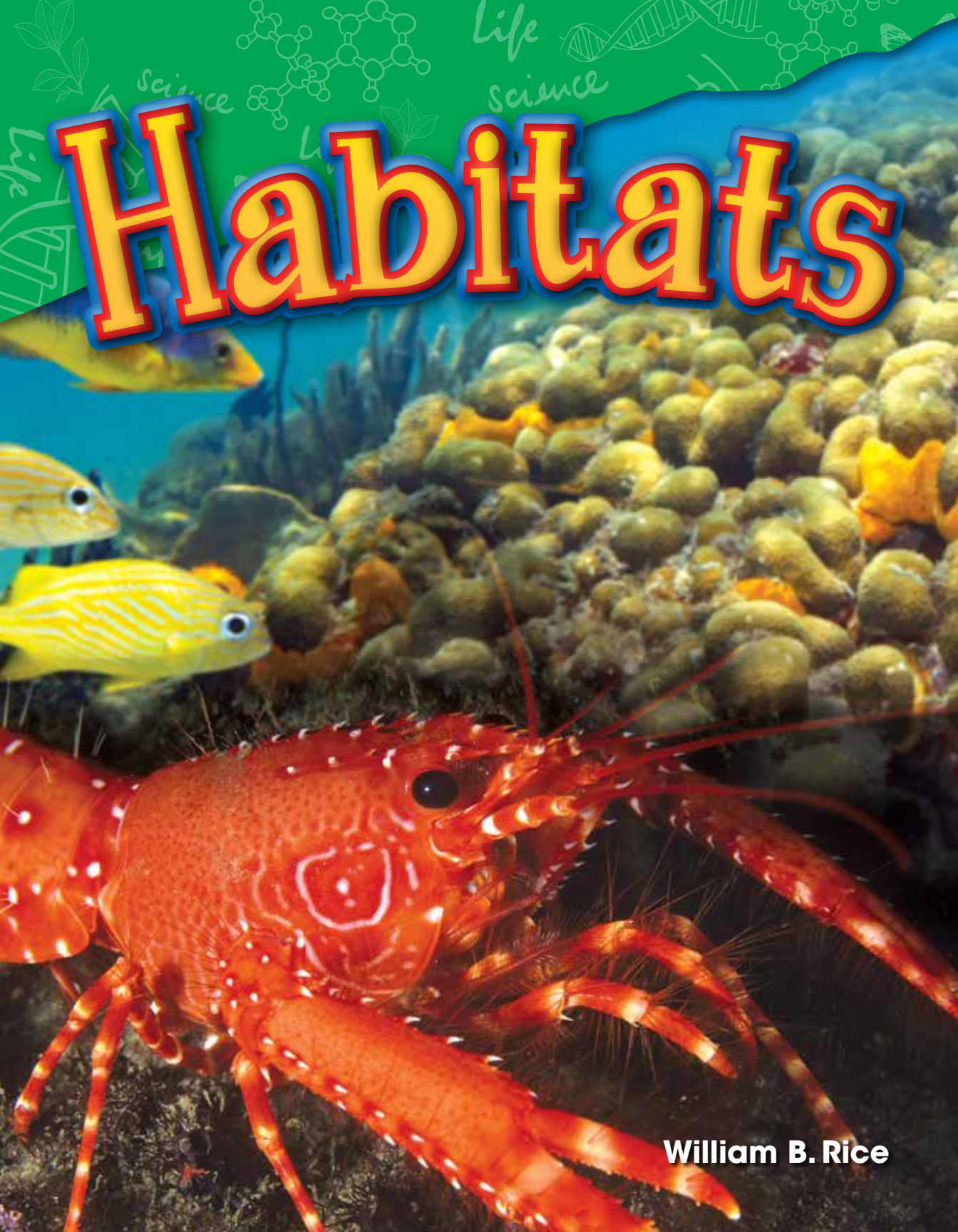
Habitats



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At the Bus Stop

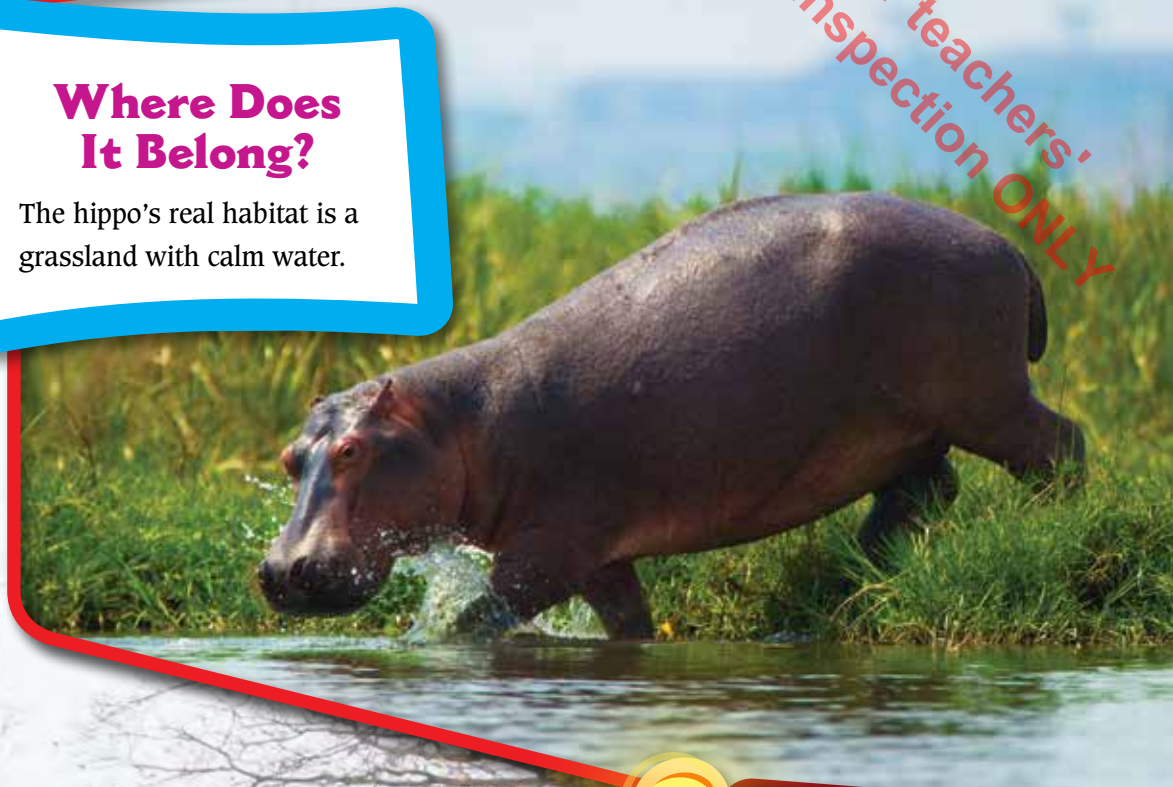
You are waiting at the bus stop and see a hippo walking down the street. You are surprised! It's not that the hippo is too big for the bus. The hippo just doesn't belong on your street! Your street is not the hippo's **habitat**.



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Where Does It Belong?

The hippo's real habitat is a grassland with calm water.



A hippo's skin gives off a red oil that acts like sunscreen.



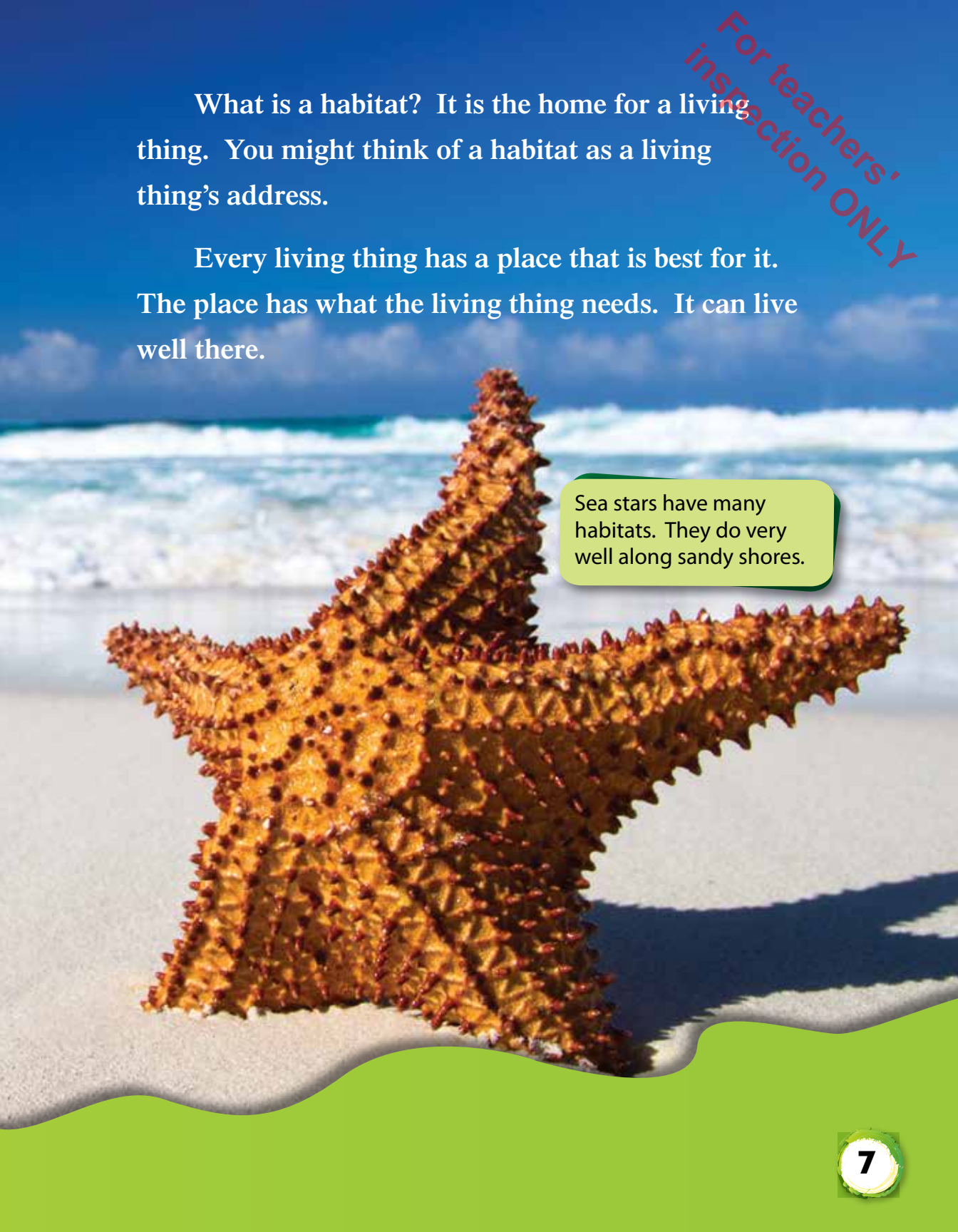
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What is a habitat? It is the home for a living thing. You might think of a habitat as a living thing's address.

Every living thing has a place that is best for it. The place has what the living thing needs. It can live well there.



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What Makes a Habitat?

The right habitat for a living thing has just what it needs to live well. This means the right soil, water, food, and light. It means the right **climate**, too. And it means the right **predators**!

Predators

Predators are animals that live by killing and eating **prey**.



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A tree frog lives in a rainforest habitat.

Lizards live in the desert, where they enjoy the sun's heat.

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Let's Do Science!

Can you create a habitat? See for yourself!

What to Get

- ❍ activated charcoal
- ❍ ferns
- ❍ gravel
- ❍ large glass jar with lid
- ❍ moss
- ❍ potting soil
- ❍ water

