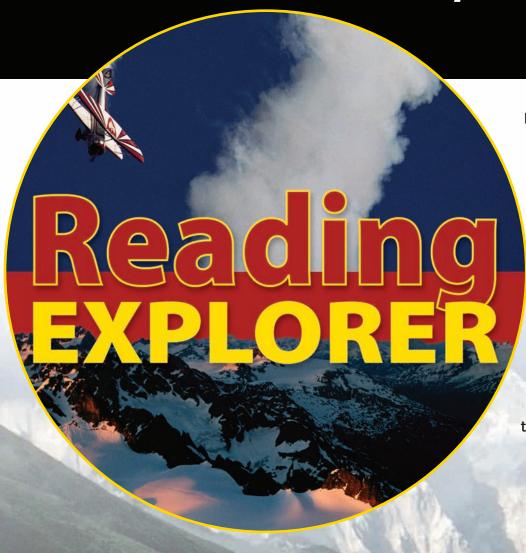


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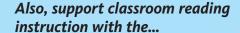
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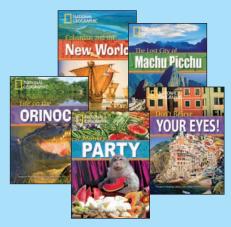
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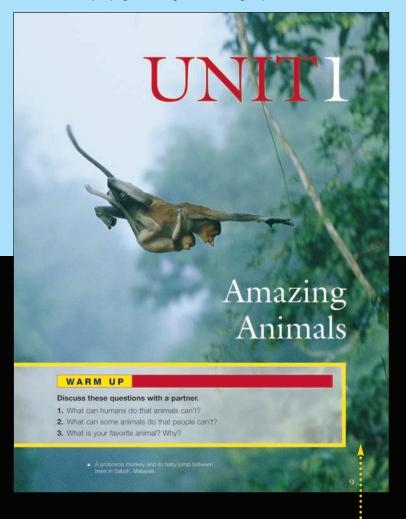
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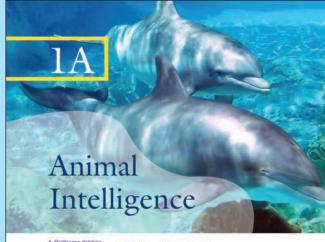
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Before You Read

A. Dolphin Quiz. Read the sentences and circle true (T) or

false (F). Then check your answers on page 18.

Fast Facts: The Bottlenose Dolphin 1. Dolphins are mammals (like cats, horses,

and people), not fish. A dolphin's brain is bigger than a human's.
 Dolphins communicate with each other

using clicking and whistling sounds. 4. As adults, dolphins live by themselves B. Skim for the Main Idea. On the next page, look at the title,

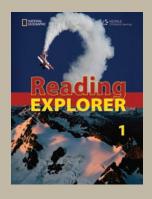
subtitles, photos, and captions. What is this reading

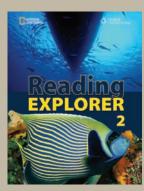
a. types of dolphins b. things dolphins do c. what dolphins eat

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Reading Comprehension

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The Incredible Dolphin

Many people say dolphins are very intelligent. They seem to be able to think, understand, and learn things quickly. But are they smart like humans or more like cats or dogs? Dolphins use their brains differently from people. But scientists say dolphin intelligence and human intelligence are alike in some ways. How?

FACT 1: Talk to Me

Like humans, every dolphin has its own "name." The name is a special whistle. Each dolphin chooses a specific whistle for itself, usually by its first birthday. Actually, scientists think dolphins, like people, "talk" to each other about a lot of things, such as their age, their feelings, or finding food. And, like humans, dolphins use a system of sounds and body language to communicate. But understanding their conversations is not easy for humans. No one "speaks dolphin" yet, but some scientists are trying to learn.

FACT 2: Let's Play

Dolphins are also social animals. They live in groups called pods, and they often join others from different pods to play games and have fun—just like people. In fact, playing together is something only intelligent animals do.

FACT 3: Fishermen's Helpers

Dolphins and humans are similar in another way: both make plans to get something they want. In the seas of southern plais to get sometiming trey want. In the seas of southern Brazil, for example, dolphins use an interesting strategy to get food. When fish are near a boat, dolphins signal¹ to the fishermen to put their nets in the water. Using this method, the men can catch a lot of fish. What is the advantage for the dolphins? Why do they assist the men? The dolphins get to cat some of the fish.

* If you signal to someone, you make a gesture or sound to tell them something.

Reading passages introduce a variety of text types, develop visual literacy, and incorporate graphic organizers, to help learners become better readers in English.

A second reading passage in each unit expands learners' knowledge of the topic and builds vocabulary.



A. An Elephant Bar

Before You

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B. Predict. Which o your answer(s). The your idea(s).

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Vocabulary Practice activities present and reinforce highfrequency vocabulary items.

ding Comprehension

e choice. Choose the best answer for each question.

the main idea of the reading? ins are very intelligent animals. are many different types of dolphins. dolphins are more intelligent than humans. nins are humans' favorite animals

entence about dolphin language is true? phin gets its name from its mother. nins use language to talk about many things. nins whistle, but they don't use body language. nin conversation is easy to understand.

dolphins sometimes help fishermen? ins are kind animals. e dolphins can get food lolphins know the men are hungry. shermen ask the dolphins for help.

9, others means other b. people c. dolphins d. games

entence The dolphins get to eat some of the fish. what does get to mean? ble to b. have to c. should d. want to

cation. How are dolphins and humans different? they the same? Write the answers (a-h) agram.

Dolphins

Answer choices

- a. play games in groups b. have their own names
- c. use spoken words to communicate
- d. plan ways to do something
- e. catch fish for food f. communicate their feelings
- g. choose their own names
- h. use sounds and body language to talk

Vocabulary Practice

A. Orangutans. Complete the paragraph with the words from the box. One word is extra.

conversation

intelligent

The orangutan is known for its red hair and long arms. But did you know that the orangutan is also a very

1. _____ animal? For example, orangutans to stay dry when it rains: they take leaves from the trees and use them like an umbrella! These animals don't have a complex1 language _ like humans do. But today, some orangutans are learning basic sign language. Maybe, in the future, we will be able to have a simple 4. with them.

B. Smart Chimp. Match each word in red with a definition.

In some ways, animal and human intelligence are alike. But just how smart are some animals? Scientists in Japan wanted to study memory in humans and chimps. They used this method: they showed a group of college students and five-year-old chimps the numbers 1 to 9 in different places on a computer screen, but only for a short while. The test was to remember the specific position of the numbers in the correct order. Every time, the chimps were faster than the students. Why? Did someone assist the chimps? No, but the animals probably had an important advantage: they're young. As both humans and animals get older, memory gets worse. The chimps also had another advantage: humans seem to use more of their brain for language and less for memory.

- 1. a way of doing something:
- 2. help: 3. similar:
- 4. something that helps you succeed:
- 5. exact:
- 6. intelligent:

Word Link The suffixes -ance and -ence at the end of a word indicate that it is a noun. For example, assistance is the noun form of assist, and means helping someone.

Did You Know?

Today, many trees in Sumatra and Borneo are being cut down, and orangutans are in danger of dying out completely. ▼

Animal Intelligence 13

Vocabulary Builder boxes highlight common

collocations, affixes, and usage to develop learner independence.





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ake music? Some people might say "no," but shoto are musicians. Each elephant uses its trunk struments like the drum, or the xylophone.

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Musical Elephants

In the town of Lampang in northern Thailand, there is an unusual1 group of musicians. They play many different kinds of music—everything from traditional Thai songs to music by Beethoven. Both children and adults love this group. What makes them so popular? Is it their music? Their looks?² Yes, it's both of these things, but it's also something else: they're elephants.

These musical elephants started at the Thai Elephant Conservation Center (TECC) in Lampang. The TECC protects elephants. It teaches people to understand and care for these huge, but gentle, animals And, like many zoos around the world, the TECC encourages elephants to paint.

Richard Lair works with the TECC. He knows a lot about elephants. He says some of the animals' paintings are very good. But, in fact, elephants hear better than they see. And so he had an idea: if elephants are intelligent and they have good hearing, maybe they can play music. To test his idea, Lair and a friend started the Thai Elephant Orchestra.³ During a performance, the elephants play a variety of instruments, including the drums and the xylophone. The animals also use their voices and trunks to make sounds.

But can elephants really make music properly? Yes, says Lair. They're very creative. Humans encourage the animals to play, but the elephants make their own songs; they don't just copy their trainers or other people. There are now CDs of the group's music, which earn money for the TECC. And the music these artists create is pretty amazing.

If something is unusual, it does not happen very often or you do not see it or hear it v
 When you refer to someone's books, you are referring to now beautiful or ugly they are
 An orchestra is a large group of musicians who play a variety of instruments together.

Maps, captions, charts and graphs develop learners' Did You Know? visual literacy and ability to thousands of people watch elephants dance read information effectively. Surin Elephant Round-Up





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Reading Comprehension

A. Multiple choice. Choose the best answer for each question.

Gist 1. Another title for this reading could be _ Teaching Elephants to Paint

- b. Elephants in Danger
- TECC Trainers
- d. An Unusual Orchestra

Detail 2. The elephants at the TECC

- a. see better than they hear
 - b. are able to paint
- c. copy humans to play music d. make their own instuments

Detail 3. Why did Richard Lair start the Thai Elephant Orchestra?

- a. He had heard the elephants playing music.
- b. He needed to make money for the TECC.c. He believed elephants could play music.
- d. He wanted to be on TV in Thailand.
- Vocabulary 4. In line 25, what does a variety of mean? a. the same kind of b. many different c. two types of d. too many

- Paraphrase 5. Read the last sentence in the passage again. What does it mean?
 - a. The elephants play great music.
 - b. Human artists now play with the elephants.c. The elephants are very beautiful.

 - d. Human musicians want to copy the elephants' songs.

B. Matching. What is the main idea of each paragraph in the reading? Match a heading (a-e) with the correct paragraph (1-4). One heading is extra.

Paragraph

Heading

- a. One man's idea: The Elephant Orchestra
 b. An unusual group of musicians
- 3.
 - c. Why do animals like music? d. The elephants really can play music!
 - e. The work of the TECC



Vocabulary Practice

A. Elephant Art. Complete the paragraph with the words from the box. One word is extra.

artists creative

encourage popular

Many elephants can paint. In fact, elephants in zoos sometimes draw on the ground with a stick. Seeing this, some ___ show elephants how to hold elephant 1.____a paintbrush, and 2.____ the elephants to choose colors and paint. Of course, not every painting is good. Just like humans, only some elephants are very
3._____. Now, an online gallery sells . By doing money to

B. Words in Context. Read each sentence or question and choose

1. A gentle person hurt an animal. a. wouldn't b. would

2. A huge animal is very a. large b. small

3. If something is popular, ___ people like it. b. very few a. a lot of

4. If you do something properly, you do it _ b. correctly

5. Which is an example of a musical performance?

a. an orchestra playing music by Mozart b. a teacher explaining how to read music

Word Link We can add -ist to words to form nouns. These nouns often describe jobs, for example, artist and scientist.

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are treated well by farmers.

Before you read page 10: 1, T_1 2, T_2 3, T_3 4, F. Most bottlenose dolphins live in groups, called pads,

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