

BRIDGES™

ANIMALS OF NORTH AMERICA

Meet the animals
that have crawled,
flown, hopped, or
slithered across
North America for
millions of years



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READING

Comprehension Skill:

Identify Main Idea and
Supporting Details

As you read, ask yourself what details are connected. Use those details to identify main ideas in the book.

Phonics/Word Study:

Irregular Plurals

As you read, look for irregular plurals like **moose**. Irregular plurals mean "more than one" but do not end in -s, -es, or -ies.

Look for these text and graphic features.

Text Features

- Table of Contents
- Introduction
- Sidebars
- Conclusion
- Glossary
- Index
- Information about the author
- Vocabulary words in boldfaced type
- Captions for photos, diagrams, and illustrations
- List with bullets. Page 24
- Checkpoints. Check yourself to see that you understand what you have read. Pages 13, 15

Graphic Features

- Photographs
- Labeled drawings. Pages 16, 27
- Time line. Pages 28–29
- Chart. Pages 14–15
- Maps. Pages 5, 21
- Bar graph. Page 25

SCIENCE

The Big Idea:

This book describes North American animals from the past and present. It also describes why some animals have died out or become endangered.

Look for these special information features.

Content Sidebars

- **It's a Fact.** Interesting facts about animals of North America. Pages 7, 9, 11, 20
- **Solve This.** Solve these math problems to learn more about animals of North America. Pages 4, 6, 10, 17, 19, 21, 25, 26
- **Everyday Science.** See how science is part of your daily life. Pages 8, 27
- **Careers in Science.** Learn about jobs for people interested in animals of North America. Page 19
- **They Made a Difference.** Meet people who are important to the study of animals of North America. Page 17

Content Vocabulary

adaptation	hibernation	nocturnal
estuary	instinct	species
habitat	migration	survive

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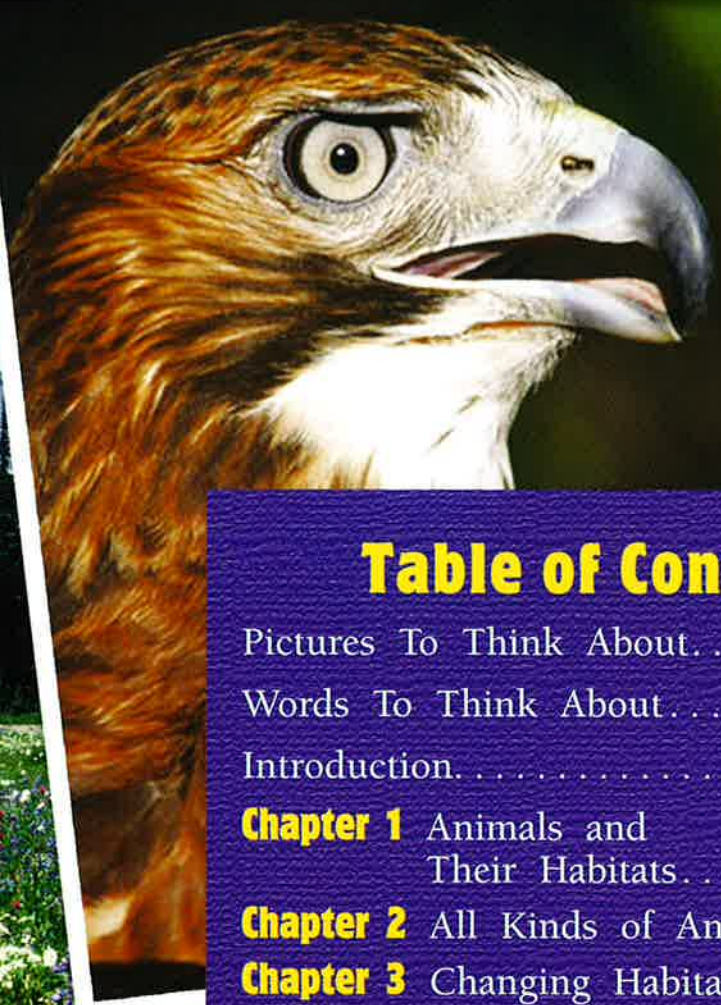


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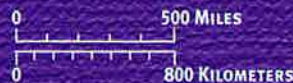
Pictures To Think About



GULF OF ALASKA



PACIFIC OCEAN



ARCTIC OCEAN

Yukon River

MacKenzie River

Great Bear Lake

Great Slave Lake

Lake Winnipeg

Seattle

Winnipeg

San Francisco

NORTH AMERICA

Colorado River

Phoenix

Dallas

Monterrey

Mexico City

Columbia River

Sauvage River

Missouri River

Rio Grande

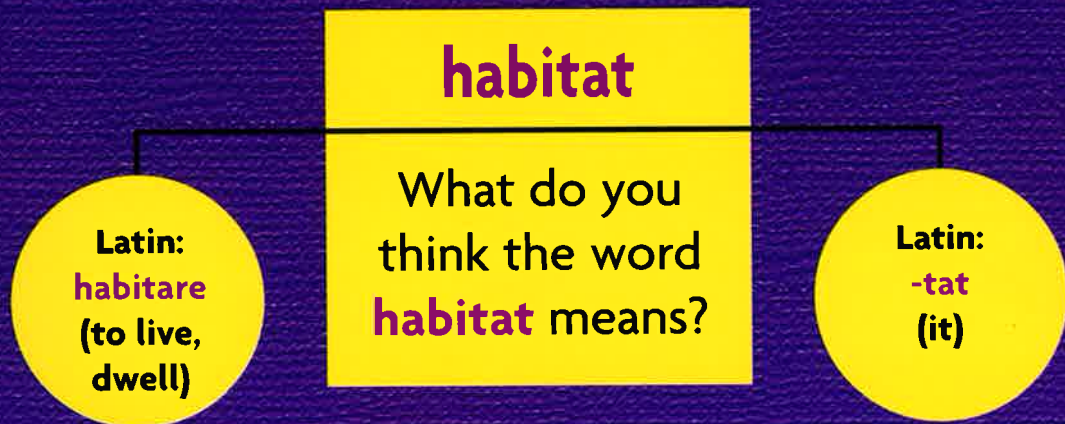
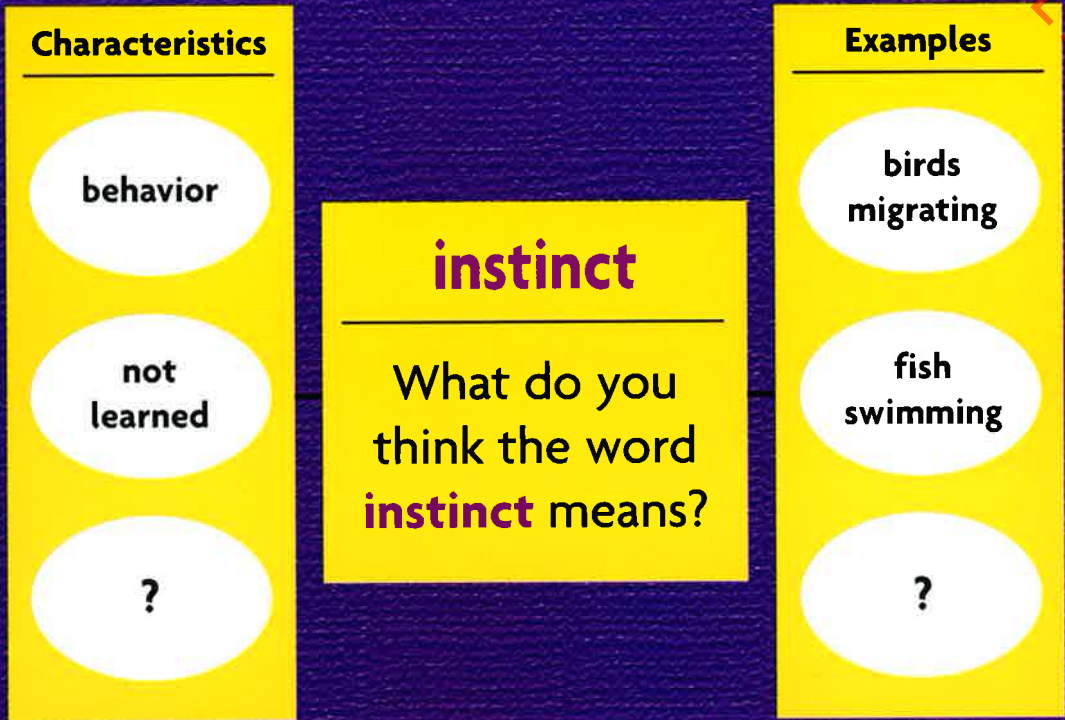
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Words To Think About

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adaptation

What do you think the word **adaptation** means?

What is an **adaptation**?

behavior change

?

body change

What is an example of **adaptation**?

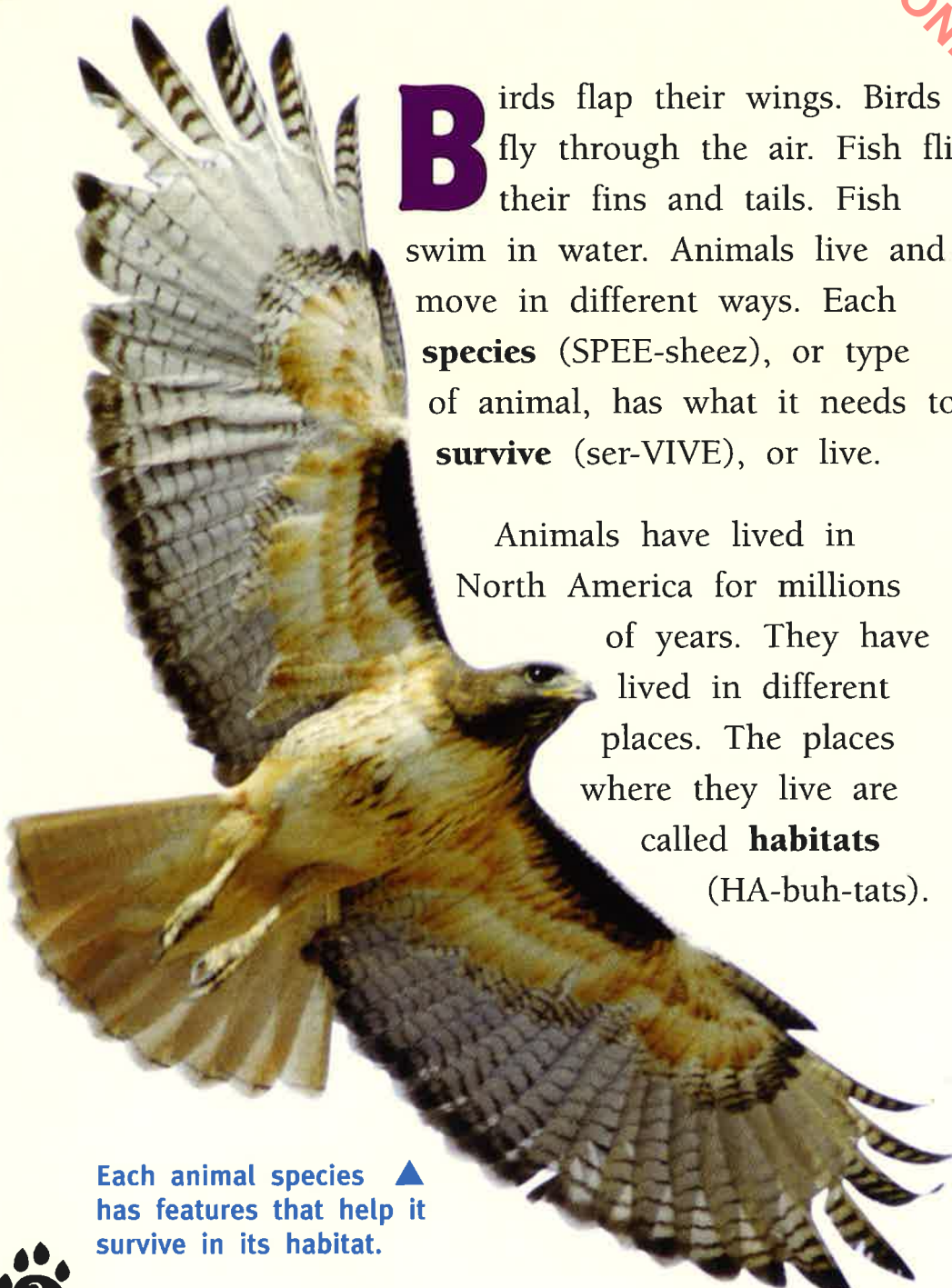
hunting at night

?

sharp teeth



Introduction



Birds flap their wings. Birds fly through the air. Fish flip their fins and tails. Fish swim in water. Animals live and move in different ways. Each **species** (SPEE-sheez), or type of animal, has what it needs to **survive** (ser-VIVE), or live.

Animals have lived in North America for millions of years. They have lived in different places. The places where they live are called **habitats** (HA-buh-tats).

Each animal species ▲ has features that help it survive in its habitat.