

Wonders

Unit 4, week 2

"Animals Together"

This week's Essential Question: How do animals help each other?

This week's vocabulary words:

behavior, beneficial, dominant,
endangered, instinct, danger, partner

Spelling Words

me

we

feed

keep

seat

beak



Sight Words

because

blue

into

or

other

small

*comprehension skill: use the text to find the main idea and important details

*comprehension strategy: good readers ask themselves questions about the text to help them understand the information as they read

Animal Teams

Can a small bird help a big giraffe? Can a shrimp help a fish? Yes, they can! These may seem like odd friends. But many animals work together in teams. These animals help each other in lots of ways. Let's find out how.

Some birds live off the backs of big animals. Why do the animals let the birds stay? The birds help. They eat bugs off the animals' skin. The big animals help the birds, too. They keep the birds safe. And it is a good deal for them because they have lots of sweet bugs to eat!

The goby fish and the blind shrimp make a good team. The shrimp can't see, so the goby helps. The goby looks out for danger, and the shrimp stays close. When the goby flicks its tail, it means that it is time to hide. The shrimp helps the goby, too. It will go into a hole to hide. It lets the goby hide here, too. The shrimp and the goby hide until it is safe to go out.

Zebras and wildebeests live on the hot plains. They both like to eat grass all day. These animals are seen together a lot. Why? They stay together because they can help each other find fresh grass to eat. They also help each other keep safe. If a zebra or a wildebeest spots danger, it runs. This tells the rest to run, too.

Many fish want to eat the little clown fish. It needs a safe home. So it lives in a sea anemone. The clown fish is safe because most fish stay away. Why? The sea anemone stings! But the clown fish can not feel its sting. The clown fish helps its partner, too. It swims in and out, in and out. It chases away big fish that could hurt its pal.

A caterpillar needs to be safe so that it can grow. Who will help? Ants will! Ants see the caterpillar and take it to a safe place. Why do ants do this?

The caterpillar has a sweet liquid on its skin. The ants like the taste. Soon the caterpillar will be a pretty blue butterfly.

When a little cleaner fish wants to eat, it looks for bigger fish to clean. Why? Its gets a free meal when it cleans. A cleaner fish eats the pests off of other fish. The big fish want to be cleaned! They line up and wait for the cleaner fish to get to them.

One is big, and one is small. But the two are a team. When animals team up, they do what is best for both of them.

FAST & FLUENT

SPELLING WORDS

- 1 Will you walk with me?
- 2 We are going on a trip.
- 3 He will keep the money.
- 4 She can feed the kitten.
- 5 The bird has a big beak.
- 6 Sit down in your seat.
- 7 I want to play inside.
- 8 Will it rain today?
- 9 Smile because you are happy.
- 10 Where is the other dog?

me
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	1st try	2nd try	3rd try
Mon.	:	:	:
Tues.	:	:	:
Wed.	:	:	:
Thur.	:	:	:

