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Disaster strikes!
Who will help?

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World Communities
Level 20 K

READING
Comprehension Skill:
Identify Author's Purpose

As you read, try to figure out why the author wrote the book or used certain information such as photographs, captions, and sidebars.

Phonics/Word Study:
Long e digraphs

As you read, look for words with long e digraphs, like **reason**. This sound in a syllable rhymes with the word **we**.

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
- Checkpoints. Check yourself to see that you understand what you have read. Pages 7, 14

Graphic Features

- Chart. Page 22
- Labeled maps. Pages 6, 8

SOCIAL STUDIES
The Big Idea:

In this book, you will read about three world organizations that help people and animals in need.

Look for these special information features.

Content Sidebars

- Careers. Page 9
- It's a Fact. Page 11
- Historical Perspective. Page 10
- Solve This. Pages 5, 13, 15, 19, 21
- They Made a Difference. Pages 7, 17

Content Vocabulary

child labor	extinct	pollution
drought	habitat	refugee
endangered	organization	volunteer

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Pictures To Think About

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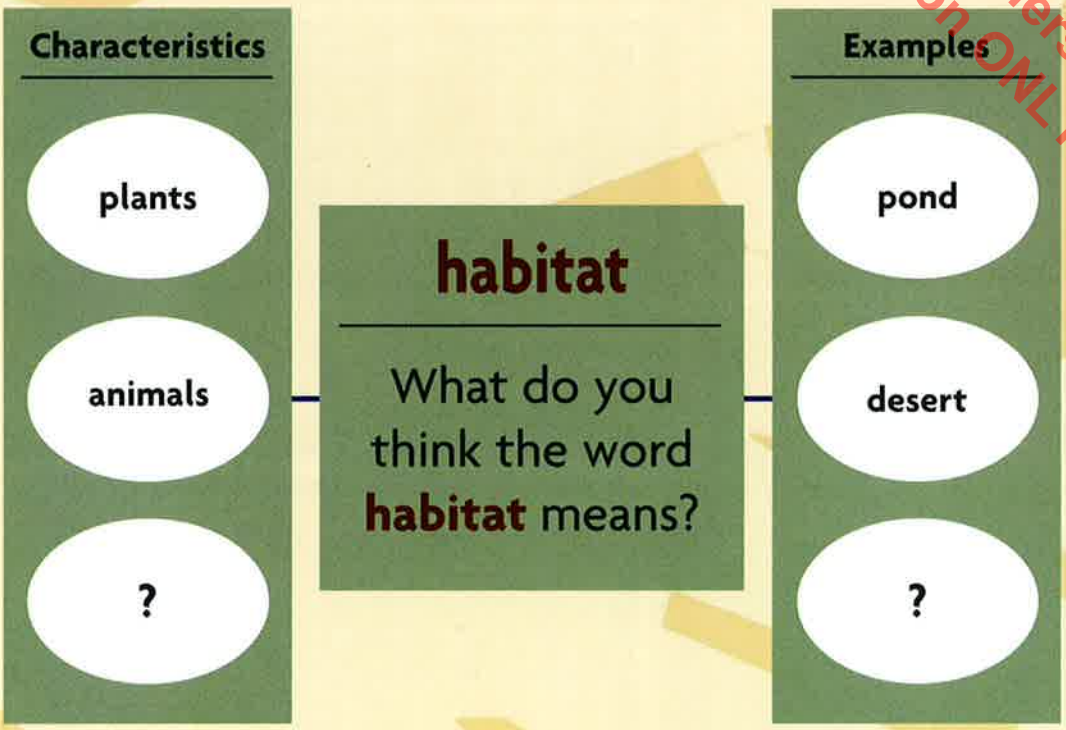






Words To Think About

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Read for More Clues

drought,	page 10
habitat,	page 17
volunteer,	page 7

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drought

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

What happens during a **drought**?

- no rain falls
- ?
- land dries up

What can a **drought** cause?

- hunger
- ?
- erosion



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INTRODUCTION

People face many problems. Sometimes hurricanes hit. Sometimes earthquakes happen. Other times, wars start.

In some places, children do not have food. Other children cannot get medicine when they are sick. Some children do not have schools.



▲ The International Committee of the Red Cross helps sick and injured people.