

Unit 3

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Reader's Notebook: Food Chains

Questions for Food Chains

Write your responses to the questions below.

Grasslands:

1 Here are my questions:

Answers will vary.

2 What are the three grassland habitats called?

North America, African Plains, Australian Outback.

3 How are the food chains similar in each habitat?

All start with plants, then add bigger and bigger animals.

4 What pictures help you understand the food chains?

The one that shows best all links in the food chain is the drawing of the sun-grass-prairie dog-hawk.

5 What details made the reading interesting?

Interesting details include field mice make tunnels, definition of predator, prairie dogs eat grass around their homes to see attackers approaching, names of animals in African Plains and Outback, and a falcon diving from the sky.

Woodlands:

1 Here are my questions:

Answers will vary.

2 What three kinds of living things are included in the headings?

Woodland insects, bats, birds.

3 What do different predators do so they can catch food?

Woodpeckers make holes to catch bugs, spiders spin webs, caterpillars feed on leaves, bats roost in tree holes and come out at night, pull bugs from wood.

4 What details made the reading more interesting?

Woodpecker tongues, poisonous spiders, moths avoid bats, hooked beaks.

5 How does the photo of the tree help you understand what it is?

Viewers can see the number of rings, which shows the age of the tree, as well as the width of each ring that indicates the type of growing season it was that year.

Desert:

1 Here are my questions:

Answers will vary.

2 What do plants and animals do so they can survive without much rain?

Small plants remain seeds in the dry season; animals eat plants with succulent leaves that store water when dry.

3 What is special about desert plants that make them extra good for the desert animals that eat them?

Desert plants that store water provide the basis of many desert food chains: insects eat plants and then are eaten by lizards, birds, and scorpions.

4 How do the photos help you understand what is written?

Can see the spines on the cactus, locusts eating leaves, beak of tern.