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# Pre-Teach

## Sentence Study Activities



■ Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

# Great Migrations

# 1. Eels: The Great Migration to the Sargasso Sea

## 4. Fill in the gaps in sentences

1. The glow of the moon shines out through the clouds like \_\_\_\_\_ behind a curtain.
2. On a dark, wet night in \_\_\_\_\_, the eels \_\_\_\_\_ that it has become cold enough for them to start their great \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Eels swim over 5000 \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the Sargasso Sea.
4. They have given life to the next \_\_\_\_\_ of eels.

# 5. Matching beginnings and endings of sentences

(copy and cut each section of the sentences)



<p>1. The eels that have lived in lakes, streams or rivers for years,</p>	<p>the bodies of the eels change so that they can make their huge journey,</p>
<p>2. As the eels start their great migration journey,</p>	<p>before they arrive back in Europe and the UK.</p>
<p>3. Once they arrive at the sea,</p>	<p>often for 10-12 years, are big enough to start the great migration.</p>
<p>4. These tiny eels, called elvers, drift in ocean currents for nearly a year</p>	<p>they leave their ponds and streams.</p>

## 6. Put the sentences in the correct sequence

1. Millions of eels gather in the Sargasso Sea. The great migration has lasted around 140 days.
2. On a dark, wet night in autumn, the eels sense that it has become cold enough for them to start their great migration.
3. As the eels start their great migration journey, they leave their ponds and streams.
4. Their eyes become much bigger and their bodies adapt so that they can live in salty seawater.
5. As the eels swim into the Atlantic Ocean, they swim in ocean currents that will help to carry them across the 5000 kilometres of water to arrive at the Sargasso Sea.

## **2. The Great Migrating Herds of the African Savannah**

## 4. Fill in the gaps in sentences

1. The savannah is a \_\_\_\_\_ area of the African plains that is covered in grasses and low \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As they migrate across the \_\_\_\_\_ of Africa, the animals bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the land.
3. The huge herds of wildebeest \_\_\_\_\_ the savannah.
4. An antelope looks around, a zebra pricks up its ears to \_\_\_\_\_, a lion \_\_\_\_\_, stands up and takes a few lazy steps towards its pride.

# 5. Matching beginnings and endings of sentences

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<p>1. The first of the herds to begin the migration journey</p>	<p>migrate back to where their great migration journey began months ago.</p>
<p>2. These great migration journeys</p>	<p>is the zebra herd.</p>
<p>3. The huge herds, the old generation and the new generation,</p>	<p>zebras graze on the dry, tough stalks of the grasses.</p>
<p>4. As they move across the dry savannah, lured towards the rain,</p>	<p>cover a circuit of over 3000 kilometres every year.</p>



## 6. Put the sentences in the correct sequence

1. As they move across the dry savannah towards the rain, zebras graze on the dry, tough stalks of the grasses.
2. Following the zebras, massive herds of wildebeest start their migration.
3. The final herds of animals to join the migration across the savannah are the antelopes.
4. Wildebeest need this nutritious grass before they give birth to their calves.
5. Once the rains have passed, the grasses dry up again. The huge herds, the old generation and the new generation, migrate back to where their great migration journey began months ago.

### **3. Painted Ladies: The Migration of Summer Colour**

## 4. Fill in the gaps in sentences

1. Every year \_\_\_\_\_ of Painted Lady butterflies arrive in Great Britain.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ back to the land where their \_\_\_\_\_ and grandparents set off from in March.
3. Their \_\_\_\_\_ wings are not just pretty; they are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When this happens, large swarms of \_\_\_\_\_ gather and fly up into the win

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1. On a patch on nettles in Norfolk	to make sure there is enough food for their next generation.
2. These distinctive butterflies are easy to see in summer gardens and fields	for about two weeks.
3. Like all other animals that migrate, the Painted Lady butterflies migrate across huge distances	a pair of colourful wings open and close, resting in the sun.
4. They hang very still in their silk pupa tents	because of their colourful wings.

## 6. Put the sentences in the correct sequence

1. The butterflies that arrive in Great Britain in summer immediately start feeding on the nectar that is available in the summer flowers.
2. A single butterfly hatches from each pupa.
3. The caterpillars eat and grow quickly.
4. The females lay the eggs one at a time, usually laying each egg on its own leaf.
5. When the caterpillars are old enough, usually after 2 weeks, they spin a silk covering like a tent around themselves and turn into a pupa. They hang very still in their silk pupa tents for about two weeks.

# 4. The Humpback Whale Migration

## 4. Fill in the gaps in sentences

1. There was only one small knife on the boat, but the three men began to \_\_\_\_\_ cut through the fishing net that had trapped the whale.
2. Every year \_\_\_\_\_ whales \_\_\_\_\_ along the west coast of America from Alaska to California and Mexico.
3. Like many animals that \_\_\_\_\_, humpback whales use the angle of the sun and the \_\_\_\_\_ of stars to know that they are on the right route when they are migrating.
4. They have a \_\_\_\_\_ material in their heads that acts like a built-in \_\_\_\_\_ or even a Sat-Nav.

# 5. Matching beginnings and endings of sentences

(copy and cut each section of the sentences)



<p>1. Humpback whales constantly call to other whales that are also migrating</p>	<p>have discovered that these whales have an extraordinary ability to swim in straight lines.</p>
<p>2. After months of feasting, the whales have thick layers of blubber—</p>	<p>and it lets whales know if they are swimming in the right direction.</p>
<p>3. This material is called magnetite</p>	<p>to know that they are heading in the right direction.</p>
<p>4. Scientists have carefully studied the migration of humpback whales and</p>	<p>the fat that will give them energy for the long migration.</p>



## 6. Put the sentences in the correct sequence

1. As the Arctic winter closes in, the whales head south to the warm ocean water off the coast of Mexico.
2. In the water off the coast of Mexico, the whales give birth to baby whales.
3. They feast in the cold Arctic water over the months of spring, summer and autumn.
4. These whales may swim up to 10,000 kilometres in a year in one of the longest migrations of animal on earth.
5. After months of feasting, the whales have thick layers of blubber—the fat that will give them energy for the long migration.

## 5. Swanfall

## 4. Fill in the gaps in sentences

1. "They use the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sun to know the \_\_\_\_\_ they should be flying in, but because they fly at night, they also seem to use the stars to know what direction to fly in."
2. "I never knew that some birds \_\_\_\_\_ migrate to the UK in winter," I said.
3. "But \_\_\_\_\_ they start, they eat a lot of food so they have \_\_\_\_\_ for the flight."
4. "There's \_\_\_\_\_ of food for them and it's quite warm for them, \_\_\_\_\_ if or not."

# 5. Matching beginnings and endings of sentences

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1. "When the winter comes and it starts to snow",	make air currents that help to pull along the swans flying behind them.
2. "You can look up into the sky and see heaps of swans	and count how many I could see in one hour every day.
3. "I had even tried to be a Springwatch scientist	the swans can't get any food, so they come south for the winter."
4. The swans at the front	swooping out of the sky, coming in to land."

## 6. Put the sentences in the correct sequence

1. "Wild swans live way up north near the Arctic in summer."
2. "It's a great day when the swans arrive," said Dad. "Swanfall is what it's called."
3. "But it's going to be winter soon. Why would swans and geese be coming here when it's going to be cold and dark?"
4. "Don't worry," said Mum, when I told her that I hadn't seen any swallows for three days. "The swallows are migrating south to Africa for the winter."
5. "And," Mum added, "when the swans fly together, they fly in a V-shape formation."