

Topic Thinking Comprehension Activities



Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

Great Migrations

1. Painted Ladies: The Migration of Summer Colour

- 1. I was interested to learn that Painted Lady butterflies...
- 2. In my opinion, the amazing thing about the migration of Painted Lady butterflies is...
- **3.** I think butterflies 'know' to fly to Britain because...



There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Painted Lady butterflies, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

- **1.** What do you think are the main hazards that Painted Ladies face on their migration?
- 2. What do you think would be some things that we could do to make sure Painted Lady butterflies can live well in Britain?
- 3. How do you think people find out about the migration of Painted Lady butterflies?



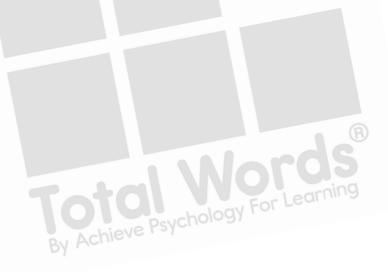
2. The Great Migrating Herds of the African Savannah

- 1. In my opinion, the savannah and the animals of the savannah are impressive because...
- 2. What I think is most interesting about the migrating herds on the savannah of Africa is...
- 3. One fact in this book that I am most amazed by is...



There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about migrating herds in the savannah, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

- 1. What do you think needs to be done to make sure the animals of the savannah can stay safe?
- 2. Do you think wildlife programmes are good for the animals of the savannah? Why or why not?
- 3. What do you think are the main dangers for the animals in their great migration?



3. Swanfall

- **1.** The thing I like most about swans is...
- **2.** I am most impressed by the fact that swans...
- 3. I didn't know...



There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about swanfall and the migration of swans, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

- **1.** What effect do you think climate change may have on migrating birds?
- 2. What do you think would be some of the hazards that swans and geese face on their migration journeys?
- 3. Do you think there is a connection between the sort of food that different species of birds eat and whether or not they migrate?



4. Eels: The Great Migration to the Sargasso Sea

- **1.** I was interested to learn...
- 2. In my opinion, eels are remarkable animals because...
- **3.** When I read about eels and their migration, it makes me think that ponds and streams...



There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about the migration of eels, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

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- 1. What do you think are the greatest dangers that eels face on their migration swim?
- 2. People build 'salmon ladders' to help migrating salmon get over dams or waterfalls in streams. What do you think could help elvers?
- What do you think is the main way that eels make sure that at least some elvers survive and get back to their streams to grow into mature eels?



5. The Humpback Whale Migration

- 1. In my opinion, the migration of humpback whales is remarkable because...
- 2. When I read about the way the humpback whale was saved from drowning and what it did after it was saved, it makes me think...
- **3.** I think it is really important for scientists to study animals like humpback whales because...



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There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about the humpback whale migration, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

- 1. What do you think we can do to make sure humpback whales stay safe in our oceans?
- 2. What do you think should be done to stop whales getting caught in fishing nets and drowning?
- **3.** What do you think are the main dangers that whales face on their migration?

