



Special Education Virtual Learning

Life Skills/CBSS/Functional Skills

Basic Reading-

Vocabulary and Comprehension

April 24, 2020



LS/CBSS/FS Basic Reading Lesson

Lesson: April 24, 2020

Learning Target:

Students will increase basic reading skills to read a text that is instructionally appropriate (at his/her reading level)

Background: This is a review lesson in Basic Reading Skills- Comprehension and Vocabulary

- Students will increase basic reading skills by using context to determine the meaning of a new word in text.
- Students will increase reading skills by using multiple text features to locate information and gain an overview of the contents of text.
- Students will increase an understanding of vocabulary by using words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading/read aloud, and responding to texts.

Let's Get Started:

1. View this video and be prepared to answer a few Questions:
[Meet the Deadliest Cat on the Planet](#)
2. Answer a few warm up questions

Warm Up Questions

1. What is the animal in this video doing?
2. Was this video filmed during the day or night?
3. What type of cat is the video about?
4. Based on the cat's behavior in the video, why do you think this video is titled, “Meet the Deadliest Cat on the Planet”?

Practice #1

Directions- Read the article (from Scholastic News 2) about the Black-footed Cat. Parents- this is a level 2 reading passage. You may read the passage with or to your student. For students who can read, you may help them sound out an unknown word. Students- as you read through this passage, be thinking about these questions and answer them with a parent or sibling.

1. What is the main idea of this article?
2. What other important information would the author like me to know?
3. Are there any words that I need to know more about?

Remember- The main idea is the most important thought that is discussed in a piece of writing.



The cat stays low to the ground. Then it jumps! Gotcha, bird!



CUTE but DEADLY

The black-footed cat is a great hunter, but it's in danger. Scientists want to help before it's too late.



It's midnight. A fierce predator is hunting for food. It slowly creeps through the dry grass. It flattens its body against the sand. It's perfectly still. Then it lets out its spine-tingling cry: MEOW!

Cute Little Kitty

Meet the black-footed cat. It's fuzzy and cute. It's smaller than a house cat. It's the deadliest wildcat in the world!

When you think of fierce cats, you probably think of huge animals. You probably think of lions and tigers. You

probably don't think of a tiny cat that looks like a fuzzy stuffed animal.

But the black-footed cat is an amazing hunter. It catches mice, lizards and spiders. It can snatch a bird out of the air! It is better at hunting than any other wildcat in the world. So what's the problem?

Cats in Danger

Not many black-footed cats are left in the wild. Scientists are worried that they will become **endangered**. That means in danger of dying out completely.

The biggest problem is that people are destroying the cats' **habitat**. They build new buildings. This kills the mice, birds and insects that live there. When that happens, not much food is left for the cats to eat.

Another problem is hunting. People don't hunt black-footed cats. They hunt other animals that live in the area. Sometimes they kill black-footed cats by mistake.

Scientists are Helping

Scientists are working hard to protect these cats. The scientists put **tracking collars** on them. The collars send

messages that tell the scientists where the cats go. The scientists can make sure that the cats are safe.

Scientists also trap some cats. They take them to zoos. They help the black-footed cats have kittens. When the kittens are old enough, the scientists will bring them back to the wild. They hope these cats will have kittens. Then the number of black-footed cats will start growing again.

People have created problems for black-footed cats. But people can solve those problems too. Watch out, mice and birds! Black-footed cats are coming back!

Where's That Cat?

Black-footed cats are hard for scientists to find. Why?



- They come out at night.
- They hide from people.
- They are tiny.

Scientists are so happy when they find a black-footed cat and put a tracking collar on it. That lets the scientists help keep the cats safe.



Practice #2

Print and complete this [page](#).

Remember: Each section of the article has information or details that the author would like us to remember.


32.21 Key Details Read: This Is the World's Most Dangerous Cat

Scholastic News

Name: _____

Read and Think

Read your issue of Scholastic News.
As you read, stop and answer the questions below.



1. Read "Cute Little Kitty." Then **STOP**.
Why might someone be surprised that the black-footed cat is such a good hunter?

2. Read "Cats in Danger." Then **STOP**.
What is one reason that black-footed cats are in danger?

3. Read "Scientists Are Helping!" Then **STOP**.
How does it help the cats to put tracking collars on them?

4. Read "Where's That Cat?" Then **STOP**.
Why are black-footed cats hard for scientists to find?

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Students can review the article for information, paying particular attention to one section at a time.

→ Parents- for non-writers, see if your student can verbally respond to these questions. It is ok to prompt unknown words.

Practice #3

Complete this [page](#), after reviewing the following vocabulary.


RI.2.4 Vocabulary

Reader: This Is the World's Most Dangerous Cat!

Name: _____

Word Work

Answer the questions about vocabulary words from your issue of Scholastic News.



1. A **predator** is an animal that _____.

- hunts other animals for food
- is not good at hunting
- eats only plants

2. Which words describe a black-footed cat? Circle or color them.

fuzzy	deadly	tiny
tall	huge	fierce

3. When a type of animal is **endangered**, it is _____.

- never going to die out
- in danger of dying out
- not scared of people

4. Why is it a problem that people are destroying the black-footed cat's **habitat**?

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→ Choose the correct statement.

→ Circle the correct word

→ Choose the correct statement.

→ Answer the question.

New Vocabulary Review

predator

(PRED-uh-tuhr)

An animal that hunts other animals for food. Owls are predators that hunt small animals like mice.



fierce

(feerss)

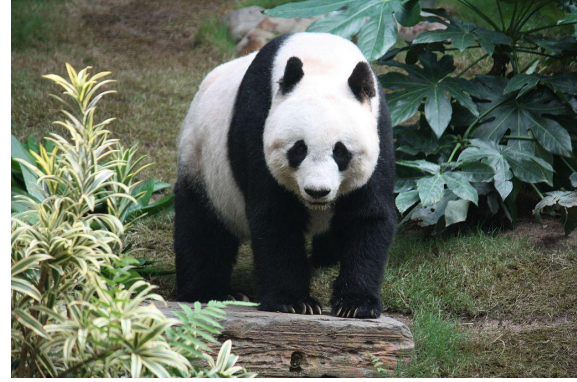
Very strong or dangerous. Lions are fierce animals!



endangered

(en-DAYN-jurd)

If a type of animal is endangered, very few of them are left in the world. Giant pandas are endangered.



habitat

(HAB-uh-tat)

The place where a plant or an animal lives. The habitat of this moose is the forest.



MORE Practice on your own: What are endangered animals?

View this video: [Endangered Animals!](#)

Answer these questions with an adult or sibling-

- 1. What other animals are endangered?**
- 2. What are some problems that cause an animal to become endangered?**

Self Check:

Go tell someone in your home your answers.



1. Was this lesson?

- easy
- just right
- hard

2. Look at our reading passage again and see if you can answer the questions on the next page. (A parent or sibling can read the passage to the student if needed). Talk with a parent about ways that we can help endangered animals.

Can you answer these questions?

Skills Assessment

Read: This Is the World's Most Dangerous Cat!



Name: _____



Reading Checkpoint:

This Is the World's Most Dangerous Cat!

Fill in the circle for each correct answer.

1. What is this article mostly about?

[main idea]

- A different kinds of cats
- B the black-footed cat and why it's endangered
- C how scientists use tracking collars to keep cats safe

2. An animal that hunts other animals for food is called a _____.

[vocabulary]

- A habitat
- B scientist
- C predator

3. What happens when people destroy the cats' habitat?

[cause/effect]

- A The mice, birds, and insects that the cats eat are killed.
- B More animals come to live in the habitat.
- C The habitat becomes safer for the cats to live in.

4. Read the caption at the top of page 2. What does the cat do right before it jumps?

[prediction text features]

- A It arches its back.
- B It stays low to the ground.
- C It runs really fast.

5. What is one way that people are helping the black-footed cats?

[key details]

- A They help them have kittens at zoos. Then they bring the kittens to the wild.
- B They destroy their habitat.
- C They help them catch birds and mice.