

# Wonders

## Unit 4, week 5

"Working With Animals"

This week's Essential Question: How do people work with animals?

This week's vocabulary words:

advice, career, remarkable, soothe,  
trust, clever, signal

### Spelling Words

key

bumpy

puppy

funny

penny

sandy



### Sight Words

found

hard

near

woman

would

write

#### **\*comprehension skill:**

Understand the order of information in a nonfiction selection, or the sequence of events

#### **\*comprehension strategy:**

**visualize**—good readers use words and illustrations to **visualize**, or make pictures in their minds...this helps them to understand the text

## Koko and Penny

Koko was a gorilla. A woman named Penny Patterson wanted to see what Koko could do. Penny found baby Koko at a zoo in 1972. Koko was a year old. Koko jumped into Penny's arms and pulled her near. Penny liked Koko. She wanted to study her.

Penny wanted to teach Koko words. She showed her hand signs and signals. At first, Koko mostly asked for things she wanted. She would say words like "cookie" a lot! But soon Koko could say more. She learned over 1,000 words! When she was happy, Koko would smile. When she was sad, she pointed to her eyes. This meant, "cry." Koko was really clever!

Then Penny wanted to teach Koko how to do more things. She showed her how to use a pencil and paper. Koko worked hard. She even tried to write her name! When Koko was 12, she would sign the word "cat" a lot. So Penny gave her a kitten. Koko was really kind to her kitty. She named him All Ball. She had many more pets and was always kind to all of them.

Koko had lots of projects. She was always busy. One of Koko's hobbies was painting. Koko painted many things. Koko liked to name her paintings. She named two paintings "Bird" and "Love." Koko and Penny worked and played together for a long time! Koko and Penny were quite a team.

# FAST & FLUENT

- 1 She lost the key to the door.
- 2 Why is the road bumpy?
- 3 We have a new puppy.
- 4 The clown was very funny.
- 5 We found a penny on the road.
- 6 The beach is a sandy place.
- 7 My first name is Sally.
- 8 I look for stars at night.
- 9 We need to wash our hands.
- 10 Could you help me?

## SPELLING WORDS

key  
bumpy  
puppy  
funny  
penny  
sandy  
my  
night  
wash  
could

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

