

Focus Trait: Ideas

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Lesson 6

PRACTICE BOOK

Animals Building Homes

Writing: Write to Inform

Name _____ Date _____

Main Idea	Supporting Details
Why animals need homes	Keep them safe from enemies Protect them from weather Help them raise babies

Read each set of sentences. Underline the sentence that contains the main idea.

1. Snakes also live in holes.

Rabbits live underground in warrens.

Many kinds of animals live in holes.

2. Some people live in apartments.

People live in different kinds of houses.

Some people live in ice houses called igloos.

3. They can protect you from harm.

Dogs make good pets.

They are loyal.

4. Some mammals live in the water.

Dolphins look like fish, but they are mammals.

Sea otters are mammals that live in the Pacific

Ocean.

Thinking Question
Do I need a noun
that names one or
a noun that names
more than one?

Adding -es to Nouns

- Add -s to most nouns to name more than one.
- Add -es to nouns that end with s, x, ch, and sh to name more than one.

one fox two foxes

Two (fox, foxes) live in a den.

 Write the correct noun in each sentence. Reread each sentence to make sure that the noun makes sense.

1. The fox den is next to a _____
(bush, bushes)

2. Mama Fox wears her _____
(glass, glasses)

3. She makes three _____
(lunch, lunches)

4. Papa Fox eats one _____
(sandwich, sandwiches)

5. Baby Fox eats two _____
(peach, peaches)

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Introduce Comprehension:
Text and Graphic Features

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The Barn Owl

The barn owl is a brown bird with a white face. Its face is shaped like a heart. Its beak is white-yellow, the same color as ivory. An owl has feathers on its legs.

Hunting for Food

The barn owl hunts alone at night. Its **prey** are small animals such as mice. It can see and hear the smallest movement. Its wings are almost **silent**. The mouse cannot hear it coming. The barn owl gets the mouse and flies off.

Finding a Home

Long ago, the barn owl lived in barns on farms. It would eat mice that lived in the barn. Today, the barn owl makes its home in buildings or hollow trees close to fields and forests.

Read the selection above. Complete the T-Map by using text features to answer the questions about what you read.

1. What color is ivory?		1.
2. What is prey ? What is the barn owl's prey?		2.
3. Where does the barn owl live today?		3.

Surveys
Name: _____

Directions: Use the survey to answer the following questions.

Favorite Foods

Hamburgers	5
Pizza	2
Spaghetti	10
Salad	3
Chicken Nuggets	3

How many people liked hamburgers best? _____

How many more people like spaghetti than like salad? _____

Which food did the fewest people like? _____

What foods had the same number of votes? _____

Which food had the most votes? _____