

Reading For Information

Comprehension Activities



Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

Great Migrations

1. Painted Ladies: The Migration of Summer Colour

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?
- 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?
- On page 9, the text says 'butterflies swarm together and fly into the air'. What helps them fly back to Africa?

Painted Ladies: The Migration of Summer Colour

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- 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?



2. The Great Migrating Herds of the African Savannah

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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?
- 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.

- **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?



3. Swanfall

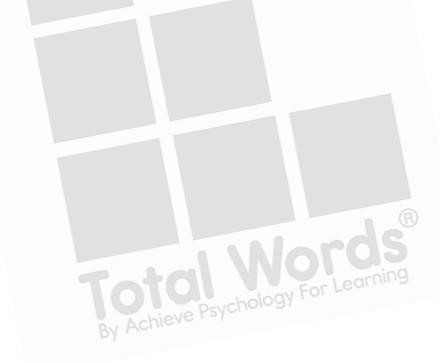
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Can you find out...

- **1.** Why do swans and geese migrate to the UK in winter?
- Where do swans live during summer?
 On what page is this information?
- 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?
- Why do swallows leave the UK in winter and where do they migrate to?
 On what page did you find this information?

- 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?



4. Eels: The Great Migration to the Sargasso Sea

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Can you find out...?

- 1. When eels begin their migration, what is the first thing that they have to do?
- 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?
- What makes eels able to leave water and travel across land?
 On what page is this information?

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- 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 elvers do in their first year?
- What do eels coat their bodies with to help them move on land?



5. The Humpback Whale Migration

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Can you find out...?

- 1. Where do humpback whales migrate from and where do they go to?
- Why do they migrate?
 On what page is this information?
- 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?
- Why can't baby whales be born in Arctic waters?
 On what page is this information?
- What have scientists discovered about humpback whales?
 On what page is that information?

- **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?

