

Unit 1

The Animal World

Reading Corner

Read the fact sheet and complete the exercise.

The Roos & the 'Riches'

The Roos

Kangaroos hop around in Australian forests. They are the only large animals that jump to move forward.

- 5 They have powerful hind legs. One leap can cover 7 metres, and they can travel at 48 kilometres per hour!

The female has a pouch. The newborn kangaroo feeds and grows in there. It also poos and wees in there.

- 10 The mother removes the wastes using its tongue (poorest mummy of the animal kingdom!). She will kick and box the enemy to protect her young (so will the male)!



The 'Riches'

Ostriches live in African grasslands. They

- 15 are the tallest and heaviest birds with the largest eyes on the planet. They have wings, but do not fly. Their legs are fast. One step takes them 5 metres forward, and they can run at 64 kilometres per hour! Their
- 20 legs are also strong. A kick can kill a lion!

The colours of their feathers are similar to those of sand and soil. Facing danger, they lie low to the ground so that they become invisible. How smart! They turn away from

- 25 trouble by sticking their heads in the sand? No way!



Comprehension

Complete the table using information from the fact sheet.

Tip!

Think about which part of speech each blank needs. For example, the first blank needs a verb.

	Roos	'Riches'
Kind	The largest animals that (1) _____ to move	The (2) _____ and (3) _____ birds in the world
Habitat	Forests in (4) _____	Grasslands in (5) _____
Interesting body parts	Female: cleaning up (6) _____ with her tongue	Eyes (7) _____ than those of any bird
Jump / Step length	(8) _____ metres	(9) _____ metres
Speed	(10) _____ kph	(11) _____ kph
Fight	(12) _____ and kick	(13) _____

ABC Vocabulary Corner

A. Animals and Habitats

Fill in the blanks with the words given.

habitat grasslands ocean deserts forests mosquito
dragonfly polar bear endangered grasshopper

Do You Remember...?

- habitat (n): 棲息地
- dragonfly (n): 蜻蜓
- grasshopper (n): 蚱蜢

John: What do we call animals that are dying out?

Mary: (1) _____ animals!

John: This animal lives on the sea ice in Alaska and Canada. It has thick fur. What is it?

Mary: (2) _____.



John: What is the (3) _____ of the giant panda?

Mary: Bamboo (4) _____ in China!

John: This insect can jump very high. It's green.

It's always eaten by birds. What is it?

Mary: (5) _____.



John: Where do camels live?

Mary: (6) _____.

John: What about dolphins?

Mary: The (7) _____.

John: What insect looks like a helicopter? It lives near water.

Mary: (8) _____.



John: What insect bites people and animals and sucks their blood?

Mary: (9) _____.

John: Where do elephants live?

Mary: (10) _____.

B. Insects and Animals

Label the pictures.

gorilla

green turtle

sea lion

snow leopard

black rhino

ladybird

bee

moth

1.



2.



3.



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5.



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Language Corner

Let's Review

Reporting Orders, Requests and Advice

- I. Use reporting verbs (e.g. tell, order, ask, remind, advise, recommend) + object + to-infinitive to report orders, requests and advice.

Use	Example
Order	The zookeeper said to the visitors, 'Put rubbish in the rubbish bin.' → The zookeeper told the visitors to put rubbish in the rubbish bin.
Request	The zookeeper said to the visitors, 'Could you close the gate?' → The zookeeper asked the visitors to close the gate.
Advice	The zookeeper said to the visitors, 'You should keep down your voice.' → The zookeeper reminded the visitors to keep down their voice.

- II. Add 'not' to report negative orders, requests and advice.

Use	Example
Order	The zookeeper said to the visitors, 'Don't throw rubbish onto the ground.' → The zookeeper told the visitors not to throw rubbish onto the ground.
Request	The zookeeper said to the visitors, 'Don't leave the gate open.' → The zookeeper asked the visitors not to leave the gate open.
Advice	The zookeeper said to the visitors, 'Don't raise your voice.' → The zookeeper reminded the visitors not to raise their voice.

Let's Practise 

The zookeeper is talking to the visitors. Report his orders, requests and advice.

e.g. Zookeeper: Follow the rules of the zoo. (tell)

The zookeeper told the visitors to follow the rules of the zoo.

1. Zookeeper: Place litter in the trash can. (tell)

2. Zookeeper: Be polite with fellow visitors. (advise)

3. Zookeeper: Cooperate with the security staff. (recommend)

4. Zookeeper: Don't feed the animals. (tell)

5. Zookeeper: Don't cross fences or railings. (remind)

6. Zookeeper: Don't bring pets or radios. (advise)

7. Zookeeper: Don't eat or smoke. (tell)

Writing Corner

A Weather Report

Complete the weather report by filling in each blank with a suitable word from the box below.

cooler temperature remain drop comfortable
rise hill pressure daily chance

Good morning, this is Jackson Brown with your (1) _____ weather report.

With a ridge of high (2) _____ dominating over southern China, the weather will (3) _____ hot in the next few days. Today's temperature could (4) _____ to as high as 35 degrees

Celsius by the late afternoon. Right now, only an hour after sunrise, the (5) _____ here in Tuen Mun is already 29 degrees.

However, the relative humidity is low, so it is quite (6) _____ out here at the moment. Overnight temperatures will (7) _____ slightly to 32 degrees, which

makes no big difference at all. Let's look at the weather forecast for tomorrow. There is a 100% (8) _____ of rain, which will bring (9) _____ temperatures. This is good news to all of us as there has been a (10) _____ fire raging in the New Territories since this morning. That's all for today's weather. Goodbye.

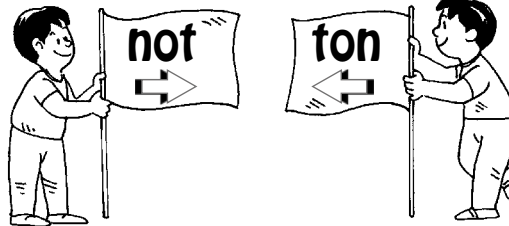


Dr Know-all's Corner



Hi! People call me Dr Know-all because I know everything. Look at the following word. If we spell it backward, we have another word.

e.g.



Can you think of other examples?

