Fur, Fins, and Feathers: **Animal Classification**

Pausing Point Activity Pages

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Text Feature Project Hunt

- 1. Divide a piece of paper or file folder into eight equal squares.
- 2. Look through the books in the bin and complete the task for each text feature.

 Table of contents: (Definition) Write your own definition for table of contents. Choose one title in the table of contents that you are excited to read. Include the page number. 	 Heading: (Definition) Write your own definition for heading. Choose one heading from your book. Include the page number.
 Bold print words: (Definition) Write your own definition for bold print words. Copy two bold print words. Include the page number. Photo and caption: (Definition of any caption and caption) Find a photo in your Reader of any caption and page number. 	
 Chart: (Definition) Write your own definition for chart. Find a chart in your Reader. Draw the chart and include the page number. 	 Map: (Definition) Write your own definition for map. Find a map in your Reader. Draw the map and include the page number.
 Glossary: (Definition) Write your own definition of a glossary. Choose two words from the glossary. Write each word and the definition. 	 Diagram: (Definition) Write your own definition of diagram. Find one diagram in your Reader. Draw the diagram and include the page number.

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Signal Words

Different types of text structures	Clue words	Sentence in Reader with signal word	Page number in Reader
Time	Before Now Later		
Sequence	First Next Then After Last Finally		
Cause and effect	Because Then If So As a result When		

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Comparing Heights

Which animal is the tallest on the ruler?
Which animal is the shortest on the ruler?
Which animal is closest to your height?
Which animal's height surprised you? Why?
We compared the animals by height. How else can we compare the animals?

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My Animal Centers Checklist

Name:	
Center activity	Date completed
Text features	
Making a poster	
Sequence signal words	
Writing prompts	
Comparing heights	

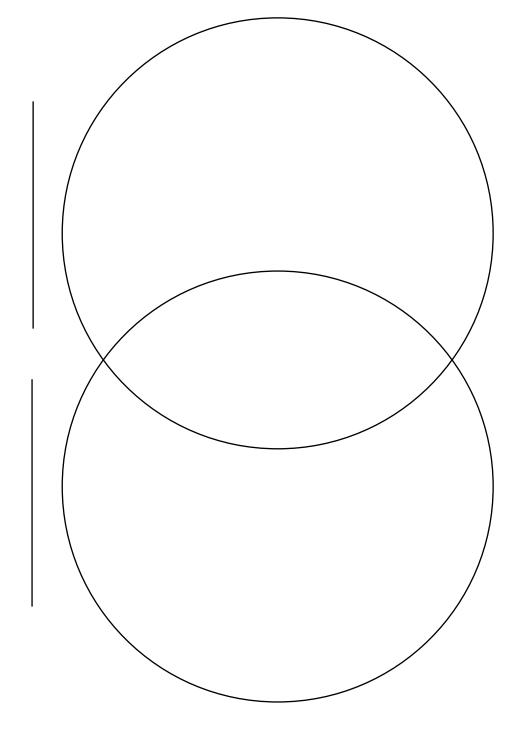
your favorite.				

At which center did you learn the most? Why?				

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Venn Diagram

Write the two vertebrate groups you are comparing and contrasting on the two blanks. In the overlapping part of the diagram, write words and/or phrases that describe how the two things are alike. In the non-overlapping parts of each circle, write words and/or phrases that describe how the two things are different.



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Identify Compound Sentences

For each sentence,

- draw a line to separate the subject and predicate
- mark the subject(s) and predicate(s) by writing the letter S above each subject and the letter P above each predicate
- draw two lines under the conjunction and

Then write "Yes" on the line if the sentence is a compound sentence, or write "No" on the line if the sentence is not a compound sentence.

Exam	S P P ple: John liked the zebra and loved the giraffe in the zooNo
1.	Tigers and lions are very big cats
2.	The elementary school has brilliant mathematicians and also has talented artists
3.	Sarah and Deb went to the library.
4.	My uncle visited Paris, and my nephew went to Venice.

5. Elephants are very intelligent animals, and dolphins are very smart.

6. Buffalo and wolves live in Yellowstone National Park. _____

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1.	My cousin likes baseball and basketball
2.	A jellyfish is her favorite animal, and an otter is his favorite animal.
3.	My sister wants hot cocoa, and my brother wants iced tea.
4.	Jacob likes to go to the movies and eat popcorn.

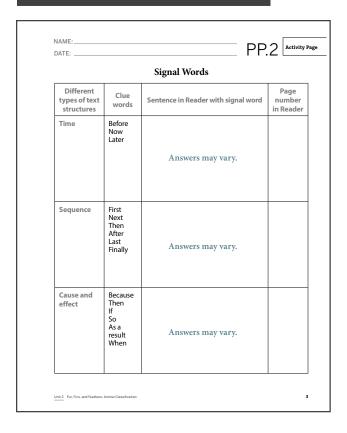
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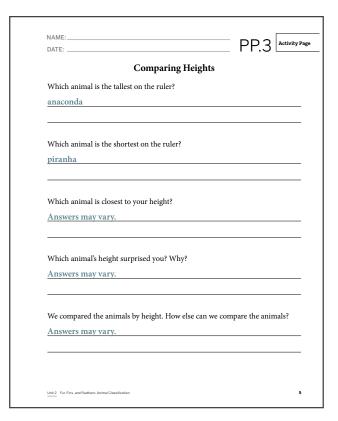
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Answer Key

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Example: John | liked the zebra and loved the giraffe in the zoo. No
S S P

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3.	S P S P My sister wants hot cocoa, and my brother wants iced tea. Yes
4.	S P Jacob likes to go to the movies and eat popcorn. No
5.	My brother likes the rain, and my sister likes the snow. Yes

Challeng	ge
From the sentences you identified as not comp	bound sentences, choose one to
rewrite as a compoud sentence. Answers may vary, but they may inclu	de
My cousin likes baseball, and my mon	
Jacob likes to go to the movies, and Jac	cob likes to
eat popcorn.	

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