

LPF Reading Exemplar

About Tigers

Task Description

In this reading activity, students read an information text about tigers and the need to protect this endangered species. They read about their appearance, habitats, hunting and eating habits. Students then responded to the related questions.

Preparation

Before the reading activity, the teacher activated students' personal experience and background knowledge of tigers by asking the following questions:

- Have you seen real tigers? If yes, where and when have you seen them?
- Can you describe them?
- Are there many tigers left in the world? Why?
- How can we protect them?

Learning Outcomes: ATMs 3-4

ATM 3

Understanding and inferring information, ideas and feelings in a small range of simple texts, using and integrating a small range of reading strategies as appropriate

ATM 4

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Questions	When students respond to the questions appropriately, they can:
<p>1. a) What is covered in paragraphs 1 and 2?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> a. what tigers eat<input type="checkbox"/> b. how many tigers in the world<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. <i>what tigers look like</i> <p>b) What is covered in paragraphs 5?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> a. what tigers eat<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. <i>how many tigers there are in the world</i><input type="checkbox"/> c. what tigers look like <p>c) What is the passage about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> a. tigers in Hong Kong<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. <i>what tigers look like and eat, and how many are left</i><input type="checkbox"/> c. what to do if you meet a tiger	<p>ATM 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify main ideas explicitly stated at the beginning of each paragraph, e.g. ‘Tigers are cats with black and tan stripes...’, ‘Some tigers are small.’, ‘They like to stalk their prey...’, ‘To help save the tigers that are left...’

<p>2. Why would you need to be careful if you were walking in the grasslands, forests or swamps of Eastern Russia, parts of China, South Asia or Sumatra? You might _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. get lost at night <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. <i>get eaten by a tiger</i> <input type="checkbox"/> c. meet some wild deer, pigs and cattle</p>	<p>ATM 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infer the idea that human beings are a kind of mammals and they might be eaten by tigers by using clues in close proximity, e.g. ‘They eat mammals, so if you are walking in the grasslands... be careful.’ <p>ATM 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> follows ideas by understanding the use of cohesive devices, e.g. ‘so if’ to link ideas
<p>3. In paragraph 4, find the word that means ‘animal that will get killed’.</p> <p><i><u>prey</u></i></p>	<p>ATM 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work out the meaning of the word ‘prey’ by using semantic and syntactic clues, e.g. ‘... charge it from behind...’, ‘... kill it by biting its neck or throat.’ ‘... drag the animal... eat it...’
<p>4. Why have nearly all the tigers in the world died in the last 100 years? It is because _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. they eat too much <input type="checkbox"/> b. they have been killed by other tigers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. <i>they have been killed by people</i></p>	<p>ATM 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work out the meaning of ‘mankind’ by using knowledge of word formation infer the idea that people have killed tigers by using clues in close proximity, e.g. ‘Mankind has not been kind to tigers.’
<p>5. In paragraph 6, find the word that means ‘not allowed’.</p> <p><i><u>illegal</u></i></p>	<p>ATM 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work out the meaning of ‘illegal’ by using semantic and syntactic clues, e.g. ‘all the countries...now protect them.’

<p>6. Why is it illegal to hunt and kill tigers? It is because _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. it is cruel</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. they look so beautiful</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. <i>there are not enough left in the world</i></p>	<p>ATM 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> locate details from different parts of a text, e.g. ‘... nearly all the tigers... died’, ‘... less than 5000 tigers left...’ which support the main idea that tigers are protected in all countries in the last paragraph
<p>7. Does this passage tell you that there is a tiger at the zoo in Hong Kong?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. no</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. <i>possibly</i></p>	<p>ATM 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infer the idea that there may be a tiger in the zoo by using clues in close proximity, e.g. ‘Maybe there is a tiger hiding in the zoo in Hong Kong?’

Full text

Tigers are cats with black and tan stripes and whitish stomachs. However, a few tigers are coloured all white or all black.

Some tigers are small. Others grow more than a metre high and more than three metres long counting their tail. They have razor-sharp teeth which are excellent for chewing meat.

Tigers like to hunt alone at night. They eat mammals, so if you are walking in the grasslands, forests or swamps of Eastern Russia, parts of China, South Asia or Sumatra, be careful. Their favourite mammals, however, are wild deer, pigs and cattle rather than people.

They like to stalk their prey closely, charge it from behind and kill it by biting its neck or throat. They then drag the animal to a safe place and eat it over the course of several days. This makes them so full that they do not need to eat again for several days.

Most tigers live for approximately eleven years but, in the last 100 years, nearly all the tigers of the world have died. Mankind has not been kind to tigers. They are now an endangered species and researchers think that there are less than 5000 tigers left living in the world.

To help save the tigers that are left, all the countries of the world now protect them.

It is illegal to hunt and kill them. Have you ever seen one? Maybe there is a tiger hiding in the zoo in Hong Kong?

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