Unit 1 Skill Focus: Identifying Detail

Unit 1 Theme: African Animals

Text 1

Identifying Detail: Identifying detail is finding words that tell about something.

My Pet Elephant

I really want an elephant for my birthday. I’ll name my elephant Sam. Sam can live in our big backyard!

Text 2

Giraffes

These are giraffes. They live in family groups called herds.

Text 3

Meerkats

These desert animals are meerkats. They live in big family groups.

Text 4

The Animal Show

Who won the animal show?

Text 5

Name:

Lions

1. A pride of lions is a
A. family group
B. territory
C. pride

Note: This Sample lesson contains the first 7 pages of the Comprehension Library reader Desert Tortoise. The complete text contains 16 pages.
Desert Tortoise
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What makes the desert tortoise so amazing?
The desert is a very dry place with not much rain. It is hot in the daytime but cold at night.

An amazing animal lives in the desert.

It is the desert tortoise.
Graphic Organizer and Questions

1. What is the name for the hole the desert tortoise lives in?
2. What does the desert tortoise eat? Make a list.
3. How many eggs can a mother desert tortoise lay?
4. Draw a picture of a mother desert tortoise’s nest. Don’t forget to include the eggs!