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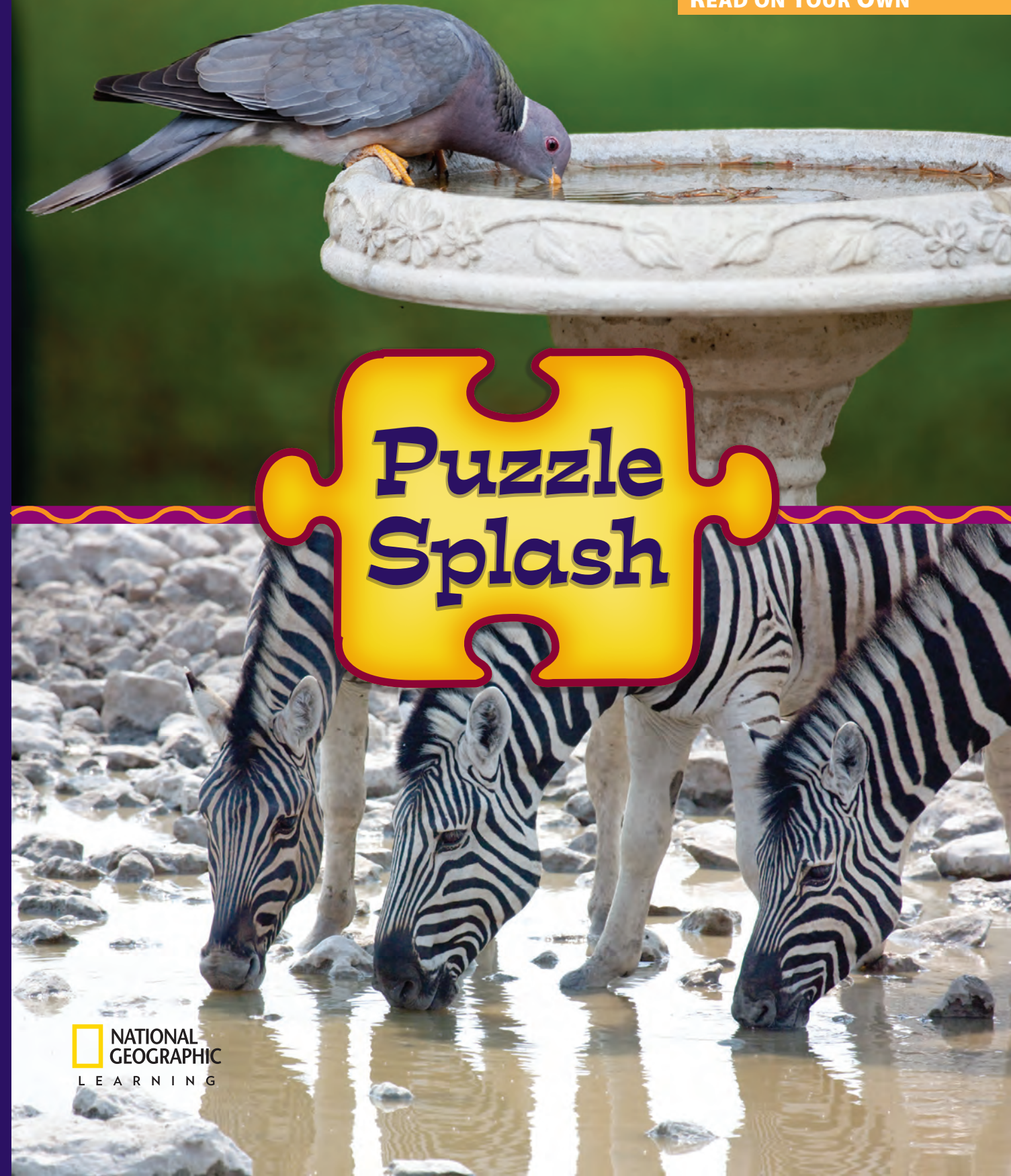
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New High Frequency
Words

after
away
before
carry
does
give
put
through

Target Sound/Spellings

Long i

**Selection:
Crow and
the Pitcher**

admires
bite(s)
dives
fine
glides
inside
life
rises
side
smiles
strikes
sunshine
swipes
time
while
wide

Long o

**Selection:
Water Quiz:
True or False?**

close
go
home
no
slope
so
suppose
those





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Words with Long i

Look at each picture. Read the words.

Example:



dime



bedtime



sunshine

kite

bike

slide

High Frequency Words

after
away
before
carry
does
give
put
through

Key Words

Look at the pictures. Read the sentences.



Water for Pets

1. My pet **does** not have water.
2. So I **carry** a jug to the tap.
3. **After** I **put** water in the bowl, I walk **away**.
4. Outside, I walk **through** my gate and see a lot of pets.
5. I **give** water to all the pets.
6. **Before** long, there is no water left!

Why does she give water to all the pets?

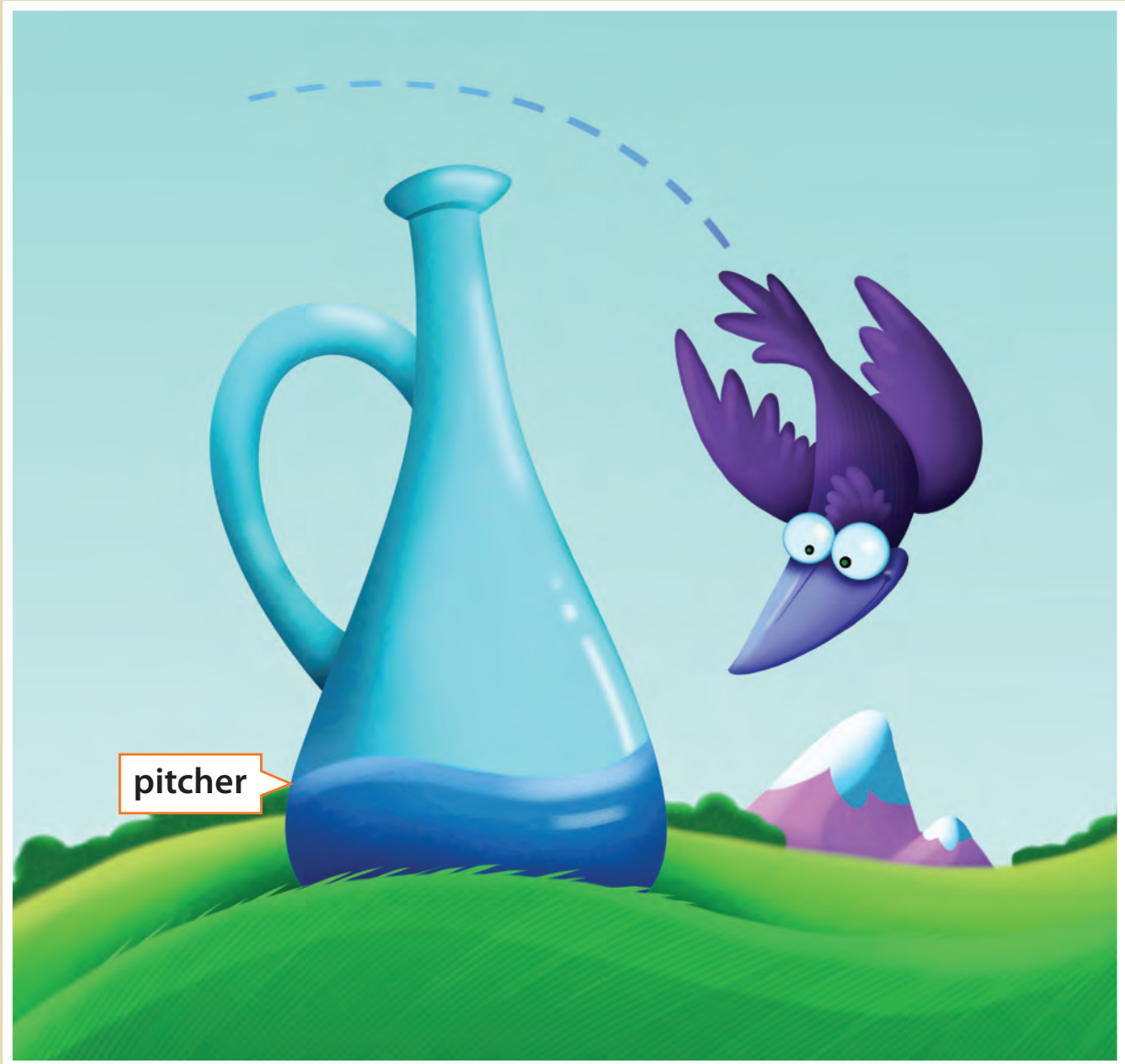


Crow and the Pitcher

by Rowan Obach
illustrated by Peter Grosshauser



Crow glides through the hills. He has not had water in a long time. He must have water!



Then Crow spots a pitcher and dives down to check. It has a bit of water inside.



The top of this pitcher is not wide. Crow can stick his bill in, but he can't get the water.



Crow strikes the pitcher to make it tip over. He swipes at it and tugs it. But he cannot get it to tip on its side. It is too big.



Crow stops to think. Can he bite the pitcher
and crack it? He bites with his bill.
The pitcher is too strong. It will not crack.



Crow does not quit. He must get a drink.
After a while, he spots some stones.



Crow can carry a stone in his bill. He brings a stone to the pitcher and drops it in.



Crow gets one more stone and drops it in.
Then he gets one more. Time after time, Crow
drops in stones.



Before long, the water in the pitcher rises. It rises up and up. Crow stops and admires his trick.



At last, he can put his bill in the pitcher and get a big drink. The water gives him a good feeling. He smiles.



Crow glides away in the sunshine. He has gotten a fine lesson in life:

Little by little does the trick. ❖

Words with Long i

Read these words.

dive sunshine hide glide
grass invite wish pond

Find the words with long i.
Use letters to build them.

d i v e

Talk Together

Choose words from the box to tell your partner what the duck can do.

The duck can dive
in the pond.



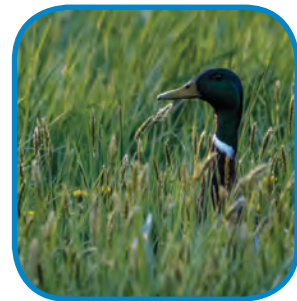
1.



2.



3.





Words with Long o

Look at each picture. Read the words.

Example:



go



yo-yo



rope



home



globe



flagpole

Practice High Frequency Words

High Frequency Words

after

away

before

carry

does

give

put

through

Key Words

Look at the pictures. Answer the questions.



Which One?

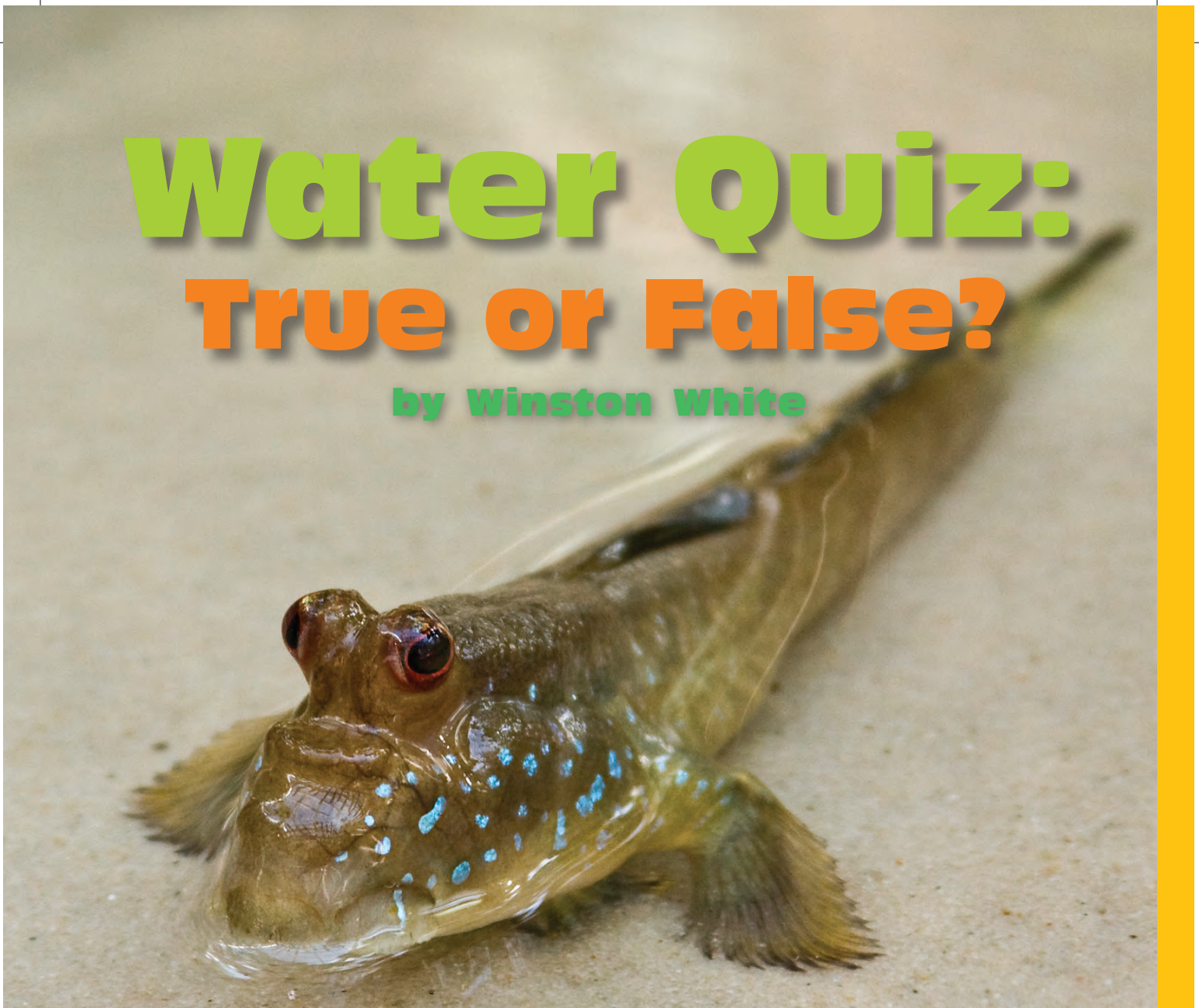
1. Which one can take long trips **through** hot sand?
2. Which one can **give** a tug and **put** its legs in water?
3. Which one can **carry away** things on its back?
4. **Before** a trip, which one will swim?
5. **After** a long trip, which one will drink water?
6. Which one **does** not have a hump?



Which one helps people?

Water Quiz: True or False?

by Winston White

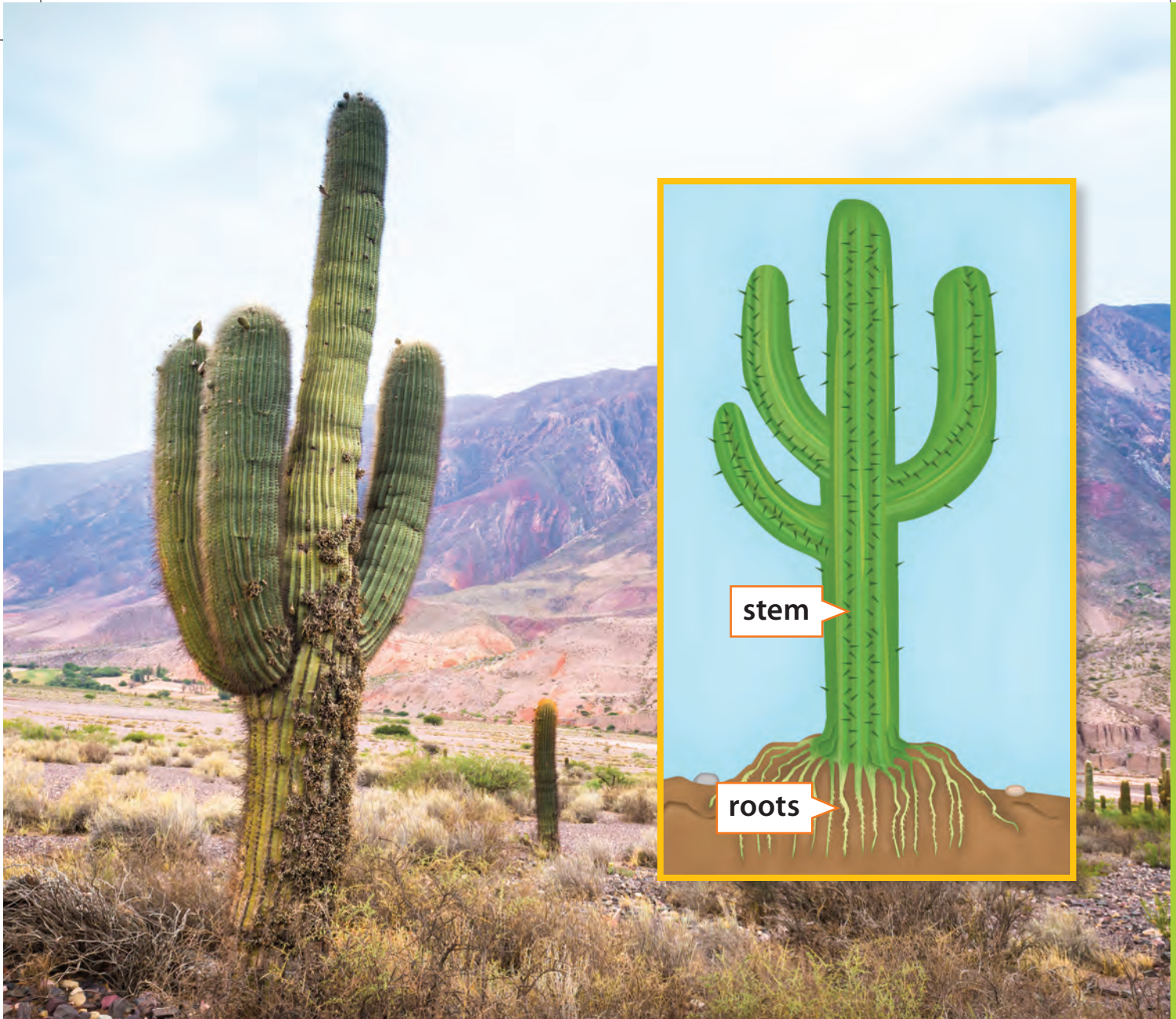


How well do you suppose you know water plants and animals? Very well?

Before you say *yes* or *no*, stop! I propose a quiz. After you take it, you can say *yes* or *no*.



True or false? A cactus saves water inside.



True A cactus lives in a spot with a bit of water close by. It puts its roots into the sand to get to this water.

A cactus saves water in its stem. This stem has a wax-like skin that will not let water out.



True or false? A camel saves water in its hump.



False

A camel does not save water in its hump. But it can go for a long time without water. It can carry fat in its hump. It uses this fat when it cannot get a thing to eat.



True or false? Some insects can walk on water.



True

This insect can walk on water. Hairs on those long legs trap air. The air gives the insect the skill to skip on top of its watery home.



True or false? This fish can walk on land.



True This fish *can* walk on land! It uses fins on its strong chest to drag itself up a slope. On land, this fish gets air through its gills and skin.



True or false? Plants in a lake are stuck on the bottom of the lake.



False Some lake plants rest on top with roots that hang down. Some are pests that choke up a lake, and this is bad for lake plants and animals.

So, how well did you do on this quiz? ❖

Words with Long o

Read these words.

plant doze poke stone trombone
yo-yo shade sun go suppose

Find the words with long **o**.
Use letters to build them.

p o k e

Talk Together

Choose words from the box to tell your partner about the camel.



It will go under the shade.

1.



2.



3.



What Is It?

Look at the pictures with a partner. Take turns reading the clues. They will give you hints.

- 1** It does not live close to water.
It lives away from water.

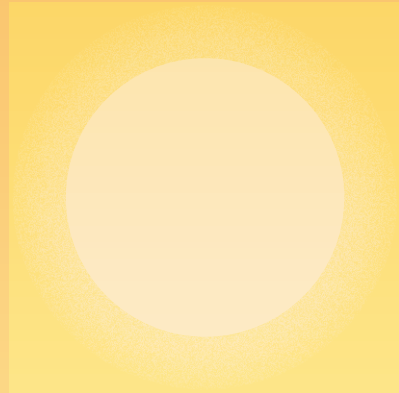


- 2** It has a wide stem that traps water inside.



- 3** This stem has a hole.
The hole is a home!





4 Do not get too close! It has spines that can poke through skin or put holes in fabric.



5 You can admire its buds.



6 So, after reading those hints, what do you suppose it is?



Answer: It is a cactus!

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