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STUDENT RESOURCES

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Wonders

Texts and Practice Page

Words that rhyme end with the same sounds.







Say the name of each picture. Then draw two pictures whose names rhyme with it.

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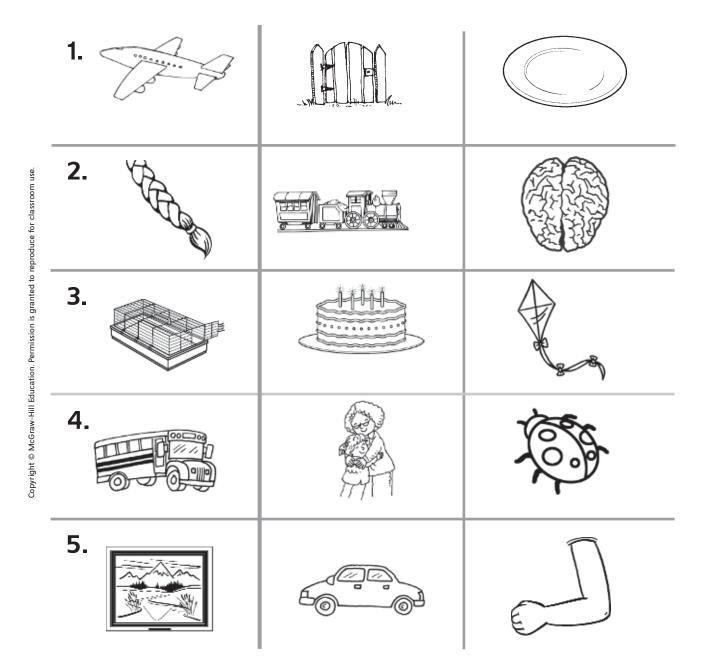
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Teacher Directions: Read the box at the top of the page. Point to the pictures as you name each one: *cat, bat, hat*. Explain that these words rhyme. Read the directions with children.

Listen to the word your teacher says. Change the sound at the end with the new sound your teacher says. Circle the picture of the new word.



Teacher Directions: 1. Model Point to the picture and say: *This is a* plane. *I can change the sound at the end to /t/ to make a new word. The new word is* plate. Guide children to say the word and circle the picture. Have them do the following: 2. *braid;* change /d/ to /n/ 3. *cage;* change /j/ to /k/ 4. *bus;* change /s/ to /g/ 5. *art;* change /t/ to /m/.









Read the words. Circle the one that names each picture.

1.	corn	2. HOME 40:00 VISIOS	sore	3.	cord
	char		snore		cork
	care		score		curb
4.	fork	5.	core	6.	scar
	fort	Get &	card		soar
	I flute	Well 38 Soon 38	chore	V	sport

The letters *or*, *ore*, and *oar* can stand for the r-controlled vowel sound you hear in *stork*, *roar*, and *snore*. The letters *ar* can stand for the r-controlled vowel sound you hear in *jar*.

st<u>or</u>k



r<u>oa</u>r



snore



<u>jar</u>



A. Write or, oar, ore, or ar to complete each picture name.

1.

C _____



b _____



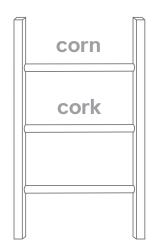


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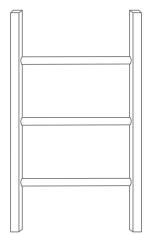


c _____

- B. Finish each word ladder. Change one letter at a time.
- **5.** Go from **corn** to **fork**.



6. Go from part to bark.



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A *plural* noun names more than one. To change a singular noun to plural, we usually add -s or -es.

rug rugs box boxes

Some nouns change their spelling to become plural.

man men child children

Some nouns do not change their spelling to become plural.

sheep sheep

- A. Read the words. Then write the plural form of the word on the line.
- 1. child _____

- **2.** woman _____
- **3.** mouse _____
- 4. tooth _____
- B. Read the sentence. Make the underlined word plural.
- 5. Six goose swam in the lake.
- 6. How many man landed on the moon? _____
- **7.** I like to get my <u>foot</u> wet. _____
- 8. Most deer live in the wild. _____

Name ____

Complete each sentence. Use the words in the box.

ago carry certain everyone heavy outside people problem together warm

- 1. I am _____ I can win this game.
- 2. We should go _____ to play catch.
- 3. This box is too _____ for me to lift.
- 4. We went swimming two days ______.
- 5. The game helped _____ have a good time.
- 6. I can _____ your bag if it weighs too much for you.
- 7. In the winter, you should wear a coat to stay ______.
- 8. My friends and I all walked home from school ______
- **9.** My desk shakes because there is a _____ with one of its legs.
- 10. Most of the _____ from my school are still eating lunch right now.

The Earth Moves

Imagine this. A hanging lamp at home starts to swing. You hear dishes and glasses rattle. Did a truck just pass by outside? Maybe you feel a jolt. Did something hit the house? That's what an earthquake can feel like.

A serious earthquake struck San Francisco, California, in 1989.



In March 2011, Japan had a strong earthquake. The earthquake moved the main island of Japan by 8 feet (2.4 meters). This earthquake was so strong that it actually shifted Earth on its axis!

The island nation of Japan has many earthquakes.





China was hit hard by an earthquake in 2010.

Big earthquakes are big news. They have been happening for a long time. But we know little about earthquakes from the past. We have no detailed records of these quakes. So we don't know their size or all of their effects. We know more about modern earthquakes.

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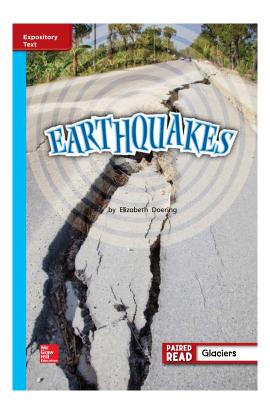
Earthquakes most often happen near fault lines, which are deep cracks in the ground. For example, California's San Andreas fault is active. Some nearby quakes have been serious. Other large American earthquakes have happened elsewhere.

Did You Know?

The two biggest American earthquakes happened in Alaska in 1964 and 1965.

The San Andreas fault runs along most of the length of California.





Millions of Americans felt an earthquake in August 2011. Its center was in Virginia. People hundreds of miles away felt it. Buildings in Washington, D.C., and New York City shook. So did buildings as far away as New England!



The map shows the effects of the 2011 quake.

Understanding the Map

The star shows the center of the quake. The circles show the area it affected. People near the center felt it most.



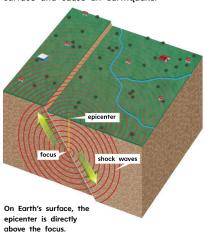
The Mississippi River flows from north to south and is over 2,300 miles long.

Earthquakes can make large areas of land rise and fall. This happened in 1811 and 1812 near the Mississippi River. Deep cracks opened in the ground. There were landslides off steep hills. The Mississippi River rose up in huge waves. Rivers usually flow in one direction, downstream. But these earthquakes made the water move the other way. It looked like the river was flowing upstream!

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Shock Waves

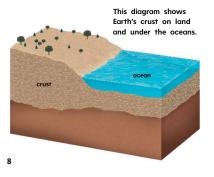
Shock waves begin underground at a point called the focus. Then they travel through the ground. Some reach the surface and cause an earthquake.



CHAPTER 2

What Causes Earthquakes?

Why do earthquakes happen? To understand why, let's take a closer look at the properties of Earth's surface. It is called the crust. It seems like one solid piece. But it is really made up of broken pieces. These pieces are called **plates**.



On the surface, the quake is most powerful at the epicenter. People don't feel the quake as much if they are farther away.

Earthquakes can happen underwater, too. These quakes can cause **tsunami**.

Tsunami is a Japanese word that means "harbor wave."





Earthquakes usually happen near where two plates meet. The lines show the outlines of the plates.

Plates

Plates are always moving. We cannot feel it. They move very slowly. Sometimes they slide past each other. In some places, plates pull away from each other. These underground movements can cause huge chunks of rock to explode. This makes shock waves.

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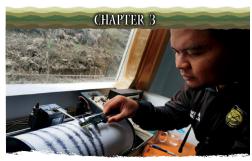
Tsunami

Tsunami are giant ocean waves. They can be as tall as a ten-story building! Far out at sea, they are not very big. But they travel very fast. As they near land, they suck up all the water near the shore. Then a tsunami becomes a huge wall of water. It crashes down on land. It has tremendous force.

This is how a tsunami looks as it gathers force.







Modern seismographs measure the force of Earth's movements during a quake.

Measuring Earthquakes

Some earthquakes cause a lot of damage. Some are too minor to be felt. However, scientists know they are happening. They study earthquakes. They use a machine called a seismograph. It measures earthquakes. It tells the local magnitude, which is how strong an earthquake is in a particular place.

Now people know a lot more about earthquakes than we did in the past. It is easier to know where they may happen. This makes life safer for people living in areas prone to earthquakes and tsunami.

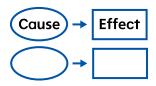
This seismograph was used in ancient China to detect earthquakes.





Summarize

Use details to help you summarize *Earthquakes*.



Text Evidence

- I. How do you know *Earthquakes* is expository text? Genre
- 2. What can result from an underwater earthquake? cause and Effect
- 3. Use sentence clues to figure out the meaning of the word *minor* on page 13. sentence Clues
- 4. Write about how earthquakes happen. Write About Reading

Genre Expository Text

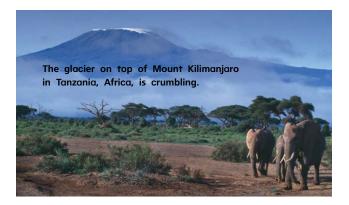
Compare Texts

Read to find out how glaciers change Earth.

Glaciers

Sparkling glaciers are huge masses of ice, snow, rock, and water. They usually form on snowy mountain tops. New snowfalls pile up in heavy layers. They cover snow that's already there. The snow's crushing weight packs the layers down. Ice then forms under the top layer, making an ice field. The ice field begins sliding down the slopes into valleys. Slowly, the glacier starts moving.





Melting Glaciers

Glaciers can melt over time. Warmer temperatures may be causing Earth's glaciers to melt faster. The ice in glaciers contains about three-quarters of the world's fresh water. What would happen if that ice melted?

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Make Connections

How do earthquakes change Earth?
Essential Question
How are glaciers like tsunami? How are they different? Text to Text

Rivers of Ice

Glaciers are like rivers of ice. They do not stand still. They flow. A huge mass of moving ice can carve new landscapes.



Huge chunks of this glacier in Alaska crash into the bay.

There are glaciers all over the world.

There are even glaciers near the equator.

Land there can get very, very hot.

But the glaciers are up high in the mountains, where it is cooler.

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Glossary

axis (AKS-is) an imaginary line around which Earth rotates (page 5)

magnitude (MAG-ni-tood) amount or size (page 13)

plates (PLAYTZ) very large sheets of
 rock that form part of Earth's surface
 (page 8)

seismograph (SIGHZ-muh-graf) a machine that measures and records earthquakes (page 13)

tsunami (soo-NAH-mee) a huge ocean wave that hits shore (page II)

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Focus on Science

Purpose To make a model to show how earthquakes change Earth's surface

What to Do

Gather a pencil, a bake pan, two fabric pieces, wet soil, and small toy trees, houses, or people.

Place the fabric in the pan. Leave ends out. Fill the pan with soil and pat it down. With the pencil, carve a path down the middle.

Place toys on the surface. Then grab the ends of the fabric pieces.

Pull hard in opposite directions.

Conclusion Write a paragraph about the results. How is this like an earthquake?

Literature Circles

Nonfiction

Thinkmark

Text Structure

What does the diagram on page 8 show? What machine does the author describe in Chapter 3 of *Earthquakes*?

Vocabulary

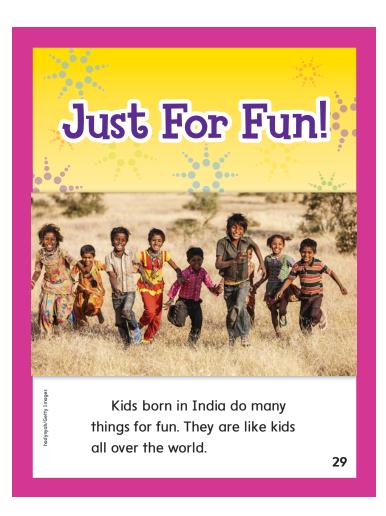
What new words did you learn? What clues helped you figure out their meaning?

Conclusions

What is the most important thing you learned in *Earthquakes*? What conclusion can you draw about melting glaciers?

Author's Purpose

What is the author's purpose for writing *Earthquakes*?







Kids in India like to have even more fun and fly kites from the top of large buildings. Kites soar in the blue sky. The kites are painted in bright colors.

Flying kites is a big sport in India. Kids try to get the kites to stay up the longest and highest. Kids respect the best kite flyer.



Kids like Holi. This is a day when people party in the streets. This mom is tossing powder as her kids pass by.

The powder sticks to shirts, shorts, faces, and skirts. Everyone gets color all over them. The kids can pretend that they are like moving art!

N	a	m	e

Each syllable in a word has a vowel sound in it.

Say the picture name. Then say the syllables in the word. Draw an X in the box for each syllable you hear. Write the number of syllables on the line.

1.



2.



3.

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4.



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Teacher Directions: Model 1. Listen as I say the first word: pencil. Say the syllables with me: pen-cil. Model drawing 2 X's and writing the number of syllables on the line.

Name ____

The letters *eer* can stand for the r-controlled vowel sound you hear in *deer*.



A. Read the words. Use a word from the box to complete each sentence.

career eerie engineer peer sneer steers deer volunteer

- 1. Writing is his ______.
- 2. It is not nice to _____ at people.
- 3. She wants to work as an ______.
- 4. They _____ over the wall at the bird.
- 5. At night, the street lights look ______.
- 6. Mom _____ the car into the parking space.
- 7. The _____ ran into the forest when they saw us.
- 8. I like to do _____ work at the park.

d<u>eer</u>



h<u>ere</u>



smear



A. Use a word from the box to complete each sentence.

- jeer clears here cheer hears
- 1. Lance _____ birds singing.
- 2. Noreen _____ her desk at night.
- 3. It is not nice to _____ at strangers.
- 4. We all just got _____.
- 5. Kids _____ for the winning team.
- B. Circle the word that matches the picture and write it on the line.



ear eat tear



speak shirt spear



tears tent team



bed beard bead

Name _____

An abbreviation is a short way to write a longer word.

Titles are often abbreviated.

Mr. for Mister

Places may also be abbreviated. Ave. for Avenue

- A. Draw a line to match each word with its abbreviation.
- 1. Street

a. Rd.

2. Mount

b. St.

- 3. Apartment
- c. Dr.

4. Doctor

d. Apt.

5. Road

- e. Mt.
- B. Write each title or place on the line using an abbreviation.
- 6. Doctor Smith _____
- 7. Seaside Avenue _____
- 8. Spring Road _____
- **9.** Apartment 7A ______
- 10. Mount Olympus _____

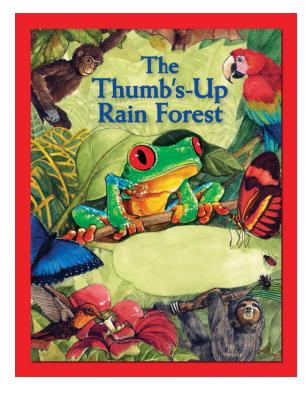
Complete each sentence. Use the words in the box.

again behind eyes gone happened house inside neither stood young

- 1. What _____ at the store today?
- 2. This ball is _____ mine nor yours.
- 3. He has brown _____ and black hair.
- 4. Come back ______ before it gets dark.
- 5. She _____ on a chair to reach the high shelf.
- 6. How far away is your _____ from our school?
- 7. My brother is too ______ to go on that ride.
- 8. I looked for her, but she seems to be _____ now.
- 9. I don't want to go back to the same place ______.
- 10. Don't let him fall _____ the rest of us.



Look back through your writer's notebook for places you used these high-frequency words. Check that you spelled them correctly. Fix any mistakes you find.

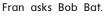




It is morning in the rain forest. Fran Frog rests in a tree. "I know this rain forest is the very best place to be," Fran says. "I give it a thumbs up!"

"Do my pals like this scene, too?" asks Fran.

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"I like this rain forest. I can hang on this tree limb and sleep all day. I can fly in the sky at night. My mom and dad grew up here, too," says Bob. "This place is just right for me."



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Fran asks Abe Ape.

Abe says, "Not a thing is wrong here. I can climb trees and get good food to eat. My friends are very helpful. No one is rude. I will make a sign that says this rain forest is great." Fran asks Pat Parrot.

"This forest has many bright colors. I see gold, red, and green under a blue sky," says Pat. "And I hear wrens making beautiful music. I don't dislike a thing here."





Fran asks April Ant.

April says, "I roam all through this forest. I go from up high to down below. I can smell the fresh scent of flowers on my way. I like all the places in this huge rain forest."

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Fran asks Sam Sloth.

"This forest can get hot, but I don't mind the heat. I just go very slowly," says Sam. "I am glad there aren't any gnats to bug me. This place is a great home for me."





Fran clings to a branch with sticky toes. "I knew it! My friends like this place as much as I do. We have lots of food to eat and many colorful things to see. This is a thumbs-up rain forest!"

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You can hear or see a lot of animals, big and small.

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Spring peepers are the size of a paper clip. But they are so tiny that your eyes might not see them.

You might hear them if you are near a wet place. You might hear peepers from your own backyard!

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Each year when spring comes, the males sing songs at dusk or nighttime. Peepers sound like tiny bells ringing when they sing together, "Peep, peep, peep!"

45



If you spot a fin sticking up on the top of the seawater, it might be a shark.

To see sharks up close, these divers stood inside the cage and watched sharks swim near them. The divers had no fear. The cage kept them safe.



Most sharks can't make sounds. But there is one shark that barks! If a net catches this shark, it feels fear. Then it takes in air. When the air blows out of the shark, it makes a barking sound.



Huge elephants can make a high scream that can hurt your ears. They can make low, roaring sounds, too.

Elephants like getting wet and dirty. They smear dirt and mud over their skin. Hearing and watching elephants is fun!

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Say the picture name. Then say the syllables in the word. Draw an X in the box for each syllable you hear. Write the number of syllables on the line.

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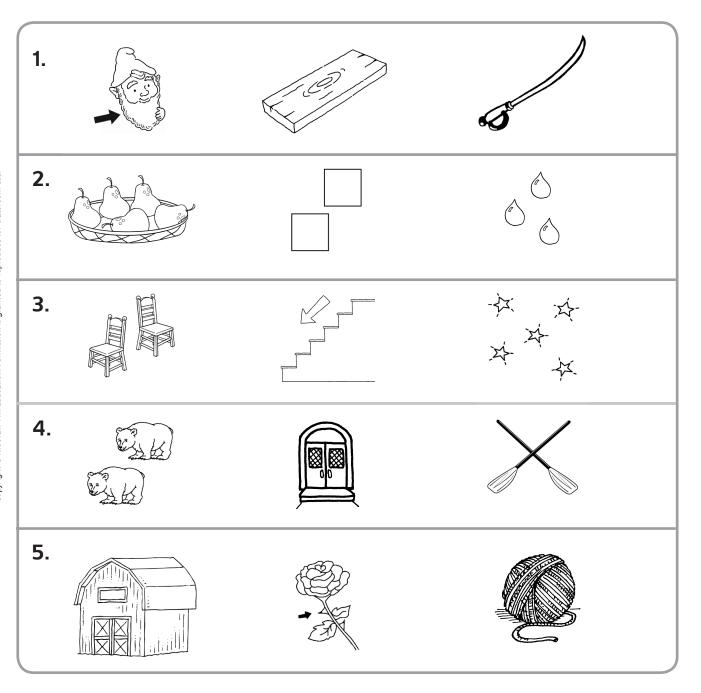
5.





Teacher Directions: Model 1. Listen as I say the first word: carrot. Say the syllables with me: car-rot. Model drawing 2 X's and writing the number of syllables on the line.

Look at each picture. Say the name of each picture out loud. Say the vowel sound. Place an X on the picture whose name has a different vowel sound.



Teacher Directions: Model item 1 by saying *beard, board,* and *sword.* Repeat, stressing the difference between the vowel sounds. Say: *The words* board *and* sword *have the same vowel sound:* /ôr/. Beard *has a different vowel sound:* /îr/. Guide children to cross out the picture with the beard.



pair







Find the words that complete the sentences. Write the word on the line.

air share rare fair

wear where pear care

- 1. The _____ at the beach smells good.
- 2. Mike snacks on a ______.
- 3. Mel and Ray _____ their toys.
- **4.** It is ______ to see a bear.
- 5. We _____ hats when it is cold.
- **6.** Meg spots a pig at the ______.
- 7. I don't know _____ you went.
- 8. She doesn't _____ what is for dinner.

When the letters are, air, ear, and ere work together, they can stand for the sounds you hear in square, hair, pear, and *there*. It is an *r*-controlled vowel sound.

squ<u>are</u>



hair



pear



th<u>ere</u>



A. Look at each picture. Circle the word that names the picture. Write the word.

1.



cheat bear chair 2.



gear glare glory

3.

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stairs square scare

tire tear tea

5.



stairs spare spare



peach pet pear

B. Go back and underline the letters that stand for the vowel sound you hear in the word air in each answer above.

When a vowel or a pair of vowels is followed by the letter r, it changes the vowel sound. When dividing a word by syllables, the vowels and the *r* stay in the same syllable.

gar-den con-cert bor-der

Write the words from the word box that have the same r-controlled vowel as each word listed below. Then draw lines to divide the words into syllables.

birthday	prepare	turkey	circus
forget	market	parcel	
normal	purple	careless	
()

- cart _____ 1.
- fort _____ 2.
- curl _____ 3.
- dare ______ 4.
- stir _____ 5.

Name _____

Complete each sentence. Use the words in the box.

among bought knew never once soon sorry talk touch upon

- 1. Dinner will be ready ______.
- 2. He _____ a new hat at the store.
- 3. I have _____ heard of them before.
- 4. Dad likes to ______ to his friends a lot.
- 5. Who _____ you would like to go first?
- **6.** We _____ you would love this place.
- 7. She is ______ to have knocked you down.
- 8. My sister will be hungry _____ we arrive.
- 9. She put the hat _____ the head of the snowman.
- 10. I am tall enough to _____ the shelf but not to reach the books on it.

Acada Scenes



Maine's Acadia has the sea and high rocky mountains. But that's not all. Acadia has scenes packed with wildlife.

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In this scene, an osprey floats in sea breezes. An osprey makes a nest high in a tree or on top of a pole. Ospreys like being up high!

An osprey has a knack for fishing. When it spots a fish, it dives and grabs a meal.

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To make a lodge, beavers cut down trees. How do they cut trees? They don't use knives! Their long teeth gnash tree branches and twigs. Mud is added to the limbs and branches. The lodge is so packed that it can't be wrecked.

Beavers get dry, eat, and sleep in the lodge. It keeps them safe as well.

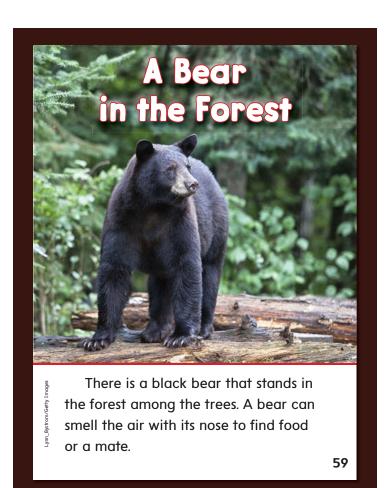






Whales swim in the sea close to Acadia. To see them, take a boat from a dock. At sea, you can watch them play, feed, and swim. It is a thrill to see a whale! ios Davia/Photographer's Choice/Getty Images; et)Radius Images/Getty Images Plus/Getty Image







This is a mama bear, and she takes care of her cubs. Her cubs will stay with her for two years.

Never go near a bear and her cubs, because she will get mad. Do not try to touch her cubs. A bear that is mad is dangerous.

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Bears eat grasses, berries, and bugs. Black bears can catch and eat fish, too. Black bears need a lot of space to get things to eat. Black bears roam from 15 to 80 square miles each day.

Never feed a bear. You will be sorry you did! A bear that wants your lunch is dangerous, too.



In winter, a bear sleeps inside its lair, or den, where it can be warm and safe. It does not eat or drink. A sleeping bear rarely wakes up. But if it hears you, it might get up. So take care near a bear's den!

HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

Grade K	answer	give	place	year	down	light
а	any	gone	poor	young	early	like
and	around	good	pretty	your	eat	little
are	away	great	pull		eight	live
can	be	green	push	Grade 2	either	long
come	been	grow	put	about	even	look
do	before	guess	question	after	every	many
does	began	happy	right	again	everyone eyes	me more
for	better	hard	round	ago	fall	morning
go	blue	heard	run	all	family	move
good	boy	help	school	almost	far	my
has	brother	her	should	also America	few	neither
have	brought	how	small		field	never
he	build	instead	so	among and	find	new
help	busy	into	some	animal	first	now
here	buy	jump	soon	another	five	number
I	by	knew	start	any	flower	of
is	call	know	sure	apart	food	off
like	carry	large	surprise	are	for	often
little	caught	laugh	their	around	found	old
look	children	learn	then	away	friends	on
me	climb	listen	there	baby	from	once
my	color	live	they	ball	funny	one
of	come	love	thought	beautiful	girl	only
play	could	make	three	because	give	open
said	day	many	through	before	go	or
see	does	money	today	began	goes	orange
she	done	month	together	begin	gone	other
the	door	more	tomorrow	behind	good	our
they	down	mother	too	below	great	out
this	early	move	toward	better	green	outside
to	eat	near	two	bird	group grow	over part
too	eight	new	under	blue	happened	people
want	enough	no		both	has	picture
wan	•	none	up upon	bought	have	places
was we	every	not	•	boy	he	play
we what	eyes fall	nothing	very use	building	hear	problem
where	father	now	walk	buy by	heavy	pull
who	favorite	of	want	carry	help	put
with	few	oh		certain	here	ready
	find		warm	change	house	right
you	flew	old	water	cheer	how	said
C	food	once	way	climbed	hundred	Saturday
Grade I		one	were	cold	hurt	saw
about	found	only	what	colors	idea	says
above	four	or	who	come	inside	school
after	friend	other	why	could	into	second
again	from	our	woman	country	isn't	see
ago	front	out	wonder	didn't	knew	seven
all	full	over .	work	do	know	she
animal	fun	people	would	don't	learn	should
another	girl	picture	write	done	leaves	show

sky sleep	started stood	those thought	touch toward	upon very	were what	work world
small	straight	three	try	walk	where	would
some	talk	through	turned	want	which	year
soon	the	to	two	warm	who	yellow
sorry	their	today	under	was	why	yes
sounds	there	together	under-	wash	without	you
special	they	too	stands	watch	won	young
start	this	took	until	water	won't	your

DECODING SKILLS TAUGHT TO DATE

short a, i; -s, -es (plural nouns); Short e, o, u; -s, -es (inflectional endings); two-letter blends: r-blends, s-blends, t-blends, l-blends; closed syllables; short a, long a: a_e; -ed, -ing (inflectional endings); short i, long i: i_e; possessives; short o, long o: o_e; short u, long u: u_e; -ed, -ing (w/ doubling final consonants; drop final e); CVCe syllables; soft c and g: dge, ge, lge, nge, rge; prefixes re-, un-, dis-; consonant digraphs ch, -tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh; suffixes -ful, -less; three-letter blends: scr, spr, str, thr, spl, shr; compound words; long a: a, ai, ay, ea, ei, eigh, ey; contractions with 's, 're, 'll, 've; long i: i, y, igh, ie; open syllables; long o: o, oa, ow, oe; contractions with not; long e: e, ee, ea, ie, y, ey, e_e; -s, -es (change y to i); long u: u_e, ew, ue, u; comparative endings -er, -est; silent letters wr, kn, gn, mb, sc; prefixes/suffixes; r-controlled vowels: er, ir, ur, or; inflectional endings; r-controlled vowels: or, ore, oar, ar; plurals (irregular); r-controlled vowels: eer, ere, ear; abbreviations; r-controlled vowels: are, air, ear, ere; r-controlled vowel syllables