



Look for these text and graphic features.

READING **Comprehension Skill:**

Compare and Contrast

As you read, look for ways to compare and contrast. Be sure to look for clue words that help you determine when to compare and contrast.

Phonics/Word Study:

r-controlled o

As you read, look for words with an r-controlled o, like borders. This sound in a syllable rhymes with the word door.

- Introduction
- Sidebars
- Conclusion
- Glossary
- Index
- Information about the author
- Vocabulary words in boldfaced type

Graphic Features

- Photographs
- Maps. Pages 3, 5, 17

- diagrams, and illustrations
- Checkpoints. Check yourself to see that you understand what you have read. Pages 16, 28

- Chart. Page 29
- Labeled drawing, Page 8

SCIENCE The Big Idea:

This book describes Asian animals from the past and present. It also describes why some Asian animals are extinct or endangered.

Look for these special information features.

Content Sidebars

- It's a Fact. Interesting facts about animals of Asia. Pages 4, 5, 8, 14, 19
- Solve This. Solve these math problems to learn more about animals of Asia. Pages 3, 6, 13, 15
- Careers in Science. Learn about jobs for people interested in animals of Asia, Page 11
- They Made a Difference. Meet people who are important to the study of animals of Asia. Page 20

Content Vocabulary

adapt extinct fossil camouflage continent habitat endangered mammal

predator preservation preserve species

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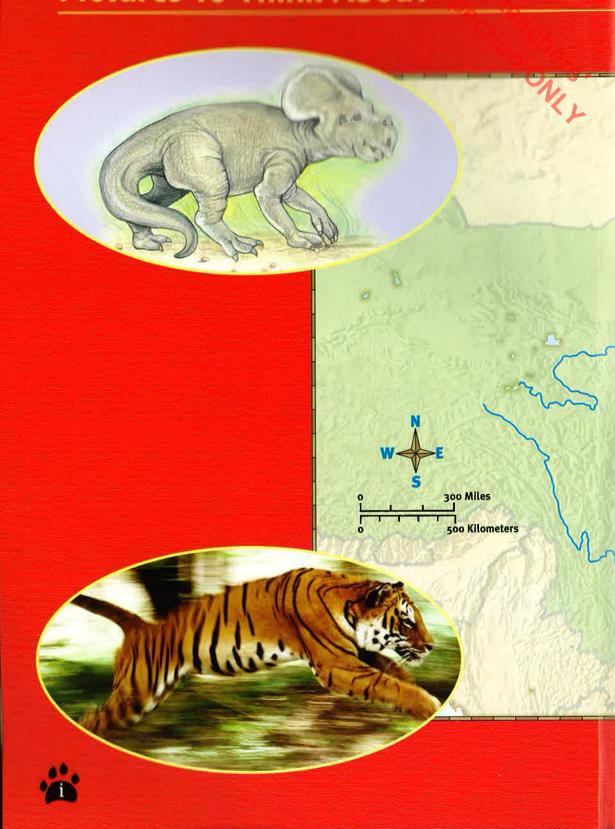
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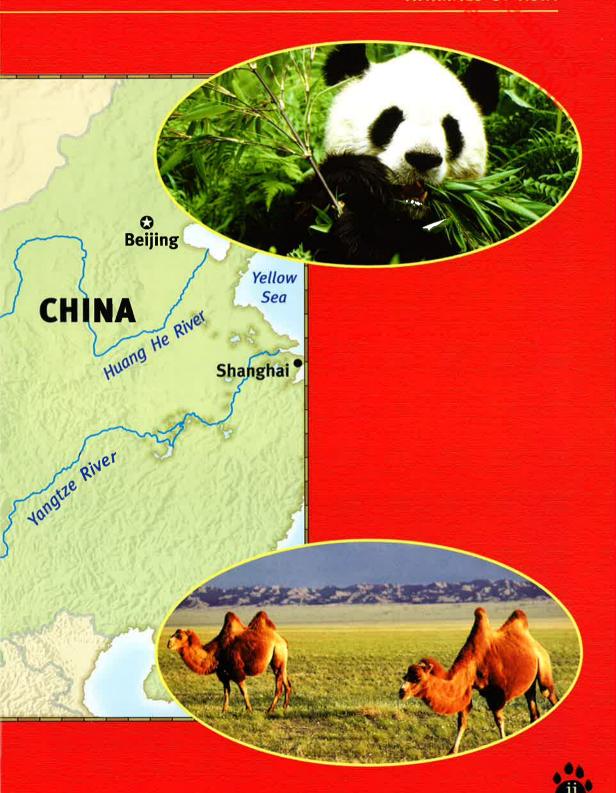
Asia

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Pictures To Think About





Words To Think About



What do you think the word preserve means in this book?

Meaning 1

a jam made from fresh fruit (noun)

Meaning 2

to keep fresh (verb)

Meaning 3

a safe place for animals (noun)

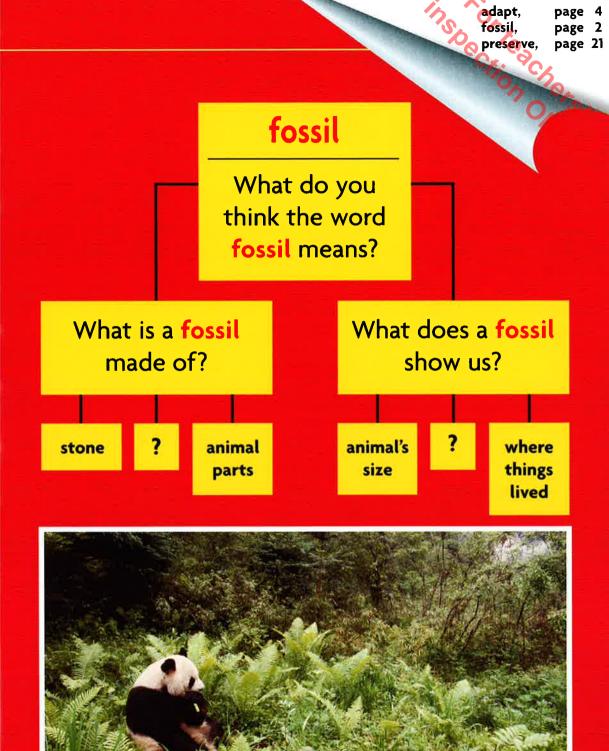
adapt

Latin: ad (to) What do you think the word adapt means?

Latin:

aptare (change)





Read for More Clues

Introduction

he Gobi (GOH-bee) Desert is in Asia. Winters are very cold in the Gobi Desert. Summers there are very hot. The ground is mostly made up of small stones. It is a hard place to live. Early scientists did not think that anything could live there. Then people found **fossils** (FAH-sulz) there in 1920. The fossils, or remains, were of a dinosaur. The fossils were over seventy million years old. The fossils proved that the desert was once a home for animals.

The dinosaurs died out long ago. They became **extinct** (ik-STINGKT). Today other animals live in Asia. This book is about three animals. Each animal has its own **habitat** (HA-buh-tat), or home.

Protoceratops
was a dinosaur
that lived in
Asia long ago.



