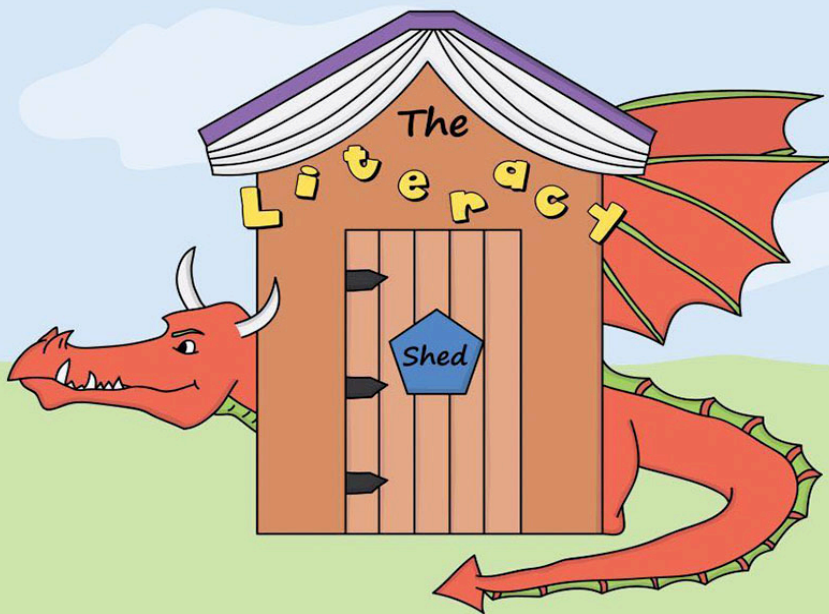


Comprehension Shed



Stage 1 Comprehension pack

Use Focus: Greenhouse Activities
Text Focus: Information Text (448)

STAGE 1

Parts of a Plant

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3. Where might you find seeds?
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Use Focus: Dinosaurs
Text Focus: Information Text (450)

STAGE 1

Velociraptors

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R: What kind of dinosaur is the report about?
Tyrannosaurus Rex Stegosaurus Velociraptor

S: Why do lots of people know about velociraptors?

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V: Which word means that there are no velociraptors left?
Extinct Fossil Cretaceous

R: When did velociraptors become extinct?

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Use Focus: The Arctic
Text Focus: Information Text (452)

STAGE 1

Arctic Explorers

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S: Why won't we ever know if Robert Peary made it to the North Pole?

R: Where was Ann Bancroft born?
Greenland America Antarctica

S: How does Ann Bancroft help other people?

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Sir Edmund Hillary is most famous for climbing Mount Everest. He was the first person to do it. He climbed it in 1953. He reached the South Pole in 1956. He flew to the North Pole in 1966. The astronaut Neil Armstrong went with him. He was the first person to do all three.

V: Which word tells you that lots of people know about Sir Edmund Hillary?

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Use Focus: Animals
Text Focus: Information Text (448)

STAGE 1

Habitats

A habitat is a place where an animal or plant lives. Oceans and forests are examples of habitats. Can you think of any more? Habitats are very important. Animals and plants can't survive if their habitats are destroyed.

R: What does "habitat" mean?

S: Why are habitats important?

R: What does "deciduous" mean?

Forests
There are many types of forest. Rainforests are very wet. Deciduous forests lose their leaves in winter.

R: What do animals on a beach need to cope with?

R: Which type of forest is very wet?

Beaches
The sand on the beach gets very wet. It also dries out. Beach animals need to cope with both.

Grassland
African grasslands are very hot. They don't have any rain for long periods. Animals travel a long way to find food.

S: Why might animals have to travel a long way to find food?

Trees
Lots of animals live high up in the trees. Monkeys and birds find food there. The wind can be very strong. A strong grip is important.

S: Why do animals in trees need a strong grip?

Oceans
Some animals in the ocean can breathe underwater. Others hold their breath for a long time.

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Use Focus: Dinosaurs
Text Focus: Information Text (450)

STAGE 1

Triceratops
Length: 3 metres
Weight: 3 tonnes
How long ago? 65 million years
Period: Cretaceous Period
Died: Horn (herbivore)
Origin: North America

Tyrannosaurus Rex
Length: 5 metres
Weight: 5 tons
How long ago? 65 million years
Period: Cretaceous
Died: Meat (carnivore)
Origin: North America

Stegosaurus
Length: 5 metres
Weight: 5 tons
How long ago? 100 million years
Period: Permian
Died: Meat (herbivore)
Origin: North America and Europe

Velociraptor
Length: 2 metres
Weight: 20 kg
How long ago? 75 million years
Period: Cretaceous
Died: Meat (carnivore)
Origin: Asia

R: Which dinosaur was 6 metres long?
Tyrannosaurus Rex Stegosaurus

R: Which period was the Stegosaurus from?

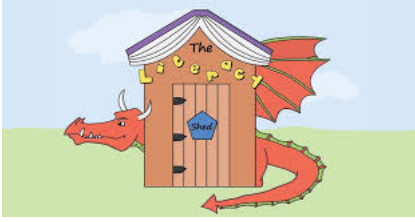
R: How long was a Triceratops?

V: Which word tells you where they were from?

R: How heavy was the velociraptor?
Tyrannosaurus Rex Stegosaurus

V: Which word means that the stegosaurus was meat?

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Børge Ousland

Børge Ousland reached the North Pole in 1994. He did it on his own. He was the first man to reach the pole without any support. He got married in 2012. His wedding was at the North Pole!

R: Who was the first person to reach the South Pole?

Roald Amundsen

Børge Ousland

Robert Peary

S: Why is it surprising that Børge Ousland got married at the North Pole?

V: What does it mean if Børge Ousland reached the pole without support?



Robert Peary - The first man to reach the North Pole

Answers

I: It was too long ago

R: America

S: She helps other women to explore Earth

V: Famous

R: Roald Amundsen

S: It is so far away from anywhere/it is an unusual place to get married

V: He didn't have anybody with him

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Extinct

Fossils

Cretaceous

R: When did velociraptors become extinct?



They lived in the part of the world that is now Asia.

The name Velociraptor means “swift thief”. They were very fast at catching their prey. Velociraptors hunted in packs. They were very clever and worked as a team. They were also scavengers. This means that they would eat food that other dinosaurs left.

V: Which word means that velociraptors ate food that other dinosaurs had left?

Packs

Scavengers

Prey

V: What does the name velociraptor mean?



Velociraptors were small dinosaurs. They walked on two legs and had short arms. They had a large claw on each foot. They were only half a meter tall at the hips. Scientists think that they may have had feathers as well. That is very different to the ones in the film!

S: Use the description to draw a picture of what you think a velociraptor looks like

A large, empty white rectangular box intended for drawing a picture of a velociraptor based on the description provided.

Answers

R: Velociraptors

R: Jurassic Park

V: Extinct

R: 66 million years ago

V: Scavengers

V: Swift Thief

S: Any picture that shows the dinosaur as being small and with feathers to demonstrate understanding of thinking.



Triceratops

Length: 9 metres

Weight: 12 tons

How long ago? 66 million years

Period: Cretaceous Period

Diet: Plants (Herbivore)

Origin: North America

R: How long was a triceratops?

V: Which word tells you where they were from?

S: Which dinosaur was 6 metres long?

Tyrannosaurus Rex

Stegosaurus

R: Which period was the stegosaurus from?



Tyrannosaurus Rex

Length: 6 metres

Weight: 14 tons

How long ago? 66 million years

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Diet: Meat (Carnivore)

Origin: North America



Stegosaurus

Length: 9 metres

Weight: 5 tons

How long ago? 100 million years

Period: Jurassic

Diet: Plants (Herbivore)

Origin: North America and Europe

R: How heavy was the velociraptor?

V: Which word means that the something eats meat?



Velociraptor

Length: 2 metres

Weight: 25kg

How long ago? 75 million years

Period: Cretaceous

Diet: Meat (Carnivore)

Origin: Asia

Answers

R: 9 metres

V: Origin

S: Tyrannosaurus Rex

R: Jurassic

R: 25kg

V: Carnivore

Habitats

STAGE 1

A habitat is a place where an animal or plant lives. Oceans and forests are examples of habitats. Can you think of any more? Habitats are very important. Animals and plants can't survive if their habitats are destroyed.

V: What does "destroyed" mean?

I: Why are habitats important?



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I: Why do animals in treetops need a strong grip?



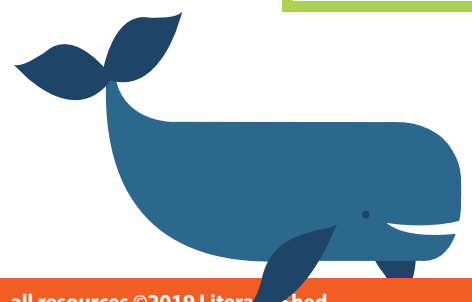
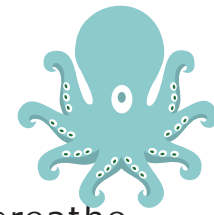
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Oceans

Some animals in the ocean can breathe underwater. Others hold their breath for a long time.



Answers

V: Broken up/taken away

I: Because animals need them to live/support themselves

V: The leaves fall off in winter

I: Because there is no rain so plants might not grow near to them

R: It being very wet and very dry

R: Rainforests

I: It is very windy and they'll need to hold on

Parts of a Plant

Flowers attract insects and birds. They make pollen. Some of them will turn into fruits or seed pods.

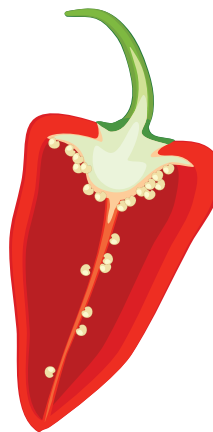
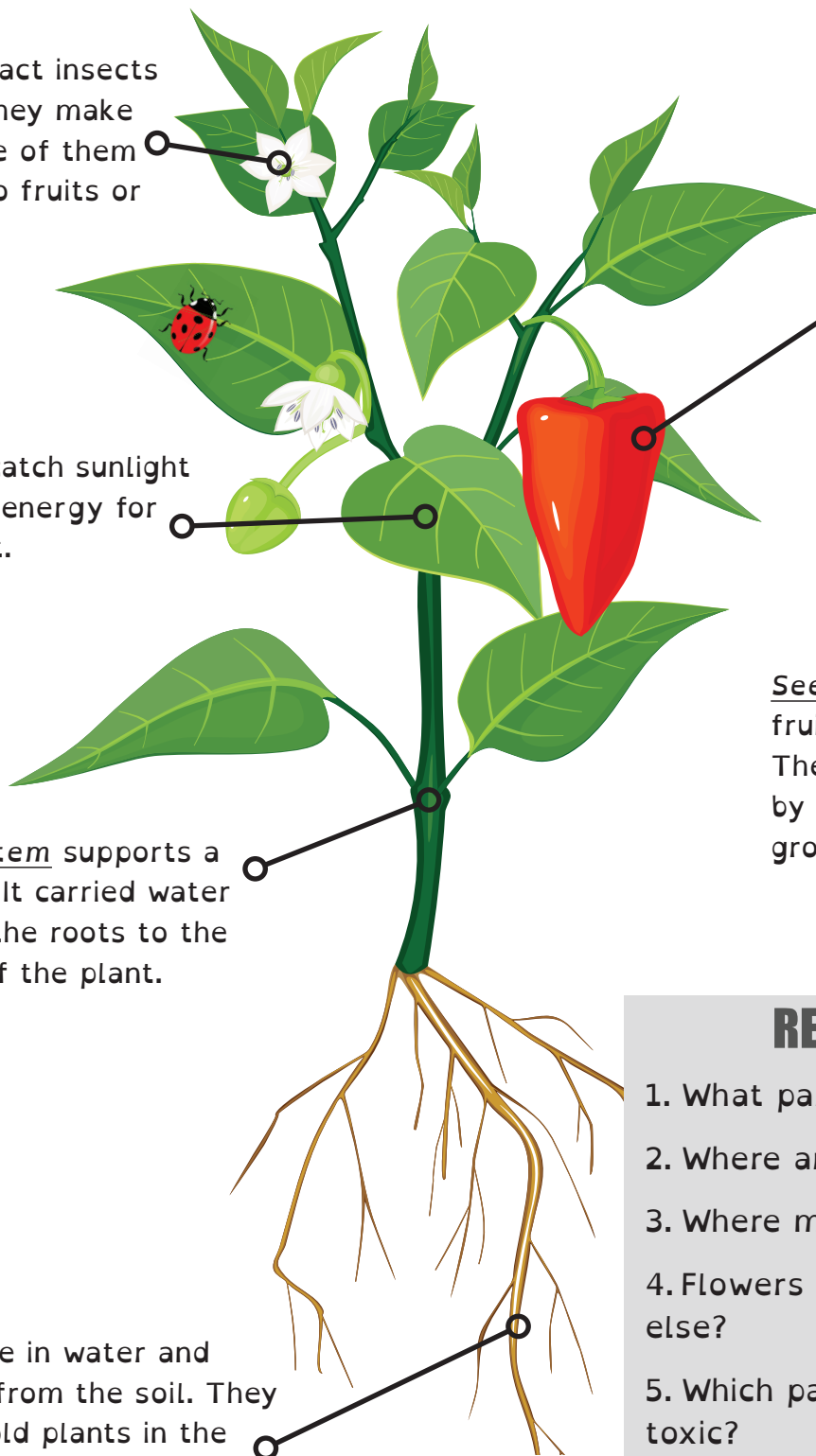
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VIPERS QUESTIONS

V

Find a word that means food for a plant.

I

What might happen to a plant if its stem is broken?

S

What two jobs do roots do for a plant?

E

Why are some words underlined?

Answers

1. Stem
2. Roots
3. Fruit
4. Birds
5. Fruit

V: Nutrients

I: It wouldn't be able to stand up straight. It might not be able to take up water.

S: Take in nutrients and water and hold it in place

E: They are the key words/labels for each section.

