

LPF Reading Exemplar

A Trip to Singapore

Task Description

Students read brochures for information about three tourist attractions in Singapore, namely Underwater World, Singapore Zoo and Night Safari Park. They then responded to questions relating to the appeal of the attractions in preparation for an itinerary planning task later on.

Preparation

Before the reading activity, in order to help students anticipate the content of the brochures, students worked in groups and browsed through the homepage of each of the three attractions: 1) Underwater World 2) Singapore Zoo 3) Night Safari Park. They then identified names of the activities offered by each attraction (e.g. animal rides, scuba-diving, swimming).

Learning Outcomes: ATMs 4-5

ATM 4

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

ATM 5

Understanding and inferring information, ideas, feelings and opinions in a range of texts with some degree of complexity, using and integrating a small range of reading strategies as appropriate

Questions	When students respond to the questions appropriately, they can:
<p>1. How do Underwater World, Singapore Zoo and Night Safari Park compare? Based on the content of the three brochures,</p> <p>a) complete the mind map for each of the following areas of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– animals and plants that you can see– activities that you can do involving animals <p><i>Please refer to Appendix 1 for the partially completed mind maps.</i></p> <p>b) draw a mind map for each of the following areas of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– daily opening hours– facilities <p><i>Please refer to Appendix 2 for the suggested mind maps.</i></p>	<p>ATM 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify relevant information from the three texts and organise it in the mind maps by<ul style="list-style-type: none">— understanding the details provided in the three-level mind maps and locating the relevant information based on the prompts provided, e.g. ‘sharks’ (Line 3) and ‘seaweed’ (line 4) as examples of ‘animals and plants that you can see’ in Underwater World, ‘elephant shows’ (Line 18) and ‘a 3.2 km tram ride through grasslands and tropical forest’ (Lines 29-30) as examples of ‘activities that you can do involving animals’ in Singapore Zoo and Night Safari Park respectively— following the design of the mind maps provided in a) and recognising the text structure of a brochure, e.g. ‘7:30 pm till 12 midnight’ (Lines 32-33)

	<p>as the opening hours of Night Safari Park, ‘gift shop’ (Lines 9 and 22) as an example of facilities available in Underwater World and Singapore Zoo, by browsing through the final part for information about the facilities</p>
<p>2. Refer to the mind maps in Q.1 and answer the following questions:</p> <p>a) You would like to visit a site which allows you to have close contact with the animals and which serves lunch. Which attraction(s) can you visit?</p> <p><i>Singapore Zoo</i></p> <p>b) Your mum wants to avoid strong sunlight. Which attraction(s) can she visit?</p> <p><i>Night Safari Park and Underwater World</i></p> <p>c) Your brother is interested in both animals and plants. Which attraction(s) can he visit?</p> <p><i>Singapore Zoo and Underwater World</i></p>	<p>ATM 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deduce that Singapore Zoo is the only suitable option by using the semantic clues from the ‘Activities you can do involving animals’ and ‘Facilities’ mind maps , e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ‘animal rides’ and ‘taking photos with snakes’ imply close contact with animals – ‘restaurants’ as one of the facilities means that lunch is served • deduce that Night Safari Park and Underwater World are the best options by using the semantic clues from the ‘Opening hours’ mind map, e.g. ‘7:30 p.m. – 12:30 midnight’ and ‘9 a.m. – 9 p.m.’ imply that these attractions are open in the evening and thus help ‘your mum’ to avoid strong sunlight • deduce that both Singapore Zoo and Underwater World are suitable recommendations by using the semantic clues from the ‘Animals and plants you can see’ mind map, e.g. ‘seaweeds’ and ‘algae’, imply that plants are also of special interest apart from animals

<p>d) Dad wants to make sure that he can get some souvenirs for his friends. Which attraction(s) can he visit?</p> <p><i>Singapore Zoo, Underwater World and Night Safari Park</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deduce that all three attractions are suitable recommendations by using the semantic clues from the 'Facilities' mind map, e.g. 'gift shop', suggests that souvenirs, which are gifts, can be bought at these sites 																								
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<p>4a) How are the readers addressed in the three brochures?</p> <p><i>The readers are mainly addressed by the pronoun 'you'.</i></p> <p>b) Why are the readers addressed in the way you suggest in a)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. to make it sound cool</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. to make the readers feel valued and respected</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. <i>to make it sound more personal and as though the readers were being talked to</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. to make the readers feel that the attractions are fun to visit</p>	<p>ATM 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognise the use of personal pronouns to make the brochures sound more convincing and achieve the effect of persuading the readers to visit the tourist attractions, e.g. addressing the readers through the use of 'you', 'your'
<p>5. What meaning does '...have a whale of a time' (Lines 8-9) convey? Tick the most appropriate answer.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. take some time off</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. waste one's time</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. <i>have a good time</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. make unwise use of one's time</p>	<p>ATM 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work out the meaning of the idiomatic expression 'have a whale of a time' by using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> semantic clues, e.g. 'have an unforgettable experience' (Line 9) in the context of a brochure presents an invitation to spend time in Underwater World and conveys the positive idea that it refers to a pleasant experience syntactic clues, e.g. the use of the repeating structure 'have...' in 'So come and have a whale of a time with us and have an unforgettable experience.' (Lines 8 & 9) suggests that 'a whale of a time' is close in meaning to 'an unforgettable experience', implying that 'have a whale of a time' refers to something pleasant like 'have a good time'

Text 1

Underwater World

Come with us on a trip to the bottom of the sea and you'll find loads of fun awaiting you!!! Here, you can see fish of all shapes, colours and sizes. You can see sharks swimming above you as you walk through an 83-metre glass tunnel. You can also see other marine life such as seaweed, algae and coral which live in the sea. But that's not all! Experienced divers can go scuba-diving with the sharks and the whales, or if you prefer, you can go swimming with the pink dolphins. But book early as these attractions are very popular!

Underwater World is on Sentosa Island. Opening hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. So come and have a whale of a time with us and have an unforgettable experience. And remember to visit our gift shop with its selection of books, postcards and souvenirs.

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Text 2

Singapore Zoo

What better way to have fun and learn about wildlife at the same time than to spend a whole day at the zoo meeting some of our 2,700 animals! Learn about the 216 different species of animals at the zoo. None of the animals are kept in small cages. Instead, all our animals are in very large enclosures so that they have a lot of room to move freely. In these enclosures the plants and vegetation are similar to the vegetation the animals find in the wild. You can see the dangerous animals, such as lions and tigers, through glass. But many other animals move freely with our visitors. Our many attractions include animal rides, elephant shows, having your photo taken with a snake, and seeing the animals having their lunch.

If you get tired of walking through the 28 hectares, you can take a tram ride to see the animals go about their daily business, or relax in one of our many restaurants. And you can remember your day at the zoo by taking home some gifts from our wonderful gift shop. We're open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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Text 3

Night Safari Park

Welcome to Singapore's Night Safari Park where you are sure to have some nocturnal fun! Did you know that many animals are most active at night? That is why we have built a park where you can come to see wild animals at night. It's the first and biggest of its kind in the world. All together we have more than 1,000 animals in this park. We have 100 different types of animals, that is 100 different species of animals, in 3 separate parts of the park.

We will take you on a 3.2 km tram ride through grasslands and tropical forest. In each area as the tram passes, you can see different animals, such as lions on the grasslands and monkeys in the tropical rainforests. You can also walk along one of our 3 walking trails through the park and meet some of them. So bring the whole family on any day of the year. We are open 365 days in the year from 7:30 p.m. till 12 midnight. And before you leave, have a midnight snack and a hot drink in our café and don't forget to buy a small gift from our extensive gift shop to remind you of your visit.

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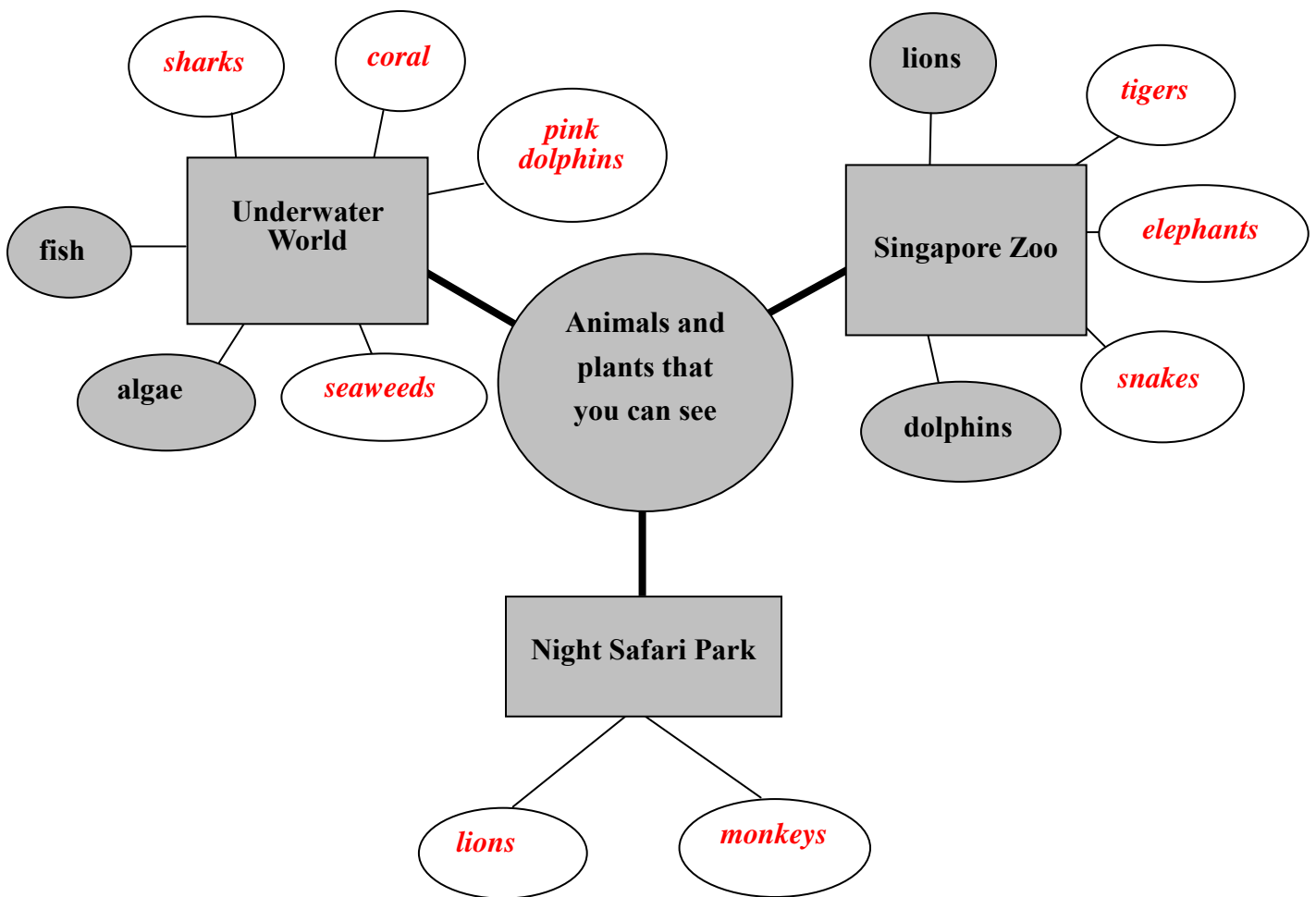
Mind maps for Q.1

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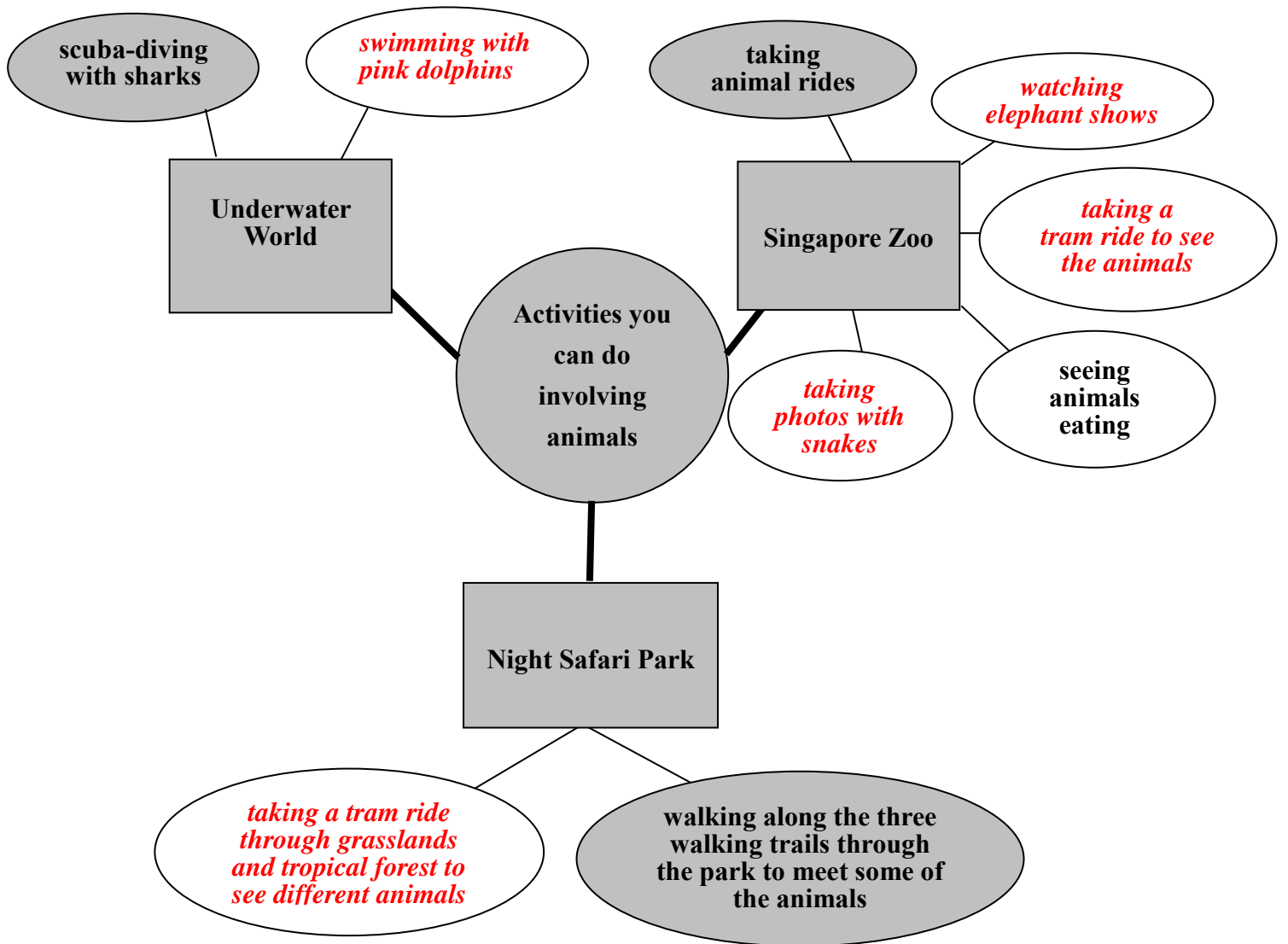
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 - animals and plants that you can see
 - activities that you can do involving animals
- b) draw a mind map for each of the following areas of information:
 - daily opening hours
 - facilities

a)

Animals and plants that you can see

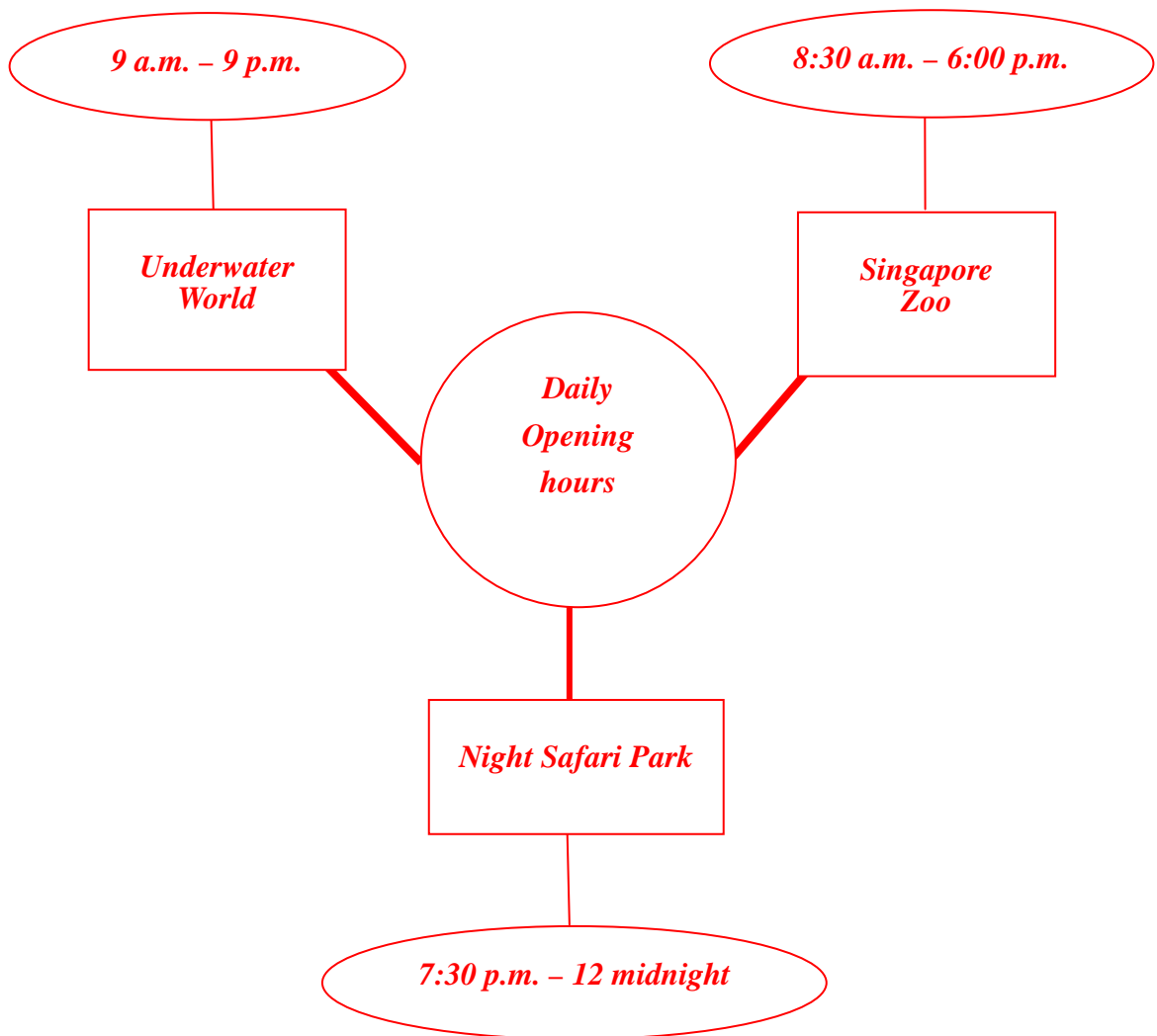


Activities that you can do involving animals



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Daily opening hours



Facilities

