Sorting at the Nature Center





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Summary

Amir and his class go to the nature center. They sort many plants and animals.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Make connections

Comprehension
- Make predictions

Phonics
- Initial b (back, bird, bus, butterfly)

Fluency
- Read with appropriate stress or emphasis

Fiction Genre
- Realistic fiction

Sentence Patterns
- That ___ is ___. He saw a ___.

Language Development
- Past tense verbs

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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Meet the Characters

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Amir

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teacher



the class

Amir and his class got off the bus. The teacher said, “Remember to write down what you see. We will sort what you see. We will sort plants and animals. We will make a chart.”

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Amir made a chart in his notebook. Then Amir and his class walked on the path. Amir saw some trees. "The trees are plants," Amir said.

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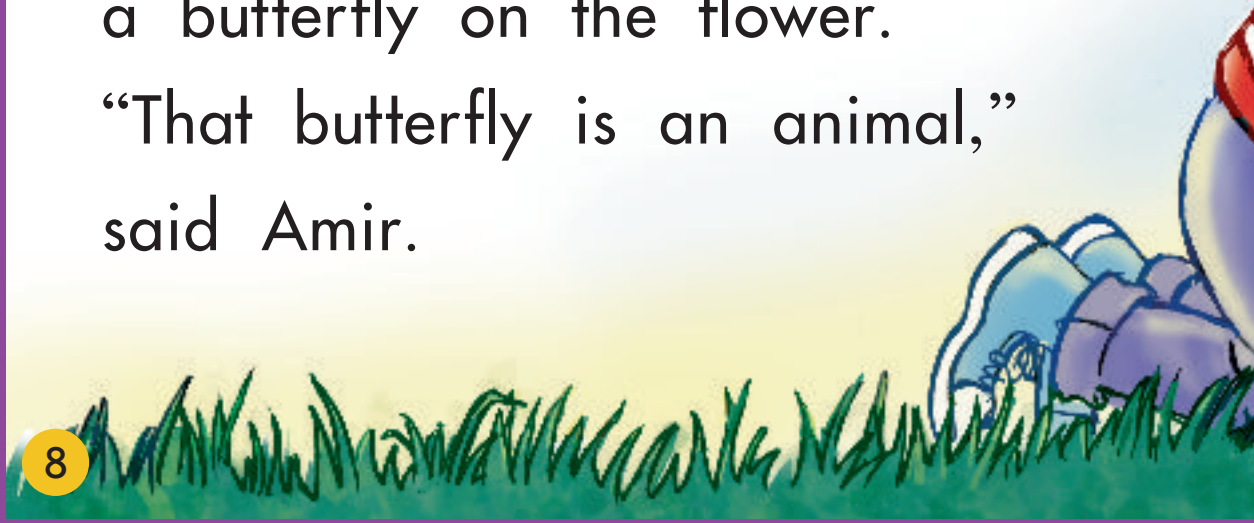
Amir and his class walked some more. Amir saw a flower. "That flower is a plant," said Amir. Then Amir saw a butterfly on the flower. "That butterfly is an animal," said Amir.



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