

Making Connections

Reading Comprehension Skills and Strategies

Book 1

Unit 1 Skill Focus: Identifying Detail

Unit 1 Theme: African Animals

Text 1

Unit 1 Identifying Detail Identifying detail is finding the words that tell about something.

My Pet Elephant

What pet did the girl ask for at the end of the story?



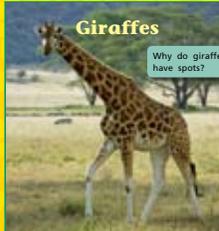
I really want an elephant for my birthday. I'll name my elephant Sam. Sam can live in our big backyard!

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Text 2

Giraffes

Why do giraffes have spots?



This is a giraffe. Giraffes live in Africa. They live in family groups called herds.

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Text 3

Meerkats

What jobs do meerkats have?



These desert animals are meerkats. They live in big family groups. They sleep in dens.

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Text 4

The Animal Show

Who won the animal show?

Three cheetahs lined up for an animal show. "I will win," said the first. "I have long legs!" "I will," said the second. "I have sharp claws." "No, I will," said the third. "I have a shiny coat!"



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Text 5

Name: _____

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Lions



Lions are big cats. They live in Africa. Lions live in family groups. The group is called a pride. The pride has males, females, and babies. The pride works together to keep safe. The pride lives in the grasslands. Lions can hide in the grass.

Fill in the circle next to the best answer.

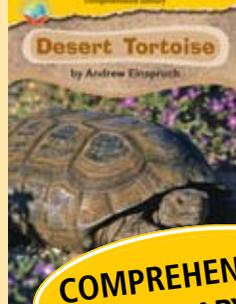
1. A pride of lions is a
 family group.
 female.
 baby.

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Text 6

Desert Tortoise

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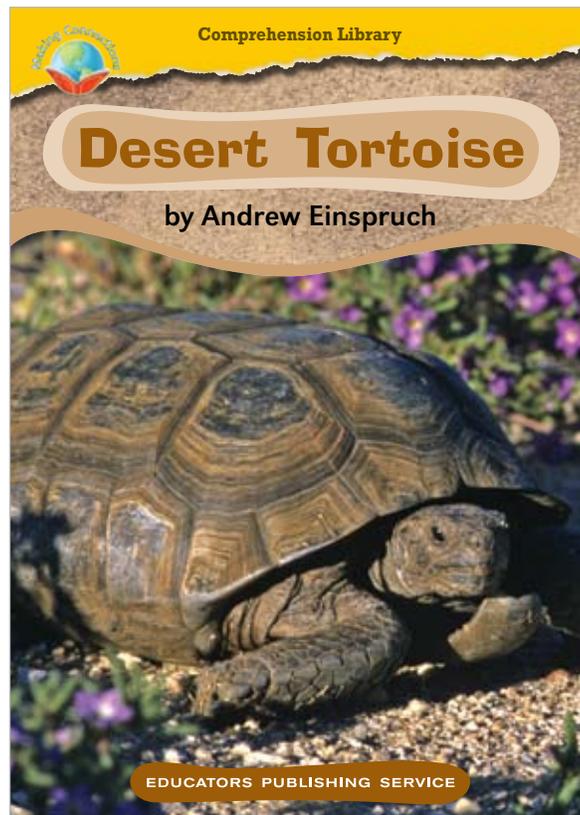
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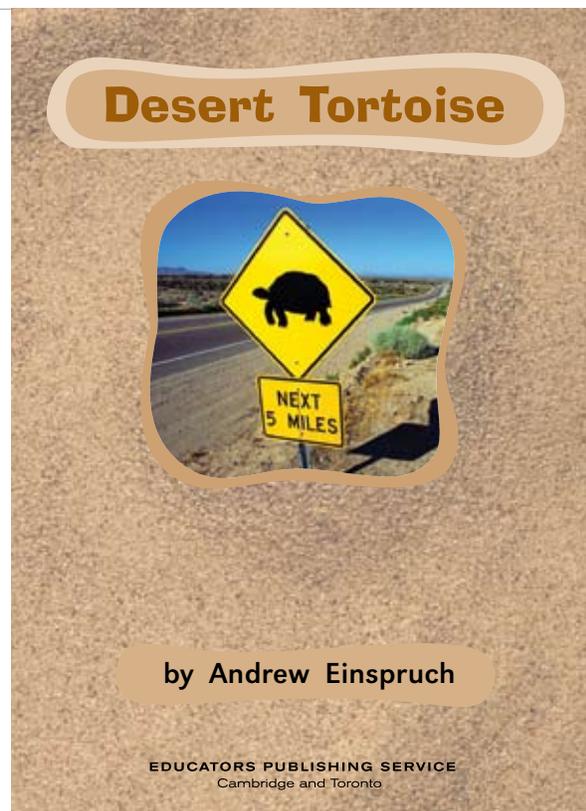
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Skill Focus—Identifying Detail

What makes the desert tortoise so amazing?



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The desert is a very dry place with not much rain. It is hot in the daytime but cold at night.

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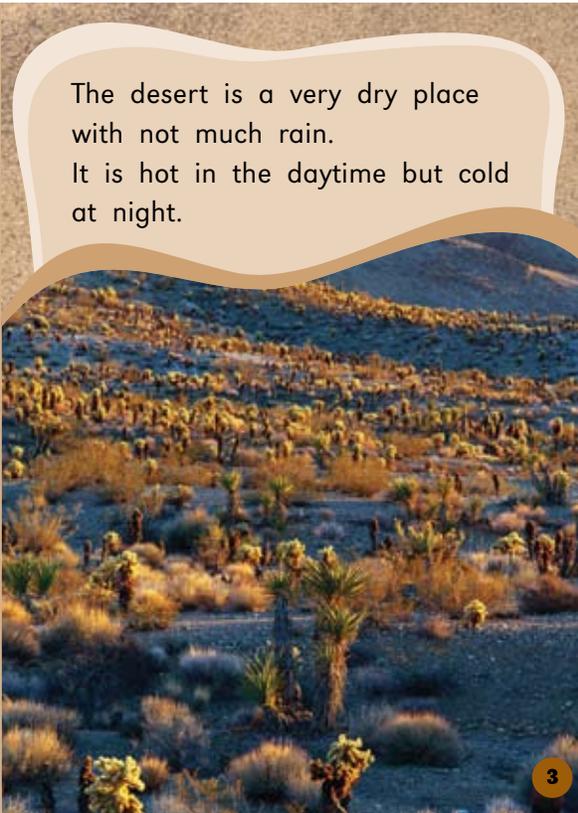
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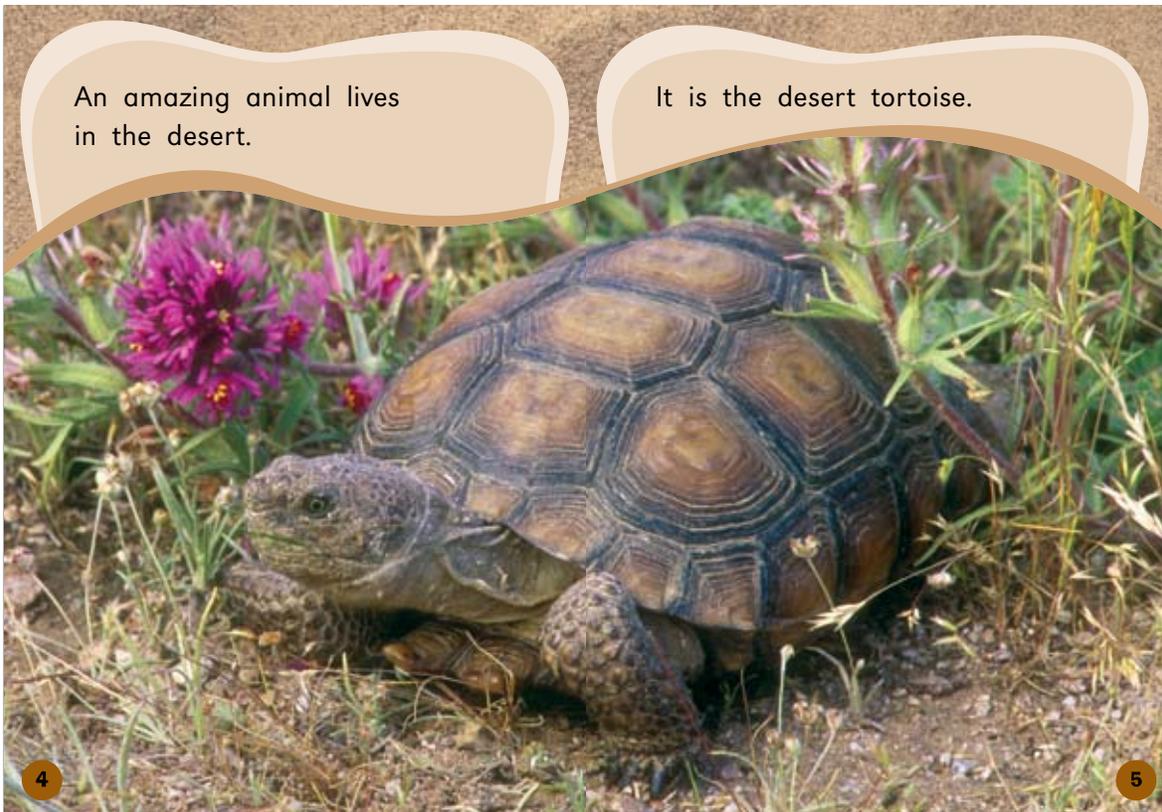
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An amazing animal lives in the desert.

It is the desert tortoise.



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The desert tortoise has a hard shell to protect its body.

The desert tortoise has strong legs that are good for digging.

Graphic Organizer and Questions

1. What is the name for the hole the desert tortoise lives in?
2. What does the desert tortoise eat? Make a list.
3. How many eggs can a mother desert tortoise lay?
4. Draw a picture of a mother desert tortoise's nest. Don't forget to include the eggs!



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- Identifying Detail
- Sequencing
- Main Idea
- Compare and Contrast



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