



Your summer challenge: **Discover the world**

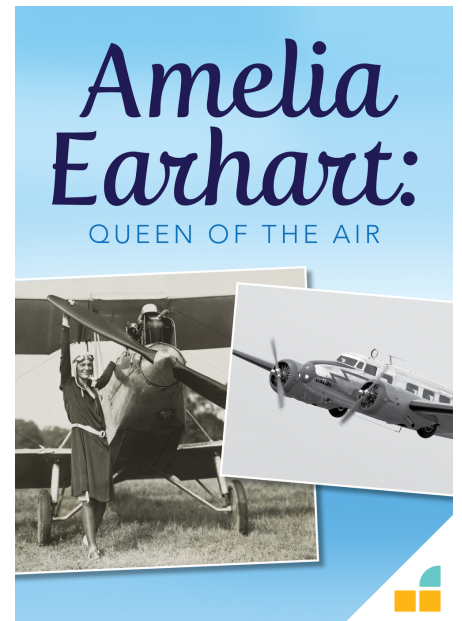
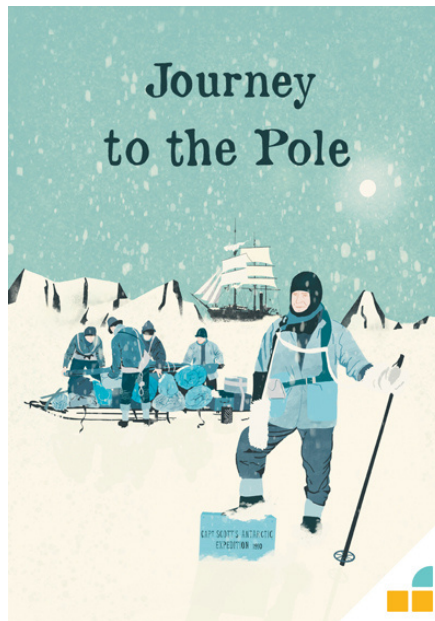
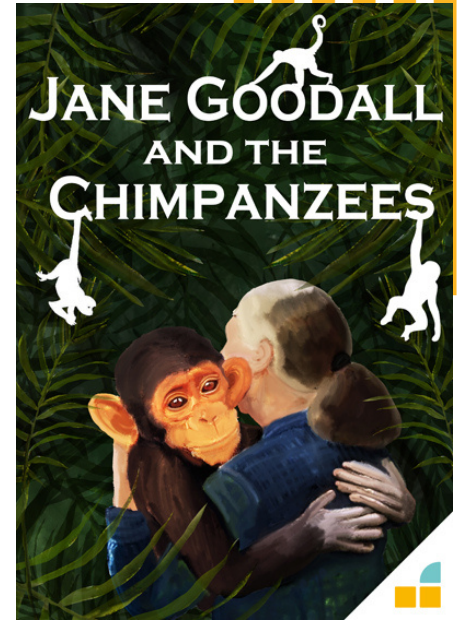
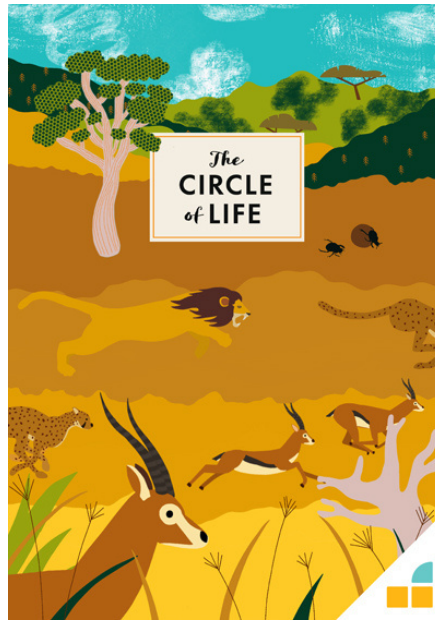
For reading ages 7-11



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Discover the world.

After a year stuck at home, join us on a trip around the world! Each of these texts explores a different area of our world. Your challenge is to read the texts carefully and complete the activities that follow.



Planet Earth

Planet Earth. It's a pretty big place, isn't it? You could even say it's huge! Humans have lived on Earth for a long time but there are still things we don't know about it. Our planet is one big **mystery** that we don't fully understand.

To find out more, we'll be going on a little trip to the different types of places you can find around the world. We'll be going far and wide, from boiling hot deserts to the freezing cold Arctic. So, don't get too comfy and **settled**. We'll be going a long, long way from home.

mystery – a **mystery** is a puzzle.

1) Ask family and friends if they know any other words that mean the same thing.

e.g. puzzle _____

settled – to be **settled** is to feel at home.

2) Can you spot any similar words in the passage?

3) Colour the picture of Planet Earth below. Label the 'boiling hot deserts' and the 'freezing cold Arctic'.





The Circle of Life

The Circle of Life! Every single living thing in this world is **connected**, from the tiniest little flower to the biggest lion. But how? Well, plants, animals and humans are all linked together in a series of steps called a 'food chain'. This is a structure which connects every living thing, keeping us all fed and alive. For example, a deer eats plants (such as grass) to survive, while a wolf eats meat (such as deer) to stay alive.

A food chain is arranged into different parts, which means that different types of living things are sorted out into groups. There are usually four groups that make up a food chain. These are plants, small herbivores (which means animals that don't eat meat!), small carnivores (the animals that only eat meat!) and big carnivores. As we continue our journey, I wonder who we'll meet along the way...

connected – to be **connected** is to be together.

1) Ask family and friends if they know any other words that mean the same thing.

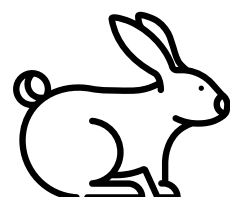
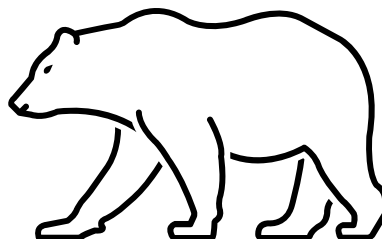
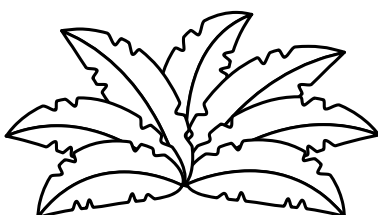
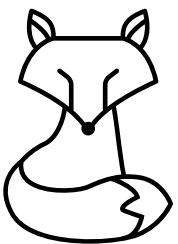
e.g. together _____

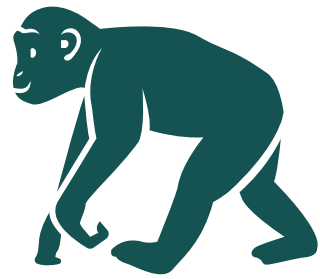
2) The passage explores the food chain. The writer has ordered the groups like this:

plants → small herbivores → small carnivores → big carnivores

Why do you think that is?

3) Colour and label the pictures below: 'plant', 'small herbivore', 'small carnivore', and 'big carnivore'.





Jane Goodall and the Chimpanzees

Jane Goodall is a special kind of scientist who looks at the different ways that animals act and behave, especially apes. To do this, Jane spent a lot of time living in Africa looking at chimpanzees as they went about their ordinary and **typical** lives.

While in Africa, Jane learned lots of interesting things about chimpanzees that not many people knew at that point. For instance, did you know that chimpanzees can make their own tools and are **capable** of using them to find food?

Back in the day, people thought that only humans could do this because it was so complicated and difficult, so everybody was surprised to find out that apes could do the same with such ease!

typical – if something is **typical**, it's what you'd expect.
For example, a **typical** school day might involve registration, lessons, break time, reading, and writing.

1) What words mean the opposite of typical?

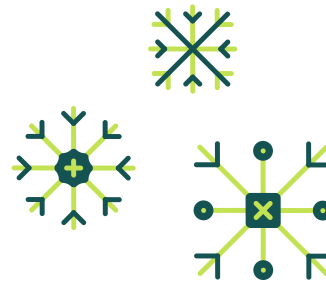
e.g. unusual _____

capable – to be able to do something.

2) What does Jane Goodall find out the chimpanzees are capable of doing?

3) Why did people think that only humans could do this?





How's the Weather?

It's important to be prepared for any situation, especially if you live in a place where the weather can get a bit wild! Alaska is a state in America, far up in the north near the Arctic circle. They rarely have mild winters; the weather is often **extreme**!

In January of 2012, Alaska had had way more snow than in an average month. One unlucky husband and wife were happily snoozing in bed when a snow drift actually broke through their bedroom window and covered them in freezing snow! How's that for a wake up call? They were rescued shortly after, but that's how **unpredictable** the weather up there can be - you never know what will happen next.

extreme - the word **extreme** describes something that has a really big amount of something. Imagine the burning heat of the hottest desert in the world. You could describe that as extreme heat.

1) Why do you think it is so cold in Alaska?

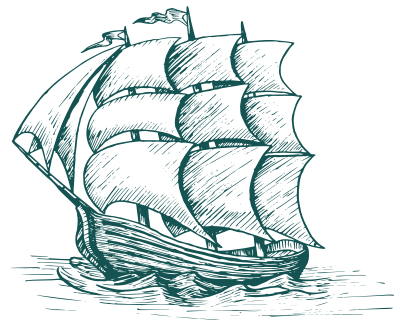
2) What happened to the 'unlucky husband and wife'?

unpredictable - if something is **unpredictable**, it changes without any warning. You don't know what will happen next!

3) After reading this passage, can you explain why listening to the weatherperson is a good idea?

I think listening to a weatherperson is a good idea because _____





Journey to the Pole

Which words would you use to describe the Antarctic? You've probably got a few ideas from books you've read or things you've seen on TV, but back in 1901, very little was known about the Antarctic continent. One man, Captain Robert Scott, was determined to change all that. He wanted to be the first person to reach the South Pole.

When Scott and his team finally made it to Antarctica aboard their ship the Terra Nova, they **docked** in a place called Cape Evans. The threatening rocks of Cape Evans were sure to **endanger** the explorers, so they unloaded the Terra Nova as carefully as they could to limit the risk.

Unfortunately, as they unpacked all of their equipment, one of the **portable** motor sledges was dropped from the ship. It broke through the ice and sank to the bottom of the ocean, but luckily the team managed to preserve their other equipment and keep it safe. Fully unloaded, the team set up camp and prepared for their journey to the Pole, but Scott soon realised they weren't alone...

dock - to park and tie up a ship in a port.

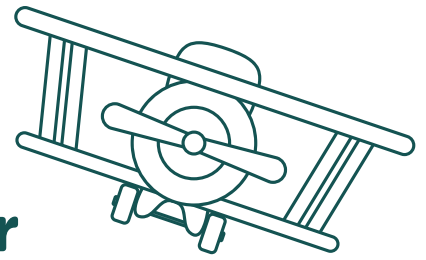
1) Where did Scott and his team dock their ship, the Terra Nova?

endanger - to be at risk of getting hurt (or worse).

2) What made unloading the Terra Nova so difficult?

portable - an object that can be carried by hand.

3) What object turned out not to be portable? What happened to it?



Amelia Earhart: Queen of the Air

What do you think it feels like to fly a plane? To be hundreds of miles up in the air, surrounded by the clouds and looking down at the tiny houses below you? It must be pretty amazing, don't you think? Well in 1920, a young American woman called Amelia Earhart thought the same thing. After her first plane ride, Amelia was hit by an **intense** desire; she knew she had to fly. Despite the negative response to her wishes (many people back then didn't think it was right for a woman to be a pilot) Amelia worked her way to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Amelia worked hard to pay for flying lessons. She had 4 different jobs at once! After months of saving and hours of work, she finally had enough to pay for a flying teacher. On January 3rd 1921 Amelia Earhart took to the skies for the first time. She felt free, gliding through the air like a bird with big wooden wings and metal **talons**. Not long after she started her lessons, Amelia bought her first plane.

Once Amelia Earhart became an **expert** pilot, her past successes **reassured** her that she was good enough to fly around the world. Even then, it took a whole two years before Amelia was ready to set off on what was the longest flight ever **attempted**, a huge journey of 47,000 km. She even designed a plane especially for the flight, making sure it was safe and **reliable**. Amelia, along with her co-pilot, Fred Noonan, set off on June 1st, 1937.

intense - to feel really strongly about something.

intense - long, sharp claws.

1) What type of questions are used in the opening paragraph? Circle the correct answer.

closed questions
questions that you are
expected to give one
answer to, like yes or no.

rhetorical questions
questions that get you
thinking, but you're not
expected to answer.

expert - someone who knows a lot and is very skilled in a particular area.

reassure - to make someone feel better about something.

2) How did Amelia Earhart get what she desired?

attempt - to try something or give it a go.

reliable - doesn't let you down, dependable and trustworthy.

3) What simile is used to describe how free Amelia Earhart felt during her first flight?

simile

to compare using the words 'like' or 'as' to describe something in detail and paint a clear picture

Draw and label an image of it below:

4) Write a descriptive story as Amelia Earhart flying across the world for the first time.

Imagine you are Amelia Earhart flying over a place that no one has ever seen before. What do you see? What colours do you notice? What wildlife do you spot? Is it flat? Hilly? Are there waterfalls? Rivers? Does it look peaceful or busy? You know that the whole world will want to know what it looks like, so as soon as your plane lands, you start writing a description of what you saw. Choose your words carefully - the world needs to know what you saw!

Today, I flew over...

Down below, I could see...

I could hear...

I was amazed when I saw...

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Ready, set, go!

Get ready for a fast one because today we are talking about a man called Usain Bolt - one of the fastest men in the world! In the 2008 Olympic Games he did something amazing. He managed to set three different world records in three different races, all in the same year. He was the first person in the world to break so many records at once! Now, the 2008 Olympics is what he is best known for, but it is not Bolt's sole and only success...

1) Ask friends or family or use the internet to find out what Usain Bolt's other successes were.

2) Find out more about a sportsperson of your choice.
Fill in the character profile below:

What is their name?

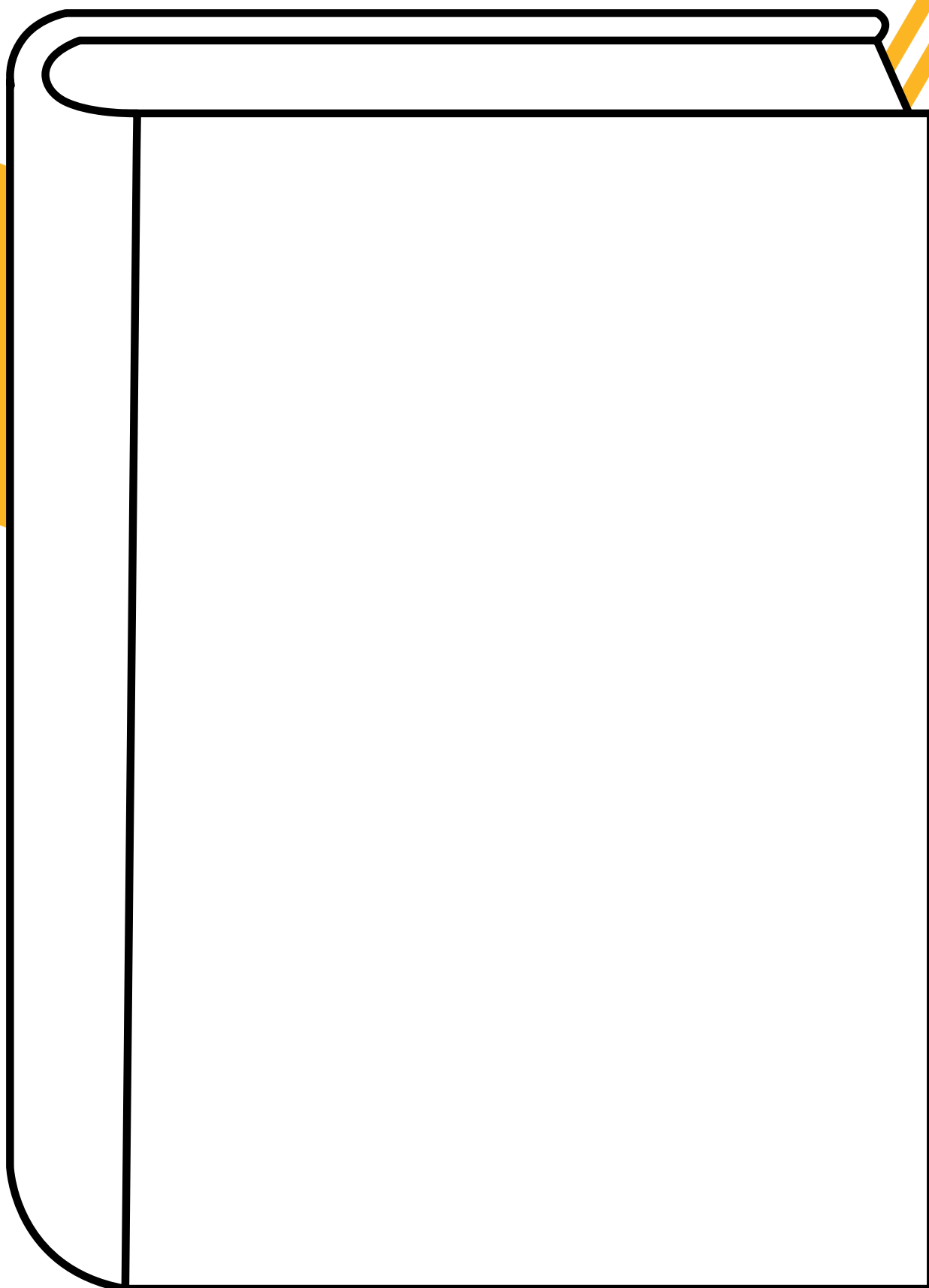
What sport(s) do they play?

What are their greatest achievements?

Why have you chosen to find out more about them?



Design a book cover for their autobiography. Include the sporting champion's name, book title and image that shows them in their best light. Don't forget the spine (the side of the book that shows when it's displayed on shelf).



The Word of the Week Challenge



	Location Where did you go?	Express yourself What words best describe your feelings?	Take a snapshot What words best describe the scene?	Collect words What words did you see, hear or say this week?
Example	beach, hairdresser's or a different town	happy, anxious, reticent, excited, overjoyed	<u>A trip to the beach</u> expansive, overwhelming, spacious, beautiful, chaotic	Train - carriage; Park - foliage, shrubs, fungus; Shops - bargain, aisle, express
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				

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