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Reading For Information

Comprehension Activities



■ Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

Great Migrations

1. Painted Ladies: The Migration of Summer Colour

A. Reading for Information: Finding Details in Text

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Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can read text to find details.

Can you find out...?

1. Where do Painted Ladies come from? How many kilometres do they fly on their migration journey to Britain?
On what page is this information?
2. Why do these butterflies migrate?
On what page is this information?
3. What makes Painted Ladies' wings distinctive?
On what page is this information?
4. On pages 1 and 2, there are the names of three counties in Britain. What are those counties?
5. On page 9, the text says 'butterflies swarm together and fly into the air'. What helps them fly back to Africa?

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B. Recounting Details

Quick fire:

1. How many eggs do the female butterflies lay?
2. How long does a caterpillar spend as a pupa?
3. What do butterflies feed on?
4. In what season of the year do butterflies arrive in Britain?
5. Why don't Painted Ladies stay in Britain for winter?
6. What part of a butterfly is made of chitin?

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2. The Great Migrating Herds of the African Savannah

A. Reading for Information: Finding Details in Text

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Can you find out...?

1. What are the species of animals that make this great migration journey?
2. What are the animals searching for as they migrate?
On what page is this information?
3. Why is grazing good for the grasses that grow on the savannah?
On what page is this information?
4. How do 'piles of dung' help the savannah?
On what page is this information?
5. On page 8, a sentence starts with the words, 'Following the route of the zebras and wildebeests...' What does 'following the route' mean?
 - Tracking their scent.
 - Going the same way.
 - Following the footprints.
 - Eating the same plants.

B. Recounting Details

1. What is the savannah?
2. What is a herd?
3. What happens to the grasses when it rains?
4. What two things do the wildebeests do that cultivate the savannah?
5. Which species is described as 'small and light'?
6. What are baby wildebeests called?

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3. Swanfall

A. Reading for Information: Finding Details in Text

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Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can read text to find details.

Can you find out...

1. Why do swans and geese migrate to the UK in winter?
2. Where do swans live during summer?
On what page is this information?
3. What do swans use to help them know where to fly to?
On what page is this information?
4. Why do swans fly in a 'V formation'?
On what page is this information?
5. Why do swallows leave the UK in winter and where do they migrate to?
On what page did you find this information?

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B. Recounting Details

1. What is a flock?
2. How many kilometres do swans fly on their migration?
3. All birds that are in the UK for summer migrate: true or false?
4. What is 'swanfall'?
5. What do swans need to do before they start their migration?
6. What is an example of a landmark?

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4. Eels: The Great Migration to the Sargasso Sea

A. Reading for Information: Finding Details in Text

Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can read text to find details.

Can you find out...?

1. When eels begin their migration, what is the first thing that they have to do?
2. What changes happen to their bodies to turn them into saltwater fish?
On what page is this information?
3. What do the eels do in the Sargasso Sea?
On what page is this information?
4. Migrating eels swim close to the surface of the ocean at night and dive into deeper water before dawn because...?
On what page is this information?
5. What makes eels able to leave water and travel across land?
On what page is this information?

B. Recounting Details

1. What is a baby eel called?
2. Where is the Sargasso Sea?
3. In what season do eels start their migration?
4. How many kilometres do they swim?
5. What do eels do in their first year?
6. What do eels coat their bodies with to help them move on land?

5. The Humpback Whale Migration

A. Reading for Information: Finding Details in Text

Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can read text to find details.

Can you find out...?

1. Where do humpback whales migrate from and where do they go to?
2. Why do they migrate?
On what page is this information?
3. What seasons of the year do whales spend in the cold Arctic Ocean and what do they do in that time?
On what page is this information?
4. Why can't baby whales be born in Arctic waters?
On what page is this information?
5. What have scientists discovered about humpback whales?
On what page is that information?

B. Recounting Details

1. What is blubber?
2. How many kilometres do humpback whales swim when they migrate to Mexico?
3. How does magnetite help whales as they migrate?
4. What are baby whales called?
5. What do humpback whales eat in the Arctic Ocean?
6. In what season of the year do whales leave the Arctic and swim to Mexico?