

A Class Trip to the Zoo

Read the story. Then, answer the questions.

Dylan's class took a trip to the zoo. The zoo was divided into sections. Each section was a different kind of habitat. A **habitat** is a place where animals live. Different animals live in each habitat. Different plants grow in each habitat too.

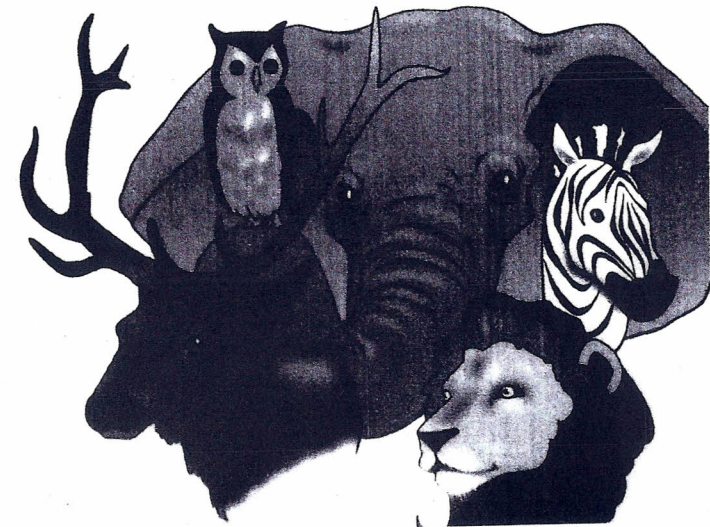
The class visited animals from the mountains first. This section was called the Mountain Habitat. Dylan's class saw bears, deer, elk, and mountain goats. They learned that not many animals live high in the mountains. Not many plants live high in the mountains either.

The next section the class visited had animals from the forest. This section was called the Forest Habitat. Dylan's class saw wolves, owls, and porcupines. The class learned that some of the animals that live in the mountains also live in the forest.

Next, the class went to the Tropical Forest Habitat. This habitat was like the Forest Habitat, but it was warmer and had more rain. They saw gorillas, parrots, and crocodiles. The gorillas were fun to watch. They ran around and played with their food.

The last section of the zoo had animals from the grasslands. This section was called the Grassland Habitat. Many of the animals that lived in the Grassland Habitat came from Africa. Dylan's class saw giraffes, lions, elephants, and zebras. The class liked the lions the best. They were napping in the shade of a big tree.

1. What does the word **habitat** mean?
 - A. an apartment
 - B. a place where animals live
 - C. being late
2. In which section did Dylan's class see the giraffes?
 - A. forest
 - B. mountains
 - C. grasslands
3. In which section did Dylan's class see the gorillas?
 - A. grasslands
 - B. tropical forest
 - C. mountains
4. In which section did Dylan's class see the porcupines?
 - A. mountains
 - B. forest
 - C. grasslands



Synonyms

Read each sentence. Then, circle the synonym for each bold word.

A **synonym** is a word that means the same thing as another word.

1. Lily did not **recognize** her cousin after he got his hair cut.
A. forget B. know C. think
2. All of the children will **benefit** from having a new playground in the neighborhood.
A. lose B. bounce C. gain
3. The horses waited patiently in the **corral** while the farmers prepared their food.
A. pen B. house C. water
4. Before we go to the zoo, we should **coordinate** our plans with Jason and Eli so that we can meet them there.
A. practice B. confuse C. match
5. If everyone says that the **majestic** scenery of the mountains will take your breath away.
A. boring B. grand C. plain

Antonyms

Read each sentence. Then, circle the antonym for each bold word.

An **antonym** is a word that is the opposite of another word.

1. The **courageous** firefighters rushed to the scene of the fire.
A. fearful B. brave C. positive
2. Whenever we go on a car trip, I always enjoy watching the **scenic** views outside the window.
A. ugly B. beautiful C. simple
3. Henry treats his bicycle like it is **worthless**. He always leaves it outside in the rain.
A. cheap B. valuable C. pretty
4. Carrie was **frantic** as she searched for her homework while the bus was pulling up to her house.
A. angry B. panicked C. calm
5. The spacecraft's **external** fuel tank falls off once it is empty.
A. inside B. outside C. middle

Cockroaches

Read the passage. Then, write **F** if a statement is a fact. Write **O** if a statement is an opinion.

A **fact** is a detail that is real and can be proven. An **opinion** is a belief that is personal and cannot be proven.

Cockroaches have been around for a very long time. They have been on Earth for millions of years. They were here before the dinosaurs. Cockroaches have hard shells. These shells act like armor for cockroaches. Cockroaches also have good hearing and eyesight. Most cockroaches live for about one year. A female cockroach hatches more than 100 baby cockroaches in her short life. Cockroaches eat almost anything. They can live for weeks without food. They can even go days without water. Cockroaches do not bite or sting. So, why do many people scream and run when they see them?



1. ____ Cockroaches have hard shells.
2. ____ Cockroaches have good eyesight.
3. ____ Cockroaches are ugly.
4. ____ Cockroaches eat almost anything.
5. ____ Cockroaches do not bite humans.

Write one detail from the story in each oval to complete the story web. The main idea and one detail have been done for you.

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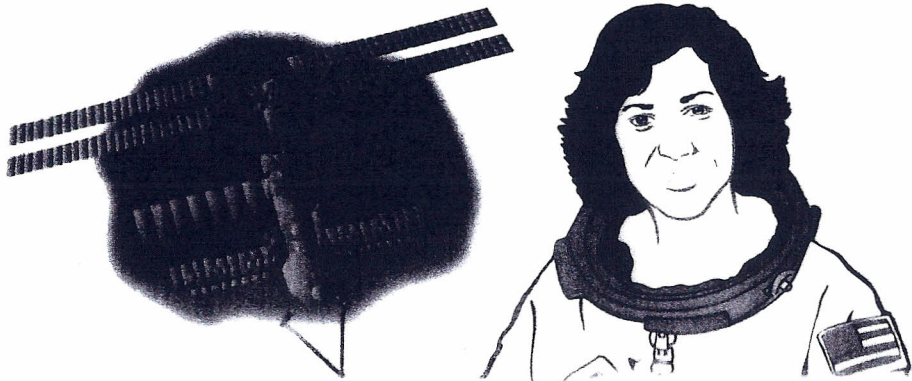
Ellen Ochoa

Read the passage. Then, complete the graphic organizer with details from the passage.

When Ellen Ochoa was growing up, she did not dream of going into space. At that time, there were no female astronauts in America. It was not until Ochoa was 20 years old that Sally Ride and five other women joined the space program. Ochoa was in college then. She applied to become an astronaut. She was picked to join the space program in 1990.

Ochoa was the first Hispanic American woman to fly into space. Her first mission was in 1993. She was in space for nine days. It was Ochoa's job to launch a satellite. She used the shuttle's robot arm to do this. She also helped her team do research. She stayed in touch with her family on Earth using e-mail.

Since that first trip, Ochoa has gone into space three more times. She has spent 978 hours in space. On each trip, she worked the robot arm. Ochoa loves going into space. She thinks it is exciting and interesting.



Graphic organizer consisting of four circles arranged in a diamond shape. The top circle contains the name "Ellen Ochoa". Each circle has horizontal lines for writing details from the passage.

You Need a Huggable Pet Toy!

Read the advertisement. Then, answer the questions.



Everyone should experience the joy of having a pet! You will love your Huggable Pet toy even more because you never need to feed or bathe it. It snuggles with you. It comes when you call it. Your Huggable Pet even does tricks. Choose your favorite: monkey, dog, cat, or bird. It is worth the joy at any price!

(Prices may vary. Some assembly is required. Clothes, pet toys, routine maintenance, and batteries are not included.)

1. What is this advertisement trying to sell you?

2. What does the advertisement say to convince you to buy this toy?
 - A. It will make life easier.
 - B. It will save you money.
 - C. Everyone should have one.
3. What does the advertisement tell you is good about the toy?

4. Does the advertisement tell you anything bad about the toy?

yes	no
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5. What should you be careful about when buying this toy?

