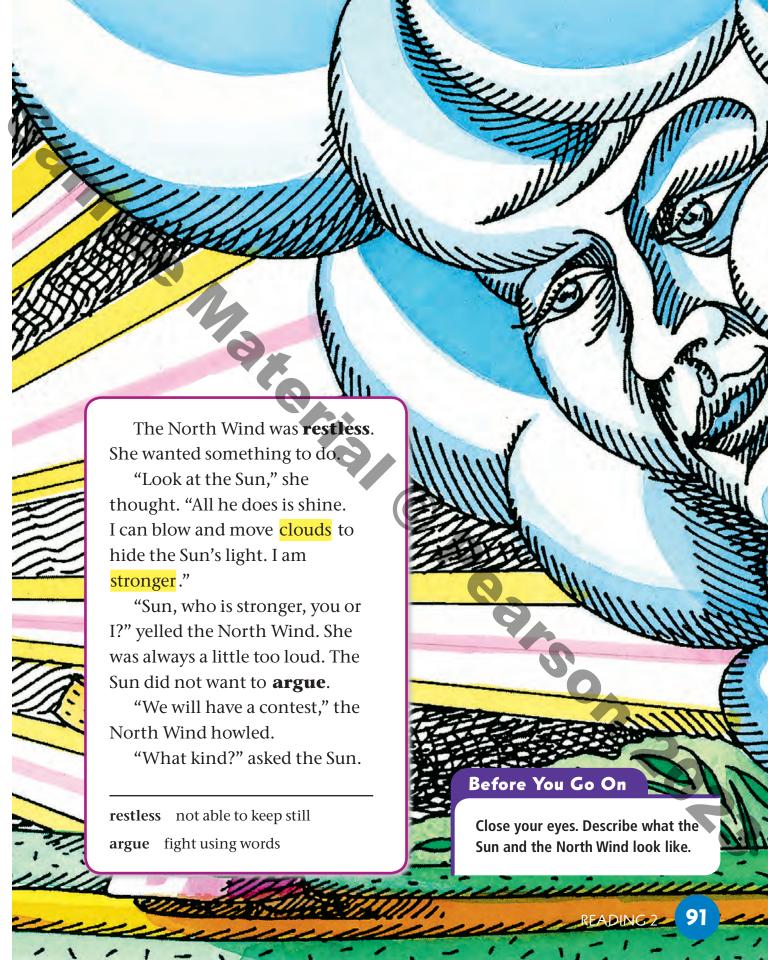
#### **Visualize**

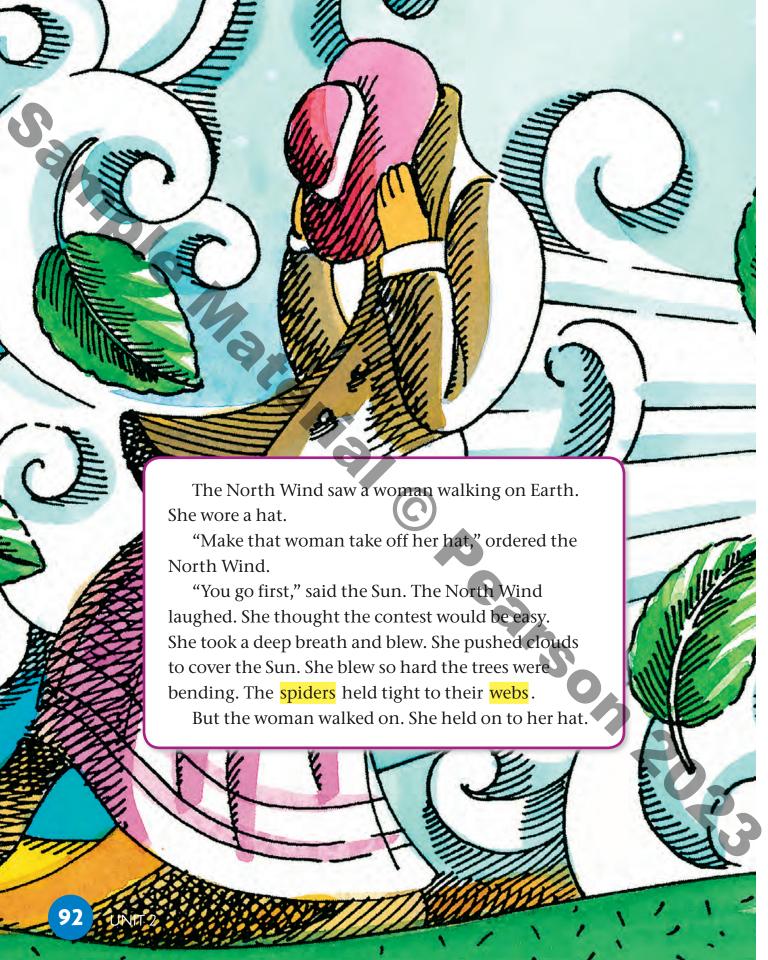
As you read, try to make pictures in your head.

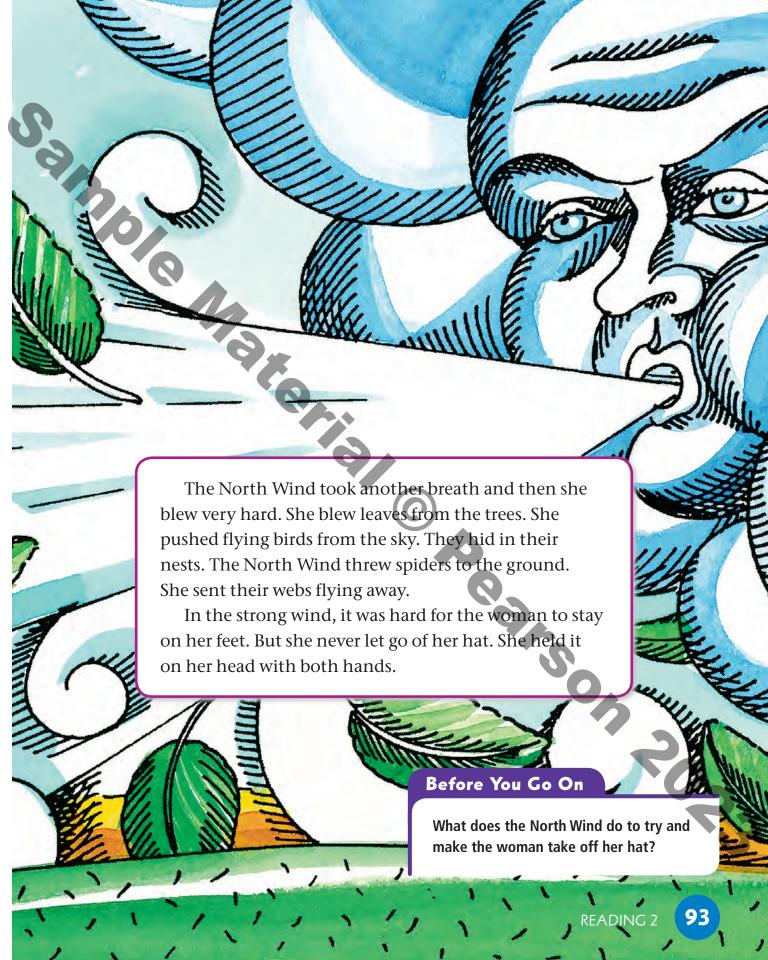
- Where are the characters?
- What do they look like?
- What are they doing?

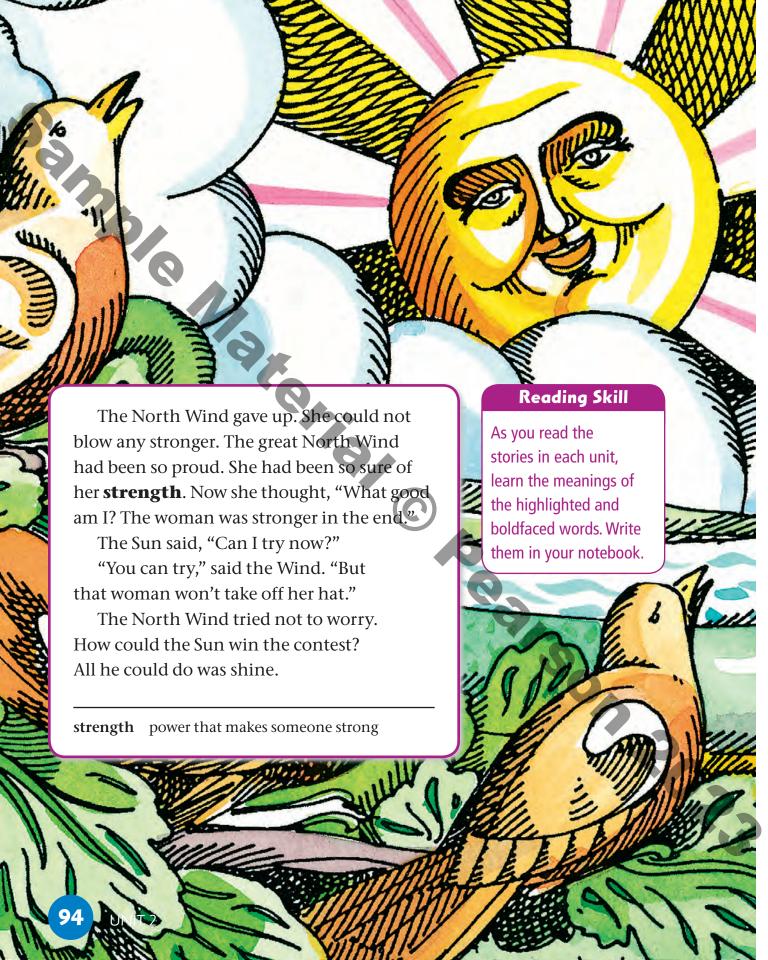
Listen as your teacher models the reading strategy.

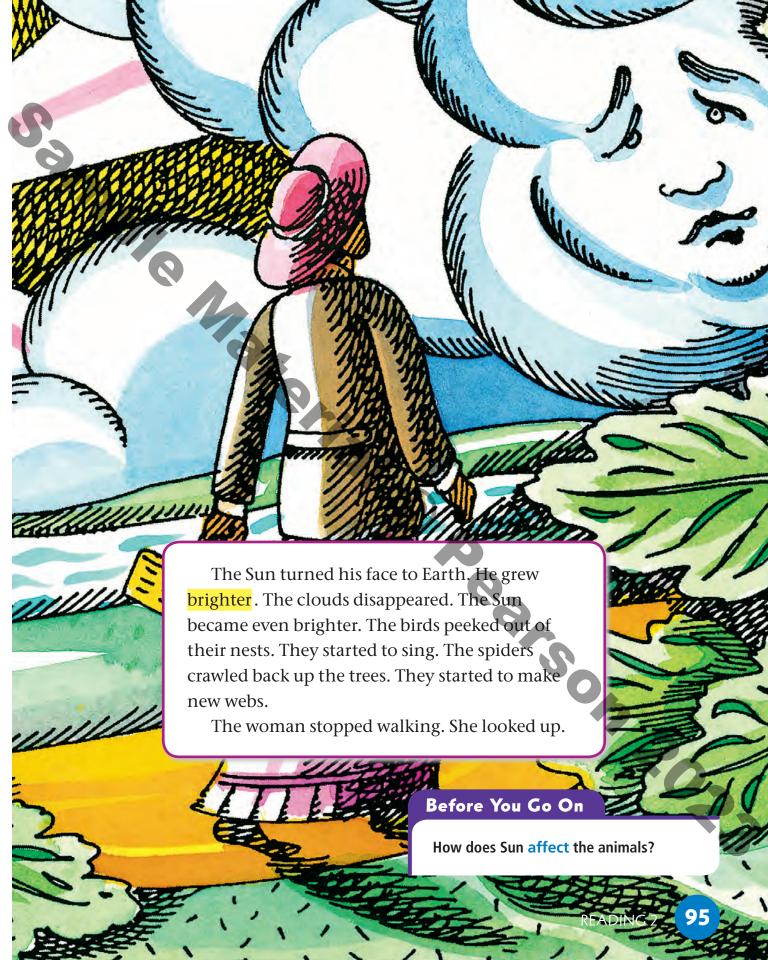


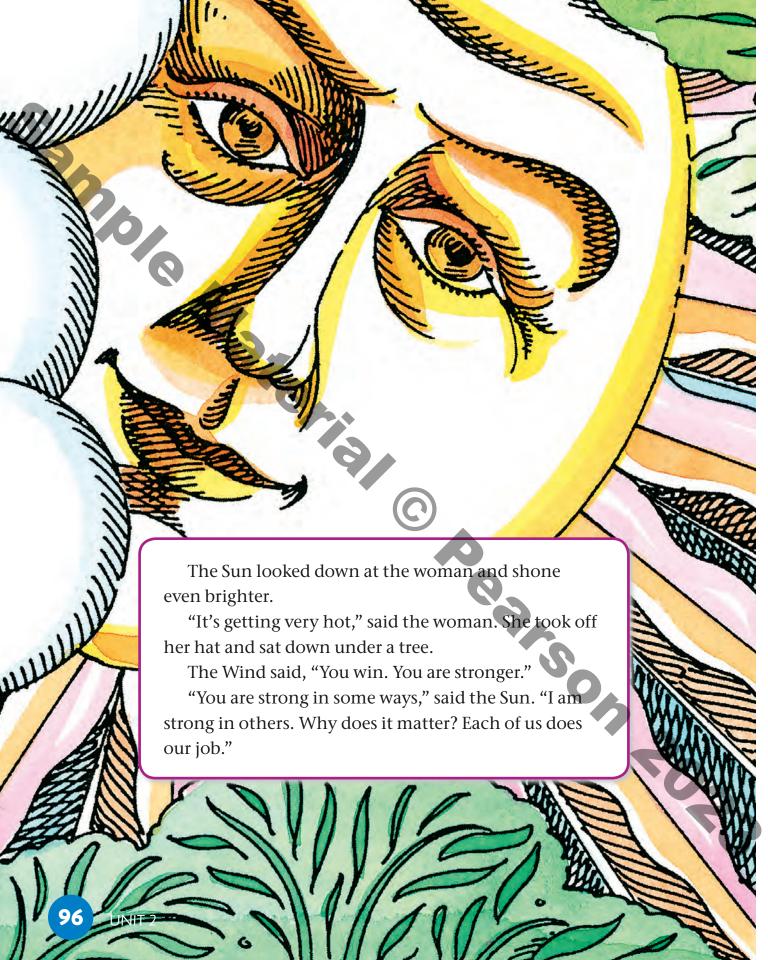














## Learning Strategies

### Visualizing

As you read, you can **visualize**, or make pictures in your head. You may make pictures of where the characters are.

You may make pictures of what the characters look like. You may picture what is happening in the story.

#### **Practice**

Read each sentence. Describe the pictures you make in your mind.

Choose one sentence and draw it.

- **1.** The North Wind was restless. She wanted something to do.
- **2.** The Sun turned his face to Earth. He grew brighter.
- **3.** In the strong wind, it was hard for the woman to stay on her feet.



Draw the picture here.

## Use a Compare and Contrast Chart

When you **compare**, you look for things that are the same. When you **contrast**, you look for things that are different. You can compare and contrast the different types of writing, or **genres** in this unit.

#### Practice



List each of the statements below in the correct column of the chart. Some of the genres may have more than one statement.

Story	Play

- has events in a plot
- uses rhyme
- lists the name of the characters
- tells about conflicts

#### **Apply**

Retell the fable to a partner. Refer to the pictures as you speak.



#### Extension

Work in a group of four to act out *The Contest* as a play. One person is the director. The actors should follow the director's instructions. Present your play to the class.

## Grammar

#### mple Past: Regular Verbs

Use the simple past to talk about a completed action that happened before now.

I walked away.

The woman walked away.

She to Kim last night.

We talked to Kim last night.

Make the simple past of regular verbs by adding -ed.

Add -d to verbs ending in -e.

live -> lived

Change the *y* to *i* and add -ed to verbs ending in a consonant and -y.

try - tries

Add -ed to verbs ending in a vowel and -y,

stay -> stayed

**Double** the consonant and add **-ed** for verbs with a stressed CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) ending.

occur -

To make **negative sentences** in the past tense, use *did* + *not* + the base form of the verb.

**Positive** 

**Negative** 

We laughed. -

→ We all d not laugh.

did not → didn's

To ask **Yes/No** questions in the past tense, begin the question with did + the subject + the base form of a verb.

**Did** you stay?

Yes, I did.

Yes, I stayed.

#### Practice A

Use the past tense form of the verb in parentheses. Write the sentences.

- 1. He <u>asked</u> a question. (ask)
- 2. The North Wind \_\_\_\_\_ the clouds around. (push)
- 3. The Sun \_ \_\_\_\_\_ shining. (stop)
- 4. The heat. \_\_ everyone. (affect)
- 5. The spiders \_\_\_\_\_ back to their webs. (crawl)
- 6. The girl . when she looked at the bright Sun. (cry)

#### **Practice B**

Change the sentences in Practice A into negative statements. Write the negative sentences in your notebook.

1. He did not ask a question.

#### **Apply**

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions about this week. Use simple past regular verbs in your answers.

**Example:** A: Did you call your friends this week?

B: Yes, I called them this week.

- Did your sister call a friend this week?
- Did a friend visit you at home?
- Did your brother watch television?
- Did you help your family?
- Did your friends study every day?

#### Grammar Check

Name the past tense of three regular verbs.



# **Reading 2**

# Writing

### etell a Familiar Story

One way to write a narrative essay is to retell a familiar story in your own words.



### **Writing Prompt**

Write a paragraph retelling a story you like. Use your own words. Describe what the characters say and do. Be sure to use the simple past correctly.





Choose a story to retell. Who are the characters? What are the events that happen? List your ideas in a T-Chart.

A student named Reem listed her ideas like this:

HARE AND THE TORTOISE		
Beginnng	Hare and Tortoise agreed to race.	
Middle	Hare raced quickly at first, then stopped and rested. Tortoise walked slowly and steadily.	
End	Hare hurried to the finish line. Tortoise was already there.	

# 2 Draft

Use your T-Chart to help you write a draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose—to retell a familiar story.
- Include the beginning, the middle, and the end of the story.

# 3 Revise

Read your draft. Look for places where the writing needs improvement. Use the Writing Checklist to help you find problems. Then revise your draft.

# 4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Use the Peer Review Checklist on page 402.

# 5 Publish

Make a clean copy of your final draft. Share it with the class. Save your work. You will need it for the Writing Workshop.

Here is Reem's retelling of the story:

### **Writing Checklist**



### **Ideas**

I included the events in the correct order.

I used my own words.



### **Conventions**

I used verbs in the past tense correctly.

I used punctuation and quotation marks correctly.

### Reem Issa

Hare and Tortoise

Hare laughed at slow Tortoise.

"I can beat you in a race," he said. Tortoise answered, "Let's race and see." They started the race. Hare hopped away. He chased butterflies. Then he stopped under a tree and rested. Tortoise just walked and walked. Later, Hare opened his eyes. "Oh, no. I have to hurry." When Hare arrived at the finish line, Tortoise was already there.

# Reading 3 Prepare to Read

# What You

### Reading

- Vocabulary building: Context, phonics
- Reading strategy: Identify fact and opinion
- Text type: Informational text (social studies)

### Grammar

Simple past: be verbs

### **Writing**

Write a journal entry about your day

These words will help you understand the reading.

### **Key Words**

farm

fresh

grow

plants

garden

# **Key Words**

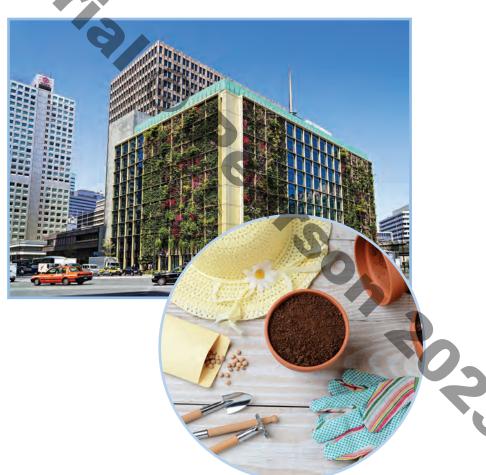
Fresh Food in Strange Places is about how people are finding strange places to grow food.

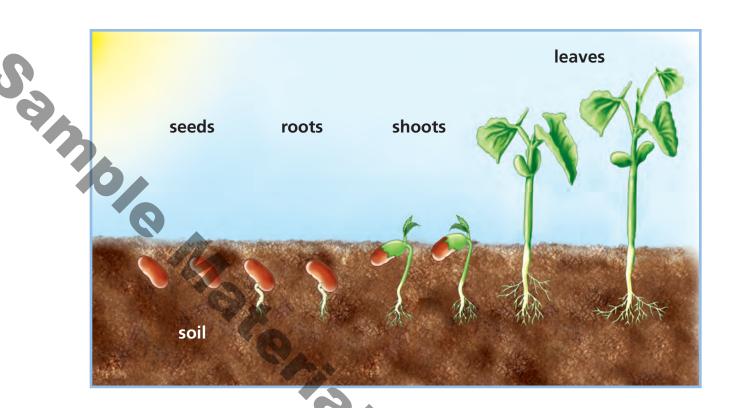
# Words in Context (1)



There are different types of gardens all over the world. People grow fresh flowers and vegetables in the gardens.

First, they put seeds in the rich, dark soil, or ground. Then seeds grow into plants. They water the plants. The plants grow and grow.





# Practice

Draw a picture of a neighborhood garden in your notebook. Label the picture using sentences that contain the key words.

### **Make Connections**

Have you ever planted a seed for a flower or plant? How well did it grow? Would you like to work in a garden? After you discuss these questions, write your responses in your notebook.

# **Reading 3**

These words will help you talk about the reading.

### Academic Words

interact communicate

outcome result



# **Academic Words**

# Words in Context (1)



Students talk and **interact** with each other when they do a project together.

Our team played well the whole game. The **outcome** was that we won!

### **Practice**

**Choose** an academic word to complete each sentence.

- 1. During lunch we can \_\_\_\_\_ with kids from other grades.
- 2. When I study hard, the \_ \_\_\_\_\_ is usually good.

### **Apply**

Ask and answer with a partner

- 1. What are some ways a child or an adult can interact with a baby?
- 2. What was the **outcome** of the last game you played?





# **Phonics**

# More Long Vowel Pairs 🕕

Long vowel pairs can make the long a, long e, or long i sounds. Listen. Then read each word aloud.

Long a Pairs		Long e Pairs		Long <i>i</i> Pair	
day	rain	keep	neat	pie	



### Rule

When two vowels are together, the first vowel says its name.

- The letters ai or ay usually have the long a sound.
- The letters **ee** or **ea** usually have the long **e** sound.
- The letters *ie* usually have the long *i* sound.

### **Practice**

Work with a partner. Take turns. Listen for words that have long vowel sounds. 

Long a	Long e	Long <i>i</i>

Read the sentences below. Find and list in the chart the words with long vowel pairs.

- 1. Is that a bird in the tree?
- **3.** Pass the treat this way.
- **2.** What a long tail it has!
- **4.** Let's have some pie.

# **Reading 3**

### Informational Text

**S**ocial Studies

### **More About**



What can you do to help people in need?

Listen to the Audio.
Listen for the general meaning.
Use the pictures to help you understand the selection.

# Reading Strategy Identify Fact and Opinion

A fact is something that is real or true. An opinion is what someone thinks.

- Identify statements in this reading that are facts. If it is a fact, you can prove it is true.
- Identify statements in this reading that are opinions. If it is an opinion, you cannot prove it is true or false.

Listen as your teacher models the reading strategy.

# Fresh Food in Strange Places

There are now more than **7 billion** people in the world, and that number is getting a lot bigger. The **United Nations** says that the world's **population** will be 10 billion in the year 2055. With so many people in the world, how can we get enough food?

7 billion

7,000,000,000

population

number of people

**United Nations** 

a group of almost 200 countries that work together



There are now more than 7 billion people in the world.

The population is not the only problem. In 1950, there were many more farms around the world. Farms grow the food that we eat. Now, as cities get bigger and bigger, there are fewer farms. With fewer farms, it is harder for people in big cities to get fresh food at good prices. Is it **possible** to grow food in big cities? Many people think so.

**possible** can be done

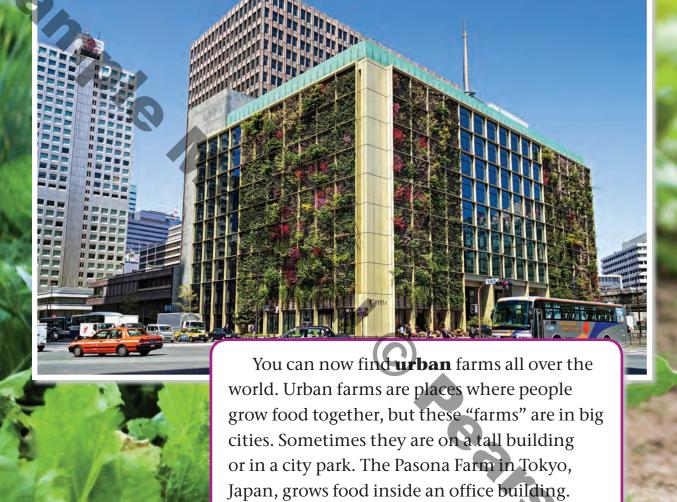


As cities get bigger, farms get smaller.

Before You Go On

What are some reasons it is harder for people to get fresh food?

At the Pasona Farm in Tokyo, Japan, food grows outside the building.



They grow more than 200 kinds of vegetables, fruits, and rice. Some of the plants grow on the outside of the building. It looks strange, but it's

**urban** in a big city

a great idea!

A large building in The Hague, Netherlands, was full of **empty** offices. Now the building is the home of the Urban Farm de Schilde. This farm grows food on top of the building, and there is a fish farm at the bottom of the building. The Urban Farm de Schilde is an amazing place. They grow 45 **tons** of vegetables and raise 19 tons of fish every year. They sell their fresh **produce** and fish to supermarkets and restaurants in their city.

empty has nothing insideton 1,000 kilogramsproduce fruits and vegetables

A man checks vegetable plants at the Urban Farm de Schilde in the Netherlands.



### Before You Go On

What is the **outcome** of the farm in Netherlands?

Many schools around the world also have their own gardens and grow their own food. In school gardens, students learn about science while they grow vegetables and fruits. They also learn how to work together. The school then uses the produce to feed students in the school. Many students like trying the food that they grow!

Starting a farm or a garden is hard work, but it can also help many people. It can be fun, too! Does your school have a garden?



Students pick strawberries at a school garden in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.

### Dear Principal,

We would like to start a garden at our school. We want to grow all kinds of fruits and vegetables. We can eat some of the fresh food we grow, and we can also share it with people who do not have enough to eat.

In our garden, we will grow more than just plants. We will also grow friendships. Our garden will make our school stronger and more beautiful. It will make us healthier, too. We will have more fresh foods to eat, and we will get exercise as we work in our garden.

We would like to talk with you about our idea. We hope you like it!

Your students

### Think It Over

- **Recall** What are people doing around the world to grow fresh food?
- 2. Comprehend What are some ways people can help others in their community?
- 3. Analyze How can growing fresh food make people interact?

### Reading Strategy

### **Fact and Opinion**

- Find two statements in the reading that are facts.
- Find two statements that are opinions.

# Learning Strategies

# **Mentify Fact and Opinion**

A fact is something that can be proved. An **opinion** is what someone thinks.

- Statements of facts are points that are true. They can be proven.
- Statements of opinion are points that someone makes based on what they believe.

### **Practice**

Tell whether the statements below are fact or opinion. Look carefully for clue words that help you decide. Remember that often an opinion is how someone feels, but can not be proven.

- 1. Fresh food is grown in a garden.
- 2. Plants can grow in many different types of places.
- 3. Everyone should have access to fresh food.
- **4.** The garden must get sunlight. The sunlight helps the plants to grow.
- **5.** Gardens must be watered on days it doesn't rain.

### Use an Idea Web

An Idea Web can help you see how different ideas in a story are connected.

### **Practice**

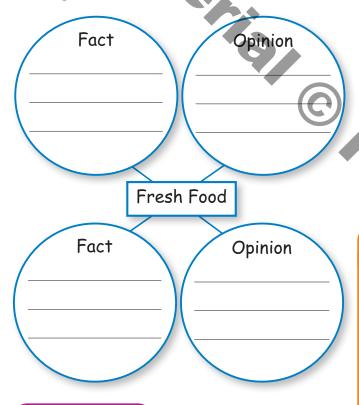


Reread Fresh Food in Strange Places.

Copy the Idea Web in your notebook.

Write down facts and opinions about strange places to grow food that you learned.

- Share your work with a partner.
- Discuss reasons why finding places to grow fresh food is a good idea.



### **Apply**

Summarize the selection. Use some of the key words as you speak.



### extension

Think of a project you could start in your community, such as a community library, or a community recycling center. Write a letter inviting your neighbors to join your project. Display your letter in the classroom.

# Grammar

### mple Past: *Be* Verbs

Use the simple past of be to talk about events that started and finished in the past.

The soil ready yesterday.

They neighbors — They neighbors last year.

Simple past be verbs must agree with the subject.

Subject	Past	
I	was	
He/She/It	was	
You/They/We	were	

You can use contractions of be verbs in negative sentences.

Our garden big.

The chores easy.

was not → was were not →

To ask questions, put the be verbs before the subject.

Was the work hard?

Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.

Mare the seeds fresh?

Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

### Practice A

Go back to Fresh Food in Strange Places and circle the past form of the be verb.

# Practice B

Rewrite each sentence in your notebook using the simple past form of the be verb and the words in parentheses.

- 1. My classmates are at the park. (yesterday) My classmates were at the park yesterday.
- 2. I am tired. (last night)
- 3. Are you at the library? (two hours ago)
- 4. He is a gardener. (at his last job)
- **5.** We are very busy today. (last week)

### **Apply**

Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about the school you went to last year. Use simple past be verbs in your answers.

**Example:** A: Who was your teacher?

B: My teacher was Ms. Garcia.

- Who were some of your friends?
- What was your favorite subject?





Write a question using a simple past be verb.

# **Reading 3**

# Writing

### rite a Journal Entry about Your Day

A journal entry is another type of narrative essay.

### **Writing Prompt**

Write a paragraph telling about something that happened to you. Say how you felt. Be sure to use the simple past of be correctly.

# 1 Prewrite



Think about a day in the past. What did you do? Who did you see? List everything in a Three-Column Chart.

A student named Emily listed her ideas like this:

FACTS	SENSORY DETAILS	EMOTIONS
My teacher put a test on my desk.	My brain was frozen.	I was nervous.
My teacher asked, ————————————————————————————————————	I couldn't move.	→ I was scared.
My teacher smiled	My body relaxed.	→ I felt better.

# 2 Draft

Use your Three-Column Chart to help you write a first draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose—to write a journal entry.
- Write about how you felt and what you remember.

# 3 Revise

Reread your draft. Look for places where it needs improvement. Use the Writing Checklist to help you find problems. Then revise your draft.

# 4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Use the Peer Review Checklist on page 402.

# 5 Publish

Make a clean copy of your final draft. Share it with the class. Save your work. You will need it for the Writing Workshop.

Here is Emily's journal entry:

### **Writing Checklist**



### Ideas

I included the events in the correct order.

I expressed my ideas clearly.



I wrote about how I felt.

### **✓** Conventions

I used verbs in the simple past tense correctly.

I used punctuation and quotation marks correctly.

Wednesday, January 15th

I wasn't in school yesterday. This morning, my teacher put a math test on my desk. Suddenly I was nervous. I couldn't think. My brain was frozen. My teacher asked, "Are you OK?" But I couldn't move. I was scared. Then my teacher smiled. She said, "You weren't here yesterday. Don't worry. I'll help you." After that, my whole body relaxed. I felt much better.

# Put It All Together

# **Apply and Extend**

# Link the Readings

Read the words in the top row.

- For *The Rabbit and the Lion*, put an X under the words that remind you of the text.
- Repeat the same activity for the other readings.

	Informational text	Literature	Working together	Competition
The Rabbit and the Lion	0			
The Contest				
Fresh Food in Strange Places				

### Discussion

- 1. In The Rabbit and the Lion, what is surprising about the outcome of the story?
- 2. Compare and contrast Rabbit with the Sun. How do their attitudes help them meet their challenges?

### **Listening Skills**

Take notes as you listen. Use your notes to ask questions.

3. What are the rewards of working in a community garden?



All of us have challenges at times. How can people meet challenges?

# **Projects**

Your teacher will help you choose one of these projects.

# Written 6



### Oral



# Visual/Active



### **Email**

Write an email to a friend or relative. Tell that person about a problem you faced and how how you solved the problem.

### **Talk and Help**

Give an informal talk to children in first grade. Tell them about challenges you had when you were little and how you met them.

### **What If Book**

Create a picture book. Show ways to solve problems. For example, show a boy raising his hand to ask a question.

### **T-Chart**

Create a T-Chart for the selections in this unit. Use **Problem** and **Solution** as the headings.

### **Act It Out**

Work with a partner. Think of a problem to solve. Act out a scene about the problem, and then show the solution.

### **Matching Game**

Write a problem on five cards. Write a solution on five other cards. Have a partner try to match them.



# Listening and Speaking Workshop

rform a Skit



You are going to write and perform a skit. Then you will listen as your classmates perform a skit, too.

# 1 Prepare

- A. Find two partners. Choose a scene from one of the readings. Then act it out as a skit.
- B. Study your scene and decide where it begins and ends. Who is going to play each part? Now write your skit. Discuss and find props to use in your skit. As you work together, listen to each other's ideas and work cooperatively.

### Useful Language

Listen and Repeat.

We want to show you our skit.

Can you watch our skit, please?

Our skit is about ....

Ready?

So . . . . what do you think?

Did you like it?

Thank you!

The Contest

North Wind: Sun, who is stronger, you or I? We will have a contest.

Sun: What kind?

North Wind: Make that woman take off her hat.

Sun: You go first.

Woman: Oh, it's windy!

# 2 Practice

Practice your skit with your props. Act it out in front of your family or friends. If possible, record your skit. Then listen to it. How do you and your partners sound? Record it again and try to improve.

# 3 Present

As you speak, do the following:

- Don't be nervous. Have fun.
- Don't read your skit—act it out.
- Pay attention to your partners, so you know when to say your lines.

As you listen, do the following:

- Watch the actions of the actors.
- Pay close attention. Your teacher will ask you questions after the skit.

# 4 Evaluate

After you speak, answer these questions:

- ✓ Did you act out your skit?
- ✓ Did you use props?

After you listen, answer these questions:

- ✓ Did you watch the actions of the actors?
- ✓ How did the actions help you understand?
- ✓ Was the skit formal or informal?

### **Speaking Skills**

Skits can be about formal or informal or informal or informal language based on the story.

### **Listening Skills**

Listen carefully for the situation and events of the skit. This will help you understand it better.



### **Writing Prompt**

Write a story. Include everything that happened and how you felt. List the main details in a graphic organizer.



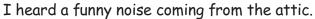
### 1 Prewrite



Review the writing you have done in this unit. Now choose something that happened to you to write about. Include vivid details. List what happened in a graphic organizer.

A student named Gabriel listed his ideas like this:

### Beginning:





### Middle:

I decided to investigate. I went up the attic stairs.

### End:

It was a mouse caught in a trap.

Use your chart to help you write a first draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose—to tell a story.
- Include what happened and how you felt.

# 3 Revise

Read your draft.
Look for places
where the writing
needs improvement.
Use the Writing
Checklist to help you
find problems. Then
revise your draft.
Here is how Gabriel
revised his essay:

### **Six Traits of Writing Checklist**



### Ideas

Does my story include vivid details?



### **Organization**

Does my story have a beginning, middle, and end?



### **Voice**

Does my language express my feelings?



### **Word Choice**

Did I use specific words?



### **Sentence Fluency**

Did I use different kinds of sentences?



### Conventions

Do pronouns agree with their subjects?

### Gabriel Velazquez

### The Noise in the Attic

One morning last winter I was lying in bed. It was still dark. I was almost asleep.

Suddenly, I heard something over my head. It was coming from the attic. It sounded like something being dragged across the floor. I decided to investigate.

I took my plastic pirate sword for protection. I slowly walked walk up the stairs. I was cold and afraid. Everything was quiet, but I could still hear the dragging noise. Slowly, to see what was there I opened the door and looked around the door.

It was a mouse caught by his tail! I let him go outside.

I felt very brave!

### Revised

to correct spelling error.

### Revised

to create verb tense.

### **Revised**

to make the meaning clearer.

### **Put It All Together**

4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Trade papers with a partner to get feedback. Use the Peer Review Checklist.

5 Pablish

Make a clean copy of your final draft. Share it with the class.

WB

### **Peer Review Checklist**

- The events are clear and in an order that makes sense.
- The writing is interesting and engaging.
- The subjects and verbs agree.

### **Spelling Tip**

In a one-syllable word, if the word ends in a CVC pattern, double the consonant before you add -ed (drag —> dragged).





Listen to the sentences. Pay attention to the groups of words. Read aloud.

- 1. A small, smart rabbit can trick a big, strong lion.
- 2. Everyone can use their strengths to do a good job.
- 3. If we work together, we can create a beautiful garden.

Work in pairs. Take turns reading aloud the passage below for one minute. Count the number of words you read.

The Contest tells about a competition between the North Wind	10
and the Sun. They see a woman wearing a hat. The North Wind	23
says she will make the lady take off her hat. She blows very hard	37
but the woman holds on to her hat. Then the Sun tries. The Sun	51
grows hotter and brighter. The woman is hot, so she takes off	63
her hat. The North Wind says the Sun is stronger. The Sun says	76
they do their job.	80

### With your partner, find the words that slowed you down.

- Practice saying each word and then say the sentence each word is in.
- Then take turns reading the text again. Count the number of words you read.

# **Test Preparation**

# Taking Tests

You will often take tests that help show what you know. Follow these tips to improve your test-taking skills.

### **Coaching Corner**

### **Answering Test Questions**

- When answering a multiple-choice question, watch out for answer choices that are similar to the correct answer.
   Think hard about what the question is asking and choose the *best* answer.
- Before you read a selection, preview the questions that go with the selection. Reading the questions first will help you think about the information you need while you read the selection. After you finish reading the selection, read the questions again to help you choose the best answer.
- Before you answer a question based on a picture, read the question carefully. Be sure you understand what the question is asking. Study every part of the picture closely before you choose an answer.



### **Practice**

Read the selection. Study the tips in the Coaching Corner. Then answer the questions.

### **Prickly Pears**

The desert can be a challenging place to live. But the prickly pear cactus is a tough plant! Although the desert only gets a few inches of rain each year, prickly pears can grow to be up to 10 feet tall. Prickly pears have special leaves that store water to keep them healthy in very hot and dry weather. These plants are also covered with sharp, yellow spines to protect them from predators.

- **1** Which part of a prickly pear cactus helps protect it from animals?
  - **A** leaves
  - **B** pears
  - C water
  - **D** spines
- **2** Which of the following sentences is an opinion?
  - **F** The prickly pear cactus is a tough plant!
  - **G** Prickly pears can grow to be 10 feet tall.
  - **H** Prickly pears have special leaves that store water.
  - **J** These plants are covered with sharp, yellow spines.

### Tips

- Be careful. All of the answer choices are words from the selection. Only one is correct.
- Remember that a fact is always true. An opinion is what someone thinks, but it may not be true.

# Unit 3

# Animals in Nature

What animals change shape as they grow?
What do alligators eat?
What animals hide right in their surroundings?
Read on to find out!

Reading 1

**Poem** 



**Animal Habitats** 

Reading 2

**Photo Essay** 

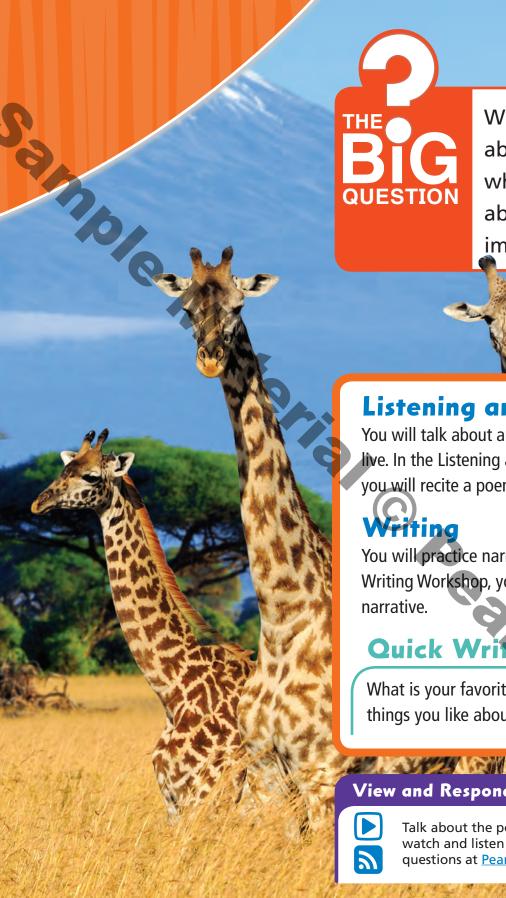


Can You See Them?

Reading 3
Science



**How Do They Grow?** 





What can we learn about animals and why is learning about them important?

# Listening and Speaking

You will talk about animals and how they live. In the Listening and Speaking Workshop, you will recite a poem.

# Writing

You will practice narrative writing. In the Writing Workshop, you will write a personal narrative.

# Quick Write

What is your favorite animal? Write some things you like about this animal.

### **View and Respond**





Talk about the poster for this unit. Then watch and listen to the video and answer the questions at Pearson English Portal.

# **Build Unit** Vocabulary

# What do you know about animals?

# Words to Know 🕕



Listen and repeat. Use these words to talk about animals.



### **Practice**

Work with a partner. Look up these words in a dictionary. Then ask and answer questions.

climb fly jump run

Example: A: What can squirrels do?

B: They can climb.

### Write

Read the question. Write your response in your notebook.

What animals do you usually see in parks? On farms? In zoos?

# **Make Connections**

Complete the sentences.





woods

pond



rain forest

- 1. A: This animal lives near a \_\_\_\_\_ and likes to jump in the water.
  - B: It's a frog.
- 2. A: This animal lives in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ It climbs trees and eats nuts.
  - B: It's a squirrel.
- 3. A: This animal lives in the \_\_\_\_\_ and likes to jump from tree to tree.
  - B: It's a monkey.

### What about you?

Talk with a partner. Choose an animal. Tell your partner where it lives and what it does. Then guess each other's animal.

# **Build Unit Background**

Kids' Stories from around the World

Senegal



I live near the Everglades National Park in Florida, U.S.A. There are lots of insects in the park. That's good, because I like insects. This yellow grasshopper is called an eastern lubber. I see a lot of these grasshoppers in the summer.



**Obiajulu** 

I live near the Niokolo-Koba National Park in Senegal, I can hear the running frog at a pond near my home. Its voice sounds like water dropping in a pail. The running frog does not hop like other frogs. It runs!



I live near the Chitwan
National Park in Nepal.
Tigers live in this park. There
are not many tigers left in
Nepal. People have hunted
them. Today, forest rangers
are working hard to protect
the tigers.

### **Paige**

I live near the Daintree
Rain Forest in Australia.
I like to watch the
butterflies near my home.
One of my favorites is the
birdwing butterfly. It has
yellow wings and a red
spot near its head.

### What about you?

- 1. What animals do you see where you live?
- 2. Do you have a story about an animal where you live? Share your story.

# Reading 1 Prepare to Read

# What You

### Reading

- Vocabulary building: Context, phonics
- Reading strategy: Make inferences
- Text type: Literature (poem)

### Grammar

Prepositions and prepositional phrases

### **Writing**

Write a poem

These words will help you understand the reading.

### **Key Words**

camels

amazing

**habits** 

caves

plains

# **Key Words**

Animal Habitats tells about animals and where they live.

# Words in Context (1)



Camels live in the desert. Some camels have two humps on their backs. Other camels have just one hump.

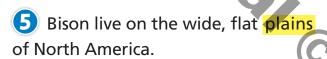


The flying squirrel is amazing. It does not fly. It jumps and glides through the air.

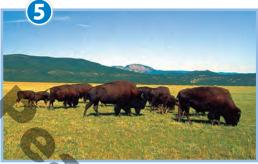


- **3** Eating fruit and vegetables and washing your hands before eating are good health habits to follow.
- 4 Some bears live in caves. This bear looks out from a cave on the side of a mountain.









# **Practice**

Add a page to your vocabulary notebook.

- Divide your page into three columns: the new words, their definitions, and drawings of the words (whenever possible).
- Test yourself by covering one of the columns.

# **Make Connections**

Some animals live in caves. Some live on plains. What animals live near you? Where do they live?

These words will help you talk about the reading.

#### Academic Words

#### appreciate

like or understand the value of \ something

#### illustrate

show



# **Academic Words**

# Words in Context (1)



My mom knows I appreciate her cooking because I always say "thank you" after dinner.

The stories **illustrate** interesting places where animals live.

# **Practice**

**Choose** an academic word to complete each sentence.

- 1. How do you \_ \_\_\_\_\_ how happy you are?
- 2. Learning how to play an instrument helps us music more.

Ask and answer with a partner

- 1. How do you show your friends that you appreciate them?
- 2. What book illustrates the kind of story you like to read?





# **Phonics**

# **Consonant Clusters** (1)



Sometimes when two consonants are together, each consonant keeps its own sound. Listen. Then read each word aloud.

r-blends	1-blends	s-blends
frog	fly	sky
trees	plains	swim



#### Rule

Blend the sounds of both letters when a word has

- a consonant followed by the letter r
- a consonant followed by the letter \
- the letter s followed by another consonant

# **Practice**

Work with a partner.

- Choose a word from the chart above to answer each question. Write the answers in your notebook. Use complete sentences.
- Circle each r-blend, s-blend, or l-blend in your answers.
  - 1. Where do monkeys live?
  - 2. What lives in a pond?
  - 3. What do sharks do?
  - **4.** What rhymes with *sky*?



#### Literature

Poem

## **More About**

THE BIG QUESTION

Why should people care where animals live?

## Listen to the Audio

Listen for the general meaning. Think about the situation or context. Use this to help you understand the poems.

# Reading Strategy Make Inferences

Making inferences helps you figure out information that the author doesn't say directly.

- As you read, think about the different animals.
- Think about why each animal lives where it does.

Listen as your teacher models the reading strategy.

# Animal Habitats

Animal **habitats** can be found all around us; In caves and water, with flat plains and trees. Animals live where their needs can be met. They can roam wherever they please.

The rainforest is a hot and rainy place.
It is home to half of the world's creatures.
Sloths and snakes call this place home.
The rainforest has unusual **features**.
The desert is a place where it's hot and dry.
No animal, it seems, could ever survive here for long. This habitat is full of creatures, big and small — But snakes, camels, and foxes all seem to belong!

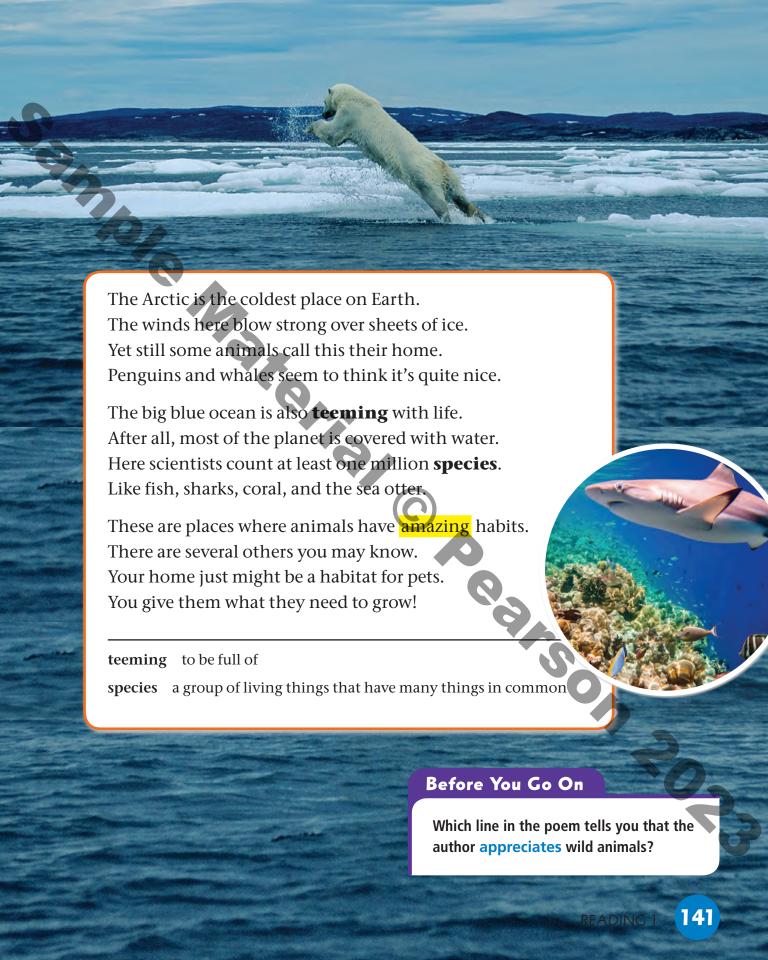
habitat the environment where an animal

usually lives

features important parts or characteristics of

something





# Alligators and Crocodiles



Alligators and crocodiles, they have similar features.

They are also not alike, they are different creatures.

Alligators have a U-shaped head, the crocodiles' are shaped like a V.

Alligators prefer **freshwater**, crocodiles swim in the sea.

Alligators have darker skin, the crocodile's skin is lighter.

Alligators are pretty nice, while the crocodile is a fighter.

Both animals have a mouth full of chompers, but crocodiles have one funny tooth;

That sticks out when its mouth is closed, and that is the **absolute** truth.

**freshwater** water that is not from the ocean

absolute total; complete



#### **Tongue Twister:**

Grumpy green gators **gobble grubs** in the grass.

#### **Riddles:**

What was the alligator doing on the highway?

About two miles an hour.

gobble eat

**grubs** larva that look like thick worms

# **Reading Strategy**

#### **Make Inferences**

- Why do you think different kinds of animals have different kinds of homes?
- What can you infer about the crocodiles?

How many alligators does it take to drive a car?

Three. One to steer. One to push the pedals. And one to yell out the window, "Get out of the way! Don't you know alligators can't drive?"

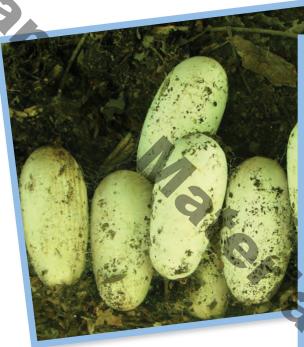
#### Think It Over



- 1. Recall What are the two ways animals share the world with us?
- 2. Comprehend What lines in the poem illustrate how alligators and crocodiles are similar?
- **3. Analyze** How is the description of animal homes different in the two poems?

# A Closer Look at...

# Alligators



Hatching ▲ Eggs in a nest A baby alligator hatches. A mother alligator lays It comes out of its shell.



many eggs in a nest.

▲ Going to water The mother alligator takes the baby alligator to water. Babies know how to swim right away by instinct.



▲ Free ride This baby alligator rests on its mother's head.



#### Friends

This young alligator shares a log with a painted turtle. But the turtle needs to be careful.



#### ▲ Food

A grown alligator eats turtles. Alligators like to eat fish, too. An alligator uses its teeth to catch food. It does not chew the food. It swallows the food whole.



#### ▲ Sunning themselves

Alligators are usually in or near water. Alligators warm themselves in the sun. This one rests on rocks in a swamp.

## Activity to Do

These two pages use pictures and captions (words) to tell you about alligators.

- Choose another animal.
- Find pictures of the animal and write captions.
- Post your pictures and captions in your classroom.

# Learning Strategies

# Inferences

You make **inferences** when you figure out something as you read.

# **Practice**

Make inferences about the poem Animal Habitats.

- Read the poem.
- Put together what you know and what you read.

These are some places where amazing animals can live.

There are several others you may know.

Your home just might be a habitat for pets.

You give them what they need to grow!

- 1. How do pets share the world with us?
- 2. How do wild animals share the world with us?
- 3. How is your home a habitat for pets?



# Use a K-W-L Chart

You can use a K-W-L Chart to make inferences. K-W-L stands for What You **Know**, What You **Want** to Know, and What You **Learned**.

# Practice



Answer the questions below.

Your answers will help you fill in the chart.

Write your answers in the chart.

What You Know	What You Want to Know	What You Learned
The poem says "Animal habitats can be found all around us."	How do animals and people share the world?	People need to appreciate wild animals and where they live.
The poem says that "amazing" animals live in different places.		

1. What is special about animals' homes? Why are these animals "amazing"?

2. How does the poet feel about animals?

# **Apply**

Summarize the poem *Animal Habitats* for a partner. Include inferences you have made about the poem in your summary. Use some of the key words.



01

#### Extension

Work in pairs. Choose an animal. Do research independently on where the animal lives and what it eats. Share your information with your partner. Create a chart together. Share it with the class.

# Grammar

# Prepositions of Location

A preposition of location tells where something is.

Crocodiles live in lakes.

A preposition is always followed by a **noun** or **pronoun**. A preposition + a noun or pronoun is called a **prepositional phrase**. For example, at home and in the ocean are both prepositional phrases.

The noun or pronoun that follows a preposition is called an **object of** the preposition.

Bats live in caves.

Review these common prepositions of location and prepositional phrases.

#### **Preposition**

in

on at

between

near

under

above

in front of

behind

next to

#### **Prepositional Phrases**

in caves / in the water / in Australia

on a table / on the floor / on a leaf

at home / at school / at the park

between the tree and the river

near the zoo / near the plains

under the tree / under the desk

above the mountain / above the door

in front of the house / in front of the class

behind the house / behind me

next to that tree / next to him

# Practice A

Complete the sentences with on, at, between, under, or above.

- 1. We have a rabbit  $\underline{\alpha^{\dagger}}$  school.
- 2. We see squirrels \_\_\_\_\_ the park.
- 3. Monkeys jump \_\_\_\_\_ the trees.
- **4.** The camels walked \_\_\_\_\_ the sand.
- **5.** The cat ran \_\_\_\_ the bed!
- **6.** The horses are \_\_\_\_ the trees and the river.



# **Practice B**

Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence in Practice A.

## **Apply**

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions. Use prepositional phrases in your answers.

**Example:** A: What do you have on your desk?

B: I have a notebook on my desk.

- Where do you eat lunch?
- Where do you like to play with friends?
- What do you keep in your backpack?
- Where do you live?
- Where do you keep your toys and games?
- Where do you sit in class?
- Where do you do your homework?

## Grammar Check

Name a **preposition**. Use it in a sentence.



# Writing

# Write a Poem about an Animal

A poem can express ideas, information, and feelings. A good poem includes details that help the reader picture what is being described.

## **Writing Prompt**

Write a poem about an animal. Tell facts about the animal. Be sure to use prepositions of location correctly.

# 1 Prewrite

Choose an animal to write about. Think about the animal's habits. What does the animal eat? Where does it live and sleep? List the facts in a Poem Chart.

A student named Antonio has started to list his ideas like this:

LINE 1:	I am a/an ( <u>animal</u> ).	I am a bat.
LINE 2:	I am as ( <u>color</u> ) as ( <u>noun</u> ).	I am as black as the night.
LINE 3:	I live in ( <u>place</u> ).	I live in caves and in tree tops.
LINE 4:	I eat ( <u>foods</u> ).	I eat insects and fruit.

# 2 Praft

Use your Poem Chart to help you write a first draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose—to write a poem.
- Include interesting facts about your animal.

# 3 Revise

Reread your draft. Look for places where it needs improvement. Use the Writing Checklist to help you find problems. Then revise your draft.

# 4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Do Peer Review (use the Checklist on page 402).

# 5 Publish

Make a clean copy of your final draft. Share it with the class. Save your work for the Writing Workshop.

Here is Antonio's poem:

#### Antonio Corrales

I am a bat.

I am as black as the night.

I live in caves and in tree tops.

I eat insects and fruit.

I sleep upside down during the day with other bats.

I can fly through the air.

I can see in the dark.

I am a bat.

#### **Writing Checklist**



#### Ideas

I included facts in my poem. I expressed my ideas clearly.

## **✓** Word Choice

I included descriptive words.

#### **✓** Conventions

I used prepositions and prepositional phrases correctly.



# Reading 2 Prepare to Read

# What You

#### Reading

- Vocabulary building: Context, word study
- Reading strategy: Identify cause and effect
- Text type: Informational text (photo essay)

#### Grammar

Adjectives and adverbs

#### **Writing**

Write a friendly letter

These words will help you understand the reading.

## **Key Words**

insect **habitats** camouflage prey patterns moth

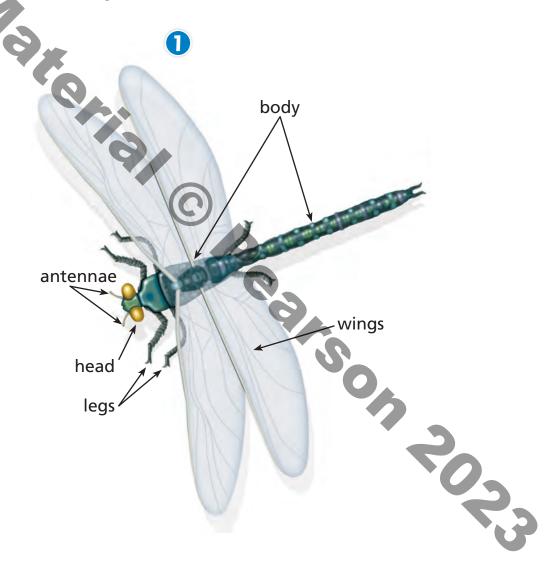
# **Key Words**

Can You See Them? tells how animals use camouflage.

# Words in Context



1 This is an insect. An insect has three body parts, six legs, and antennae. Insects may also have wings.



Habitats are where animals live. Animals use camouflage to hide in their habitats. They hide from other animals that might eat them. Also, animals hide so they can catch prey. Prey is any animal that another animal eats.

The patterns on the pepper moth help it hide on a tree.

# Practice

Make flashcards to help you memorize the words.

- Write a key word on the front.
- On the back, write the meaning.

## **Make Connections**

Some animals use camouflage to be safe. People wear seat belts in cars to be safe. What do you do to be safe?





#### **Speaking Skills**

When you don't know the right word to use, explain or describe the idea using words you know.



These words will help you talk about the reading.

#### Academic Words

#### environment

world of land, sea, and air that something lives in

#### enable

make someone or something able to do something

# **Academic Words**

# Words in Context (1)



Frogs need to live in a wet **environment**.

Wings enable birds to fly.

#### **Practice**

Choose an academic word to complete each sentence.

- 1. People should keep the \_\_\_\_\_ clean.
- 2. Reading books will \_\_\_\_\_ you to learn about animals.

# **Apply**

- 1. What is a good environme.

  2. What enables flowers to grow?



# **Word Study**

# **Compound Nouns**

A **compound noun** consists of two or more shorter words to form a new word.

<b>butterfly</b> butter + fly	rainforest	grasshopper
butter + fly	rain + forest	grass + hopper



#### Rule

Look for this pattern in English: Sometimes two nouns join to form a new noun. These new nouns are called *compound nouns*.

## **Practice**

Work with a partner. Take turns.

- Read the sentences.
- List the compound nouns.
- Show the two words that make up each compound noun.
  - 1. Squirrels live in the woodlands.
  - 2. Owls sleep during the daylight.
  - 3. At nightfall, raccoons come out to look for food.

#### **Reading Skill**

Looking for patterns in English will make you a better reader.

#### **Informational Text**

Photo Essay

# **More About**

THE BIG QUESTION

Why is it important to know how animals use camouflage?

## Listen to the Audio.

Listen for the general meaning. Think about the situation or context. Use this to help you understand the selection.

## **Reading Strategy**

#### **Identify Cause and Effect**

Identifying cause and effect helps you understand how things are connected.

- As you read, look for causes things that make other things happen.
- Look for effects—things that happen because of something else.

Listen as your teacher models the reading strategy.

# See Them?

by Kendra Clay

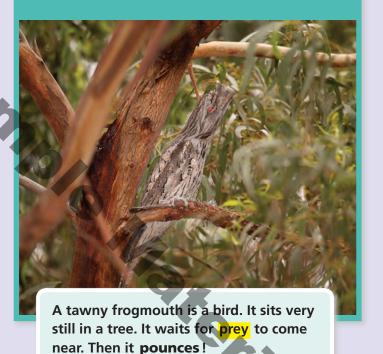


Can you see the insect in the photograph above? You will need to look carefully.

The insect is called a walking stick. It can hide in a tree because it looks like a small branch, or stick.



Arctic foxes live where the weather is very cold. They can change color. In summer, the foxes are brown. In winter, they are white.



Many animals hide. They may hide to keep safe from **predators**. Or, they may hide so they can catch prey.

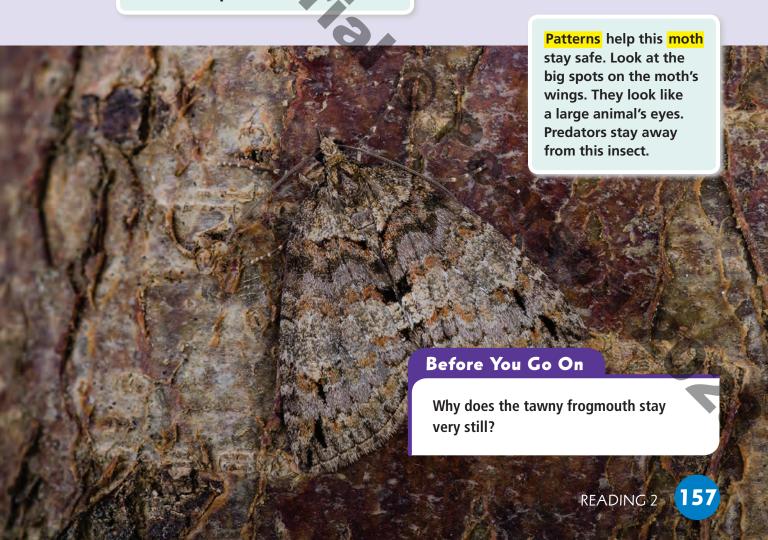
This kind of hiding is called camouflage. When animals have camouflage, they are hard to see in their habitats.

**pounces** jumps suddenly after

waiting

predators animals that kill and eat

other animals







This cottontail rabbit hides in some leaves on the ground in the forest. It must hide from predators.



# Reading Strategy Identify Cause and Effect

- Did you find out why some animals use camouflage?
- How did looking for cause and effect help you understand the selection?

## Think It Over

- 1. Recall In what kind of climate do arctic foxes live?
- 2. Comprehend What does camouflage enable animals to do?
- 3. Analyze What role does environment play in an animal's ability to hide?

# Learning Strategies

# Cause and Effect

In a cause-and-effect situation, the cause is the reason why something happens; and the effect is the result of what happened.

# **Practice**

Draw a line from each effect to its cause.

Cause	Effect
The Bengal tiger     has stripes.	a. It can hide in a tree.
2. The Arctic fox lives where there is snow.	b. It can hide in the tall grass.
3. The walking stick <mark>insect</mark> looks like a small branch.	c. It can hide in the winter when its coat turns white.



# **Use a Cause and Effect Chart**

Use a Cause and Effect Chart to show how camouflage helps animals.

# Practice



Read the information in the chart.

- For each cause, write the effect.
- Add two more causes and their effects.



Cause	Effect
The Bengal tiger has stripes.	It can hide in the tall grass.
The Arctic fox lives where there is snow.	
The walking stick looks like a branch.	



## Apply

Summarize the selection to a partner.

#### Extension

Invent an animal with special camouflage.
Label the picture to show how the camouflage helps your animal to stay safe. Share your drawing with the class.

# Grammar

# Adjectives and Adverbs

An adjective describes a noun. Adjectives give details about size, shape, color, and number. They also express observations and opinions.

a tall giraffe (size)
round eyes (shape)
a white fox (color)

three horses (number)
smooth fur (observation)
a funny joke (opinion)

In sentences, adjectives can go before a noun or after the verb be.

#### Before a noun

The moth has big spots.

Look at the **brown** insect.

Do you like **cold** <u>weather</u>?

#### After the verb be

Those spots are big.

The insect is brown.

The weather is cold.

An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Many adverbs answer the question *How?* These adverbs often end in *-ly*.

#### Adverbs ending in -ly:

You need to look **carefully**.
The lizard can **quickly** change.

The gecko waits **quietly** for a meal.

#### Other adverbs:

The weather is **very** cold.

The tiger is **quite** dangerous

# Practice A

Circle the adjectives in the sentences.

- 1. The green gecko is hiding.
- 2. The large tiger has black stripes.
- 3. The quiet moth is very still.
- 4. The brown rabbit quietly hid in the soft leaves.
- 5. The tiny lizard quickly changed color.
- 6. The hungry hawk swooped down on its prey.

# **Practice B**

Underline the adverbs in the sentences in Practice A.

## **Apply**

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions. Use adjectives and adverbs in your sentences.

**Example:** A: What color is your hair?

B: My hair is brown.

- What kind of weather do you like?
- What does your friend's dog look like?
- Do you have a big collection of anything?
- Do you walk quickly or slowly?
- Do you talk loudly or softly?
- Do you exercise daily or weekly?
- Do you ride your bike carefully or carelessly?

# Grammar Check

Name one adjective and one adverb. Use each one in a sentence

# Writing

# **Yrite a Friendly Letter**

When you write a letter, you must think about your audience. Who will be reading your letter? This will affect your choice of words and language structures.

## **Writing Prompt**

Write a letter to a friend or family member. Use informal language. Talk about something that you are learning in school. Be sure to use adjectives and adverbs correctly.

# 1 Prewrite

Choose an animal or insect to write about. Think about its physical characteristics and/or habits. Then think about what these characteristics allow it to do. List the facts in a chart.

A student named Iman listed his ideas like this:

Characteristic: Looks like a stick.

What this means: Uses camouflage to hide.

Characteristic: Very light.

What this means: Can walk on water.

Characteristic: Has suction cups on feet.
What this means: Can climb and walk upside

down.

# 2 Draft

Use your chart to help you write a first draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose-to write a friendly letter.
- Include interesting facts about your animal or insect.

# 3 Revise

Reread your draft. Look for places where it needs improvement. Use the Writing Checklist to help you find problems. Then revise your draft.

# 4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Do Peer Review (use the Checklist on page 402).

# 5 Publish

Make a clean copy of your final draft. Share it with the class. Save your work for the Writing Workshop.

Here is Ahmed's letter:

#### **Writing Checklist**



#### **Ideas**

I included facts in my letter.
I expressed my ideas clearly.



#### Conventions

I used adjectives correctly.
I used adverbs correctly.



41 Oak Road
Bigfown, MD 09050
March 14, 2019

Dear Grandma,

I learned about a really interesting insect in school today.

Have you ever seen a walking stick? It's an insect that looks exactly like a tree branch or twig. It uses camouflage, so birds can't find it. A walking stick moves very slowly. Amazingly, it can walk on water! It has claws and suction cups on its feet, so it can walk upside down. Isn't that cool?

Love,

Ahmed



# Reading 3 Prepare to Read

# What You

#### Reading

- Vocabulary building: Context, phonics
- Reading strategy: Identify sequence
- Text type: Informational text (science)

#### Grammar

Adverbs of time

#### Writing

Write a personal narrative

These words will help you understand the reading.

#### **Key Words**

butterfly leaf hatch caterpillar tadpole

# **Key Words**

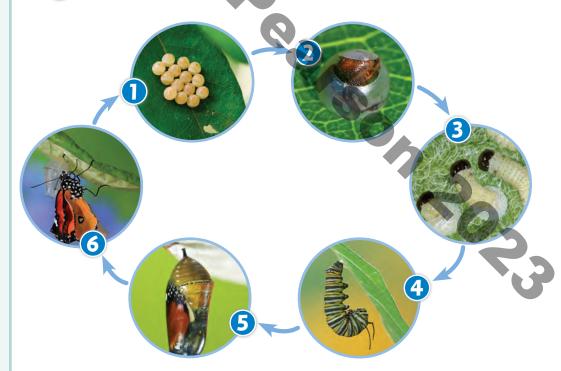
How Do They Grow? tells how a butterfly and a frog change as they grow.

# Words in Context



A butterfly changes as it grows.

- 🚺 It starts as an egg on a <mark>leaf</mark>.
- 🔃 The egg begins to <mark>hatch</mark>.
- **S** A caterpillar, or larva, comes out of the egg. It eats and eats.
- The caterpillar becomes fully grown and hangs from a leaf or branch.
- 5 It makes a pupa, or chrysalis.
- 6 The chrysalis opens and a butterfly comes out.





# **Practice**

Draw pictures of the key words. Label each picture with a sentence that contains the key word.

# **Make Connections**

Some animals change as they grow. How do you change as you grow? How do you feel about these changes? After you discuss these questions, write your responses in your notebook.

These words will help you talk about the reading.

### Academic Words

occurs happens

transform

completely change.



# Words in Context (1)



When the eggs break open, something special occurs. Baby chicks are born.

A small caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly.

# **Practice**



- \_\_\_\_\_ into ice when you 1. Water put it in the freezer.
- 2. What major international sports event every four years?

Ask and answer with a partner

- 1. What are some things that occur at your school every day?
- 2. If you could **transform** yourself into an animal, which animal would you be? Explain.







# **Phonics**

# Digraphs: ch, sh, th



Sometimes when two consonants are together, they make a new sound. Listen. Then read each word aloud.

ch	sh	th
change	<b>s</b> hip	then
bran <b>ch</b>	wish	bo <b>th</b>



#### Rule

The letters ch, sh, and th come together to make one sound. This new sound is called a digraph.

## **Practice**

Work with a partner. Take turns.

- Read the sentences.
- Underline the words with ch, sh, or th.
- Circle the letters ch, sh, or th in the words.
  - 1. Living things may change.
  - 2. Fish hatch from eggs.
  - 3. Snakes shed their skin.
  - 4. Silkworms become moths.



# Informational Text

Science



Why should people care how animals change as they grow?

# Listen to the Audio.

Listen for the general meaning Think about the situation or context. Use this to help you understand the selection.

## **Reading Strategy**

Recognize Sequence

Recognizing the **sequence**, or order, of events helps you understand the text.

- As you read, pay attention to the order in which events happen.
- Look for words that show sequence, such as *first*, *next*, *then*, and *finally*.

Listen as your teacher models the reading strategy.



Learn about how some animals grow and change.

This frog was not always big and brown. This butterfly did not always have bright wings.

Living things grow and change. Sometimes the change is **dramatic**, and the living thing experiences a transformation.

Let's look at the transformations that occur in the lives of butterflies and frogs.

dramatic very noticeable or surprising



# **Butterfly**

First, a butterfly must find a place to lay eggs.

A leaf is a good place.



Soon an egg will hatch, and a tiny caterpillar will crawl out. The caterpillar starts to eat right away. It **munches** on plants.



Next, the caterpillar hangs from a branch and builds a chrysalis around itself. It hangs there and does not move. But changes happen inside.



Then the butterfly breaks out of the chrysalis. It spreads its wings and is ready to fly.



munches chews

Before You Go On

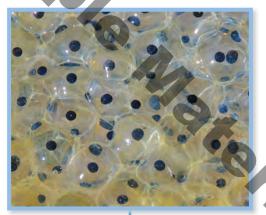
What occurs inside the chrysalis?

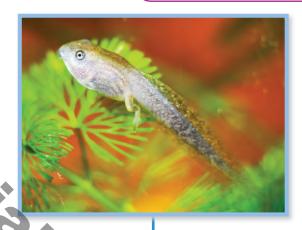


# Frog

## **Reading Skill**

If you don't understand something, ask your classmates or your teacher for help.





A frog lays eggs in the water. Soon, an egg hatches. A tiny tadpole wiggles out.

A tadpole lives in the water. It is very **vulnerable**. It must depend on its camouflage to **survive**.



It starts to grow legs. The tadpole's legs grow and grow. Finally, when the tadpole is developed enough, it can leave the water.

wiggles moves from side to side vulnerable has no protection survive to continue to live





Now the tadpole is a frog. The frog can hop on land. It can swim in



# Reading Strategy Identify Sequence

the water, too.

- What sequence words did you find in the selection?
- How does identifying the sequence help you understand the selection?

## Think It Over

- 1. Recall Where does a tadpole live?
- 2. Comprehend How does a caterpillar transform into a butterfly? Explain.
- **3. Analyze** How are the butterfly and the frog similar?

# Learning Strategies

# **Steps in a Process**

A **process** is something that happens in order. The parts of a process are called **steps**.



### **Practice**

The list below shows steps that occur during a frog's transformation. Write a number (1–5) next to each step in the right order.

- The frog hops on land. \_\_\_\_
- The frog lays eggs in the water.
- The tadpole wiggles out. \_\_\_\_\_
- The egg hatches. \_\_\_\_\_
- The tadpole grows legs. \_\_\_\_\_



# **Use a Sequence Chart**

A Sequence Chart can help you put steps in a process in the right order.

### **Practice**



This Sequence Chart shows some steps in the life of a butterfly.

- 1. Which step should be in Box 3?
  - a. A butterfly comes out of the egg.
  - **b.** A tadpole comes out of the egg.
  - c. A caterpillar comes out of the egg.
  - **d.** A chrysalis comes out of the egg.
- 2. If there were a Box 6, which step would it be?
  - a. The butterfly becomes a caterpillar.
  - **b.** The butterfly spreads its wings.
  - c. The butterfly makes a chrysalis.
  - d. The butterfly becomes a tadpole.

## Apply

Retell the selection to a partner.



- 1. A butterfly lays an egg.
- 2. The egg hatches.
- 3.
- 4. The caterpillar makes a chrysalis.
  The chrysalis hangs from a branch.
- 5. A butterfly breaks out of the chrysalis.



#### **Extension**

Think of something you do in steps. It can be tying your shoes or brushing your teeth. Make a Sequence Chart. Show the steps you do. Share the chart with your class and explain the steps.

# Grammar

### **Adverbs of Time**

An adverb of time tells when an action happened or will happen.

Below are some common adverbs of time.

#### Adverbs at the end of sentences:

now/today/tomorrow We should go now/today/tomorrow.

later I left school early.

I'll see you later.

**before** Yve seen this kind of butterfly **before**.

Adverbs in the middle of sentences:

**now** The caterpillar is **now** a butterfly.

Adverbs at the beginning, middle, or end of sentences:

soon Soon the caterpillar will become a butterfly.

The caterpillar will soon become a butterfly.

The caterpillar will become a butterfly soon.

## **Adverbs of Time and Sequence**

Adverbs of time and sequence tell the order, or sequence, in which two or more actions happen.

**Step 1 First**, a butterfly lays eggs.

**Step 2** Next, the eggs hatch and a caterpillar crawls out.

**Step 3** Then, the caterpillar builds a chrysalis.

**Step 4 Finally**, a butterfly breaks out.

### Practice A

Insert the adverbs of time in these sentences. Write the sentences in your notebook.

- 1. I visited my grandparents. (yesterday)

  I visited my grandparents yesterday.
- 2. I'll be in 4th grade. (soon)
- 3. We'll be home. (later)
- 4. We're in third grade. (now)
- 5. Would you like to see this movie? (again)
- **6.** You mix the dry ingredients. (first)
- 7. You put in the wet ingredients. (then)

### **Practice B**

Write two sentences in your notebook. Use *soon* and *now* in the middle and at the end of your sentences.

### **Apply**

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions. Use adverbs of time in your responses.

**Example:** A: When do you have lunch?

B: I have lunch soon.

- When do you have art?
- How early do you go to sleep on week nights?
- How soon will you do your homework?
- Are you hungry now?
- Will you go to the library later?

#### Grammar Check V

Name an adverb of time. Use it in a sentence.



# Writing

### Write a Personal Narrative

In a personal narrative, you tell about an event or an experience that was important to you.

### **Writing Prompt**

Write a paragraph about an important event in your life. Give details about your experience and explain how you felt. Be sure to use adverbs of time correctly.

## 1 Prewrite



Choose an event to write about. Tell about what happened and how you felt. List your ideas in a Details Chart.

A student named Maki listed her ideas like this:

### Event

Losing my first tooth

#### Detail

I felt my tooth with my tongue.
It moved.

#### Detail

I ran and told my mother.

#### Detail

It came out the next day.

# 2 Proft

Use your Details Chart to help you write a first draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose—to write a paragraph about a memorable event.
- Include details about what happened and how you felt.



# 3 Revise

Reread your draft. Look for places where it needs improvement. Use the Writing Checklist to help you find problems. Then revise your draft.

## 4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Do Peer Review (use the Checklist on page 402).

# 5 Publish

Make a clean copy of your final draft.

Share it with the class. Save your work for the Writing Workshop.

Here is Maki's story:

### **Writing Checklist**



#### **Ideas**

I included important details about what happened.

I expressed my ideas clearly.

#### **V**

#### **Conventions**

I used adverbs of time correctly.

I used the past tense correctly.

#### Maki Umamoto

### The Day I Lost My First Tooth

I am six years old. I lost my first baby tooth yesterday. I felt the tooth loosen. I moved it with my tongue. I ran and showed my

mother. The next day, I put my tongue where my loose tooth was. I knew that it will fall out soon. Later that day, I was eating a sandwich. I felt for my loose tooth again, but it was gone! My mother and I looked everywhere for it. Finally, I found it. It was in my sandwich!



# Put It All Together

# **Apply and Extend**

## Link the Readings

Look at the chart. Read the words in the top row.

- For Animal Habitats / Alligators and Crocodiles, put an X under the words that remind you of the poems.
- Repeat the same activity for the other readings.

	Informational text	Literature	Survival	Habitat / environment
Animal Habitats / Alligators and Crocodiles				
Can You See Them?				
How Do They Grow?		(C)		

### Discussion

- 1. What animals do the two poems talk about?
- **2.** How do some animals camouflage themselves in their **environment**? Why do they do it?
- **3.** What changes **occur** when butterflies and frogs begin to **transform**?



What can we learn about animals and why is learning about them important?

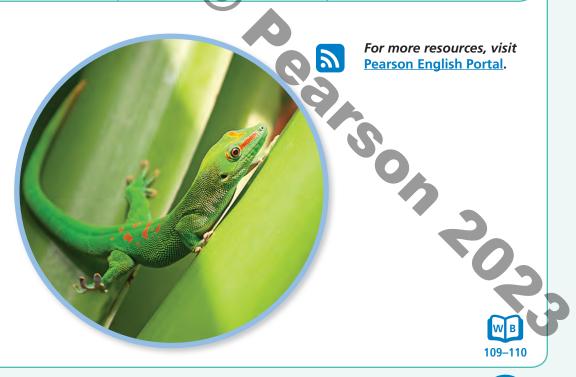
### Listening Skills

If you can't hear someone, you can say, "Could you speak more loudly, please?"

# **Projects**

Your teacher will help you choose one of these projects.

	Written 🕝	Oral	Visual/Active
	Animal Facts	<b>Guessing Game</b>	Diorama
\ \	Choose an animal that	Make a list of facts about	Make a diorama. Show
	you like. Write three facts	an animal. Tell what it	sky, land, and water.
	about it. Tell where it	eats and where it lives.	Show where animals live.
	lives, what it eats, and	Have a partner guess	Share your diorama with
	what it looks like.	the animal.	the class.
	Animal Story	Talk About It	Habitat Mobile
	Write a story about	Find out about an animal	Make a mobile. Show
	an animal. Tell about	that uses camouflage to	pictures of animals in
	its home. Tell how the	stay safe. Give a formal	their homes. Write a
	animal found its home.	presentation about the	fact on the back of each
		animal to your class.	picture.



# Listening and Speaking Workshop

### Recite a Poem

You are going to write and recite a poem. Then you will listen as your classmates recite their poems.

## 1 Prepare

- A. Choose a favorite activity or animal. You will write a poem about it and recite it to the class. Your classmates will tell you how your poem makes them feel.
- **B.** Recall what you know about your favorite activity or animal. Then write your poem about it.

#### **Useful Language**

Listen and Repeat.

I'm going to recite a poem. My poem is about... I wrote it myself. Ready?...

How did my poem make you feel?

One day,

Eating a leaf, all green and new.

One day,

Looking at the sky, all big and blue.

One day,

Going to fly, all pretty like you!

# 2 Practice

Practice your poem until you have memorized it. Practice in front of your family or friends. If possible, record your presentation. Then listen to yourself. How do you sound? Record yourself again and try to improve.



# 3 Present

As you speak, do the following:

- Speak clearly and with feeling.
- If you forget a word, don't worry! Just go on with your poem.
- After your poem, ask your classmates how it made them feel.

As you listen, do the following:

- Listen to how your classmate speaks with feeling and expression.
- Listen carefully for ideas and information that is implied, or not stated directly.
- Write down any new words you hear.

## 4 Evaluate

After you speak, answer these questions:

- ✓ Did you memorize your poem?
- ✓ Did you speak with feeling?

After you listen, answer these questions:

- ✓ What was the poem about?
- ✓ How did the poem make you feel?
- ✓ Think about the general meaning of the poem. Can you think of a title for it? Tell your idea to the class.

#### **Speaking Skills**

Poems use informal language. It is OK to use single words, short phrases, or incomplete sentences to express your thoughts and feelings.

#### **Listening Skills**

Watch and listen carefully. Give the speaker your full attention.



# Writing Workshop Write a Personal Narrative

### **Writing Prompt**

Write a personal narrative. Give details about something you experienced. Say why the experience was important to you and what you learned from it. Speak directly to the reader. Be sure your narrative has a beginning, a middle, and an end.

## 1 Prewrite

Review the writing you have done in this unit. Then choose something that happened to you to write about. List the details in a chart.

A student named May listed her ideas like this:

Event	Going to music camp		
When	Last summer		
Where	by a lake		
	1. My mom said I should go to music camp		
Details	2. My last experience at a camp was not good.		
	3. I loved the music camp.		
How It Ended	I learned to give things a chance.		

# 2 Proft

Use your chart to help you write a first draft.

- Keep in mind your purpose—to write a personal narrative.
- Include why it was important or what you learned from it.

# Revise

Read your draft. Look for places where the writing needs improvement. Use the Writing Checklist to help you find problems. Then revise your draft. Here is how May revised her essay

### Six Traits of Writing Checklist



#### Ideas

Did I say why the experience was important to me?



#### **Organization**

Did my narrative have a beginning, middle, and end?



#### Voice

Did I speak directly to the reader?



#### Words

Did I use words that will keep my readers interested?



### **✓** Sentence Fluency

Did I use different kinds of sentences?



#### **Conventions**

Did I use negative forms correctly?

May Yang

Music Camp

This summer my mom sent me to music camp. I really didn't want to go. Why?

Revised to correct adverb of time.

Revised to correct

verb tense.

Two summers ago I went to a summer camp. I hated it. The counselors are strict and the kids weren't nice. I didn't have fun.

But this camp was different. The kids were nice. The counselors weren't too strict. I was playing my guitar all day and doing other fun activities. I really enjoyed the rest of my time in the camp.

Revised

to add adverb for emphasis.

I learned from this experience that I shouldn't decide about things before I do them. I have to give things a chance.

#### Revised

to correct use of preposition.

### **Put It All Together**

4 Edit

Check your work for errors. Trade papers with a partner to get feedback. Use the Peer Review Checklist.

5 Publish

Make a clean copy of your final draft. Share it with the class.



#### **Peer Review Checklist**

- Events are told in a logical order.
- ✓ All the information is related to the topic.
- ✓ The narrative includes interesting details.

### **Spelling Tip**

A contraction consists of two words that are joined and shortened by replacing a letter or letters with an apostrophe (`). Form a negative contraction with a verb + n't (an apostrophe replaces the o in *not*).

For example were + not =





Listen to the sentences. Pay attention to the groups of words. Read aloud.

- 1. Animals share the world with us, as pets or wild and free.
- 2. Some animals use camouflage to be safe from predators.
- 3. Living things such as frogs and butterflies change as they grow.

Work in pairs. Take turns reading aloud the passage below for one minute. Count the number of words you read.

How Do They Grow? tells how a butterfly and a frog	11
grow and change over their lifetimes. The butterfly starts	20
as an egg, which then hatches to become a caterpillar. The	31
caterpillar surrounds itself in a chrysalis and later changes	40
into a butterfly.	43
The frog also starts life as an egg, which then hatches to	55
become a little tadpole. Over time, the tadpole grows legs	65
and then moves from the water onto land. It is now a frog.	78
It can hop on land and swim in the water, too.	89

With your partner, find the words that slowed you down.

- Practice saying each word and then say the sentence each word is in.
- Then take turns reading the text again. Count the number of words you read.



# **Test Preparation**

# Taking Tests

You will often take tests that help show what you know. Follow these tips to improve your test-taking skills.

### **Coaching Corner**

#### **Answering Test Questions That Are Cloze Items**

- A cloze passage is a reading selection that has blanks for you to fill in. Each blank will have a number. Then you will be given answer choices for each number. You need to choose which of the choices is best to complete the numbered blank in the passage.
- Remember to pay attention to the words and sentences before and after each blank in the passage. You will often find clues in the selection that will help you choose the best word to fill in the blank.
- After you read all the answer choices, think of each word in the blank and read the sentence aloud each time.
   Reading the sentence aloud will help you choose the word that makes the most sense.





### **Practice**

Read the selection. Then choose the correct words to fill in the blanks.

### The Traveling Tank

- An armadillo is a small \_\_1\_ whose back, head, legs, and tail are covered with bony plates of "armor." The name "armadillo" is a Spanish word that means "little armored one." These bands of armor give protection to the armadillo. If an armadillo feels unsafe, it will curl up into a ball until the danger is gone.
- Armadillos have small eyes. They cannot see very well. Instead, they rely on their \_\_2\_\_ sense of smell to hunt. An armadillo uses its sharp \_\_3\_\_ and strong legs to dig for food. It uses its pointy snout and long, sticky tongue to find and eat all sorts of insects.
- **1 A** flower
  - **B** mammal
  - C fish
  - **D** tree
- **2 F** weak
  - **G** colorful
  - **H** small
  - **J** strong

- **3 A** feet
  - **B** face
  - **C** claws
  - **D** armor

### Tips

- ✓ Read the whole selection before you try to fill in the blanks. This will give you a better idea of what information is missing.
- Use the information in the passage to create a picture of an armadillo in your head. Use this picture to help you answer the questions.