

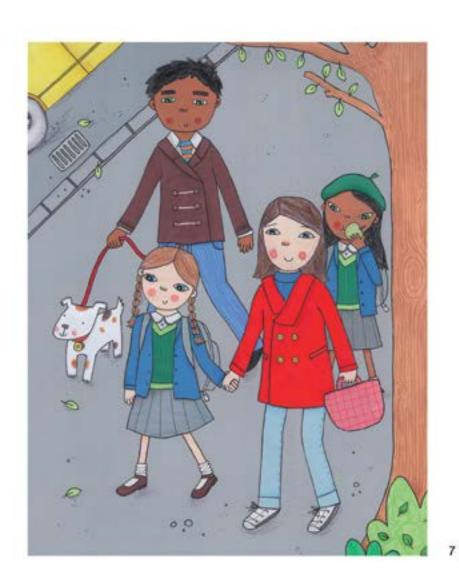
Sunflowers are plants. They need air and water.



Frogs are animals. They need air and water too.

Sample Pages for Ransom Reading Stars | Book Band Red

On Wednesday,
Kim took her pencil
and her coat
to school —
but she forgot her hat.



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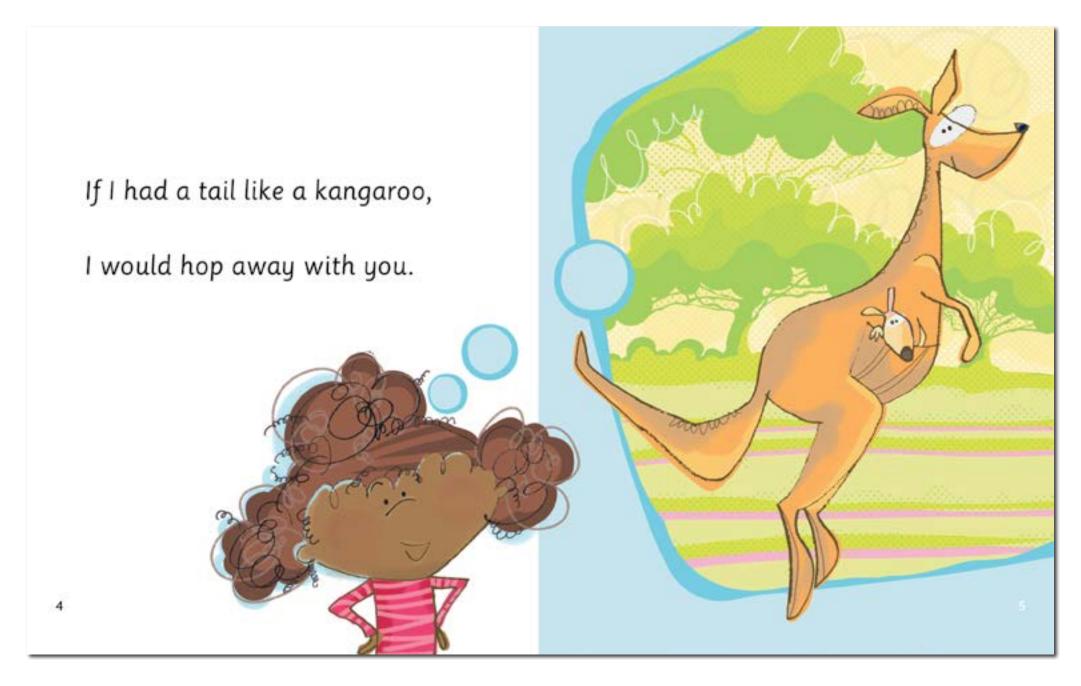
Some pets live in tanks.

Newts and fish live in tanks.





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Where do bats live?

Bats like to live in places such as caves and trees.

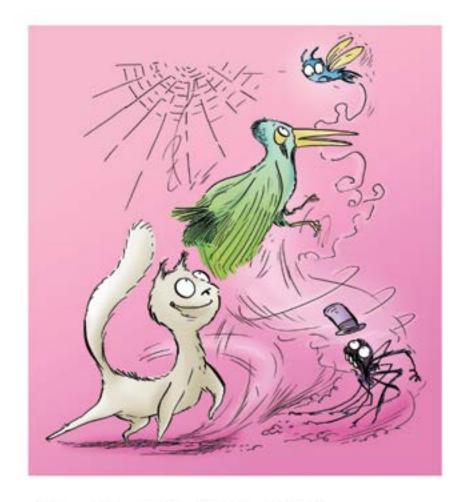
Bats sleep in the daytime. They sleep hanging upside-down. At night they come out to feed.

Some people make bat boxes.





Sample Pages for Ransom Reading Stars | Book Band Orange



She swallowed the spider to eat the fly.
I think I know why she swallowed the fly.
I hope she won't die.



There was a young teacher who swallowed a fox. It caused a few shocks when she swallowed the fox!

She swallowed the fox to eat the cat.

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Sample Pages for Ransom Reading Stars | Book Band Turquoise



All three of them climb the hill. They go down the other side.

But what do they see down by the rocks? "EEEK," squeaks Flora. "SCARY," says Alex. Down by the rocks are SIX CROCODILES WITH SNAPPING TEETH!

Danny starts to cry again. "I can't get my treasure," he sobs.

"Oh yes, you can," says Flora. "You can chase the crocodiles away."

"I can?" says Danny.

"Yes," says Flora. "Be brave."



Meanwhile Daddy Bear had climbed a tree and was picking apples.

He passed them down to Mummy Bear.

She offered one to Baby Bear.

into the air.

Baby Bear took the apple ... and kicked it

Meanwhile Greedylocks sighed contentedly, leant back on Baby Bear's chair and – CRACK, CRASH! – it broke and she fell on her big bottom.



Meanwhile Baby Bear was on Daddy Bear's shoulders, as he and Mummy Bear walked home.

Whales with teeth

Some whales have sharp teeth.

They eat fish and other sea creatures.

Here are some of them:

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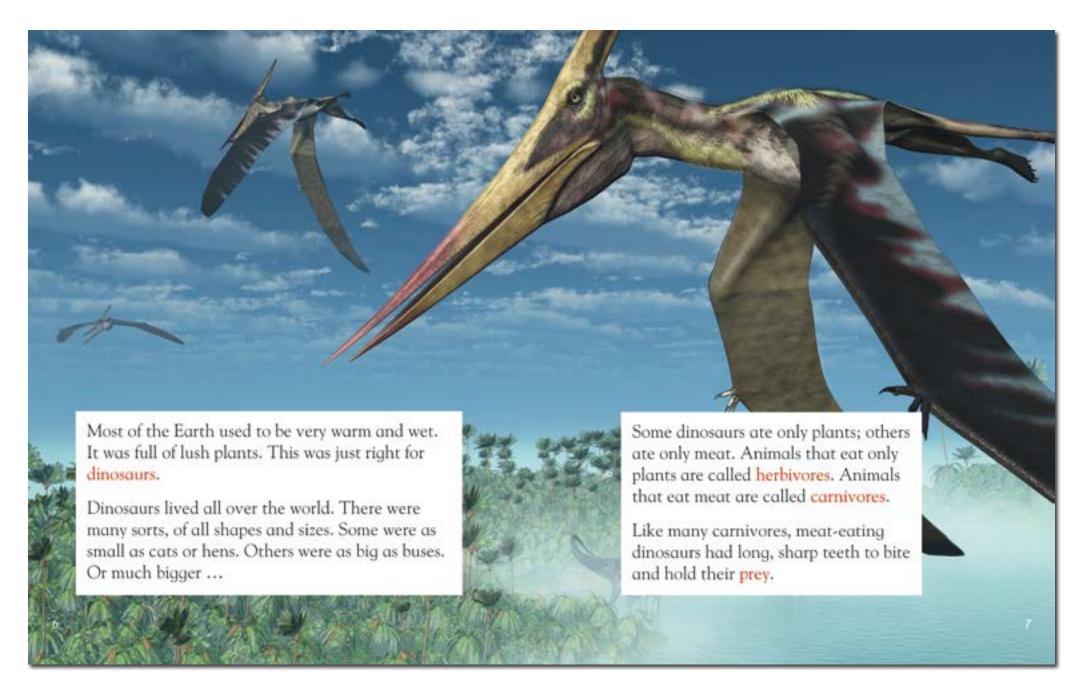
The fiercest whale is the killer whale. It is also called an orca.

Killer whales eat fish, seals, squid, penguins and dolphins. They even kill the calves of other kinds of whales.

In the wild, killer whales are very fierce, but some are kept in a sea life centre. They can become very friendly with humans. Sometimes they learn to perform tricks.



Sample Pages for Ransom Reading Stars | Book Band White



Sample Pages for Ransom Reading Stars | Book Band Lime

Grace's Dad laid the two dead children side-by-side on the rocks next to the Reverend Robb and said a prayer over their dead bodies. Then he picked Mrs Dawson up and carried her to the boat.

"My children! my children!" Mrs Dawson cried repeatedly.

John Tullock, one of the crew, climbed into the boat beside her. Another crew member, John Nicholson, helped an injured man into the boat. Mrs Dawson suddenly leapt to her feet and tried to scrabble back to her children. John Tullock wrapped his arm around her until she stopped struggling and started to cry.



Grace took up the oars, ready to start rowing. She knew it would be hard work with the extra passengers.

"Let me, lass," John Nicholson said, taking the oars from her.

Grace heaved a sigh of relief.

The men rowed back the same route they had come. As they rowed, the full force of the storm hit them. Wind and rain pummelled the small boat mercilessly. It took all their efforts to battle against the vicious attack.



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