

BRIGHTPENCIL KIDS

Animal Reading Comprehension

Grade 2 | Ages 7-8 | English

This pack helps learners practise

Original short nonfiction passages with vocabulary and mixed comprehension questions.

Print-friendly | Original learning content | Adult-guided

1. Keep it short

Use one or two activity pages at a time. Younger learners benefit from short, positive sessions.

2. Read the directions

An adult can read instructions aloud and model the first example when helpful.

3. Encourage thinking

Ask the learner to explain a choice, count aloud, sound out a word, or describe what they notice.

4. Revisit later

Repeat a page after a few days if the skill is still developing. Progress matters more than speed.

Name field

Write the learner name only on your printed copy if you wish. The public website does not need a child account to use this resource.

River otters are strong swimmers. Their thick fur helps keep them warm, and they use sensitive whiskers to notice movement in the water.

What is the main idea?

Write one fact from the passage.

Choose one useful vocabulary word and explain it.

What question would you ask about this animal?

Many owls hunt at night. Their soft-edged feathers help them fly quietly, while large eyes and sharp hearing help them find prey.

What is the main idea?

Write one fact from the passage.

Choose one useful vocabulary word and explain it.

What question would you ask about this animal?

Elephants live in family groups. They use trunks to smell, breathe, drink, lift objects and communicate through touch.

What is the main idea?

Write one fact from the passage.

Choose one useful vocabulary word and explain it.

What question would you ask about this animal?

Honeybees visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen. As they move between flowers, they can also help plants reproduce through pollination.

What is the main idea?

Write one fact from the passage.

Choose one useful vocabulary word and explain it.

What question would you ask about this animal?

Penguins are birds that cannot fly through the air, but their bodies are shaped for powerful swimming. Their wings work like flippers.

What is the main idea?

Write one fact from the passage.

Choose one useful vocabulary word and explain it.

What question would you ask about this animal?

Foxes are adaptable mammals. They use keen hearing and smell to find food and can live in countryside, woodland and some towns.

What is the main idea?

Write one fact from the passage.

Choose one useful vocabulary word and explain it.

What question would you ask about this animal?

What felt easy?

What would you like to practise again?

Show what you know

Explain one idea from this pack to an adult, or create one new example of your own.

Great work!

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Learner name (optional on your printed copy)



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