

TERRIBLE TRIO: VOCABULARY

Day 1: pages 2-5

Match a word on the left with its correct meaning on the right.

zigzag

an animal that hunts and eats other animals

prey

weak, dizzy, or exhausted

predator

a series of sharp turns from one side to another

frantic

desperate with fear

midair

an animal that is hunted or caught by another animal for food

faint

some point in the air

SYNONYMS

Write each word in the box under its synonym below.

hunter	scared	weak	back-and-forth	food
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prey

predator

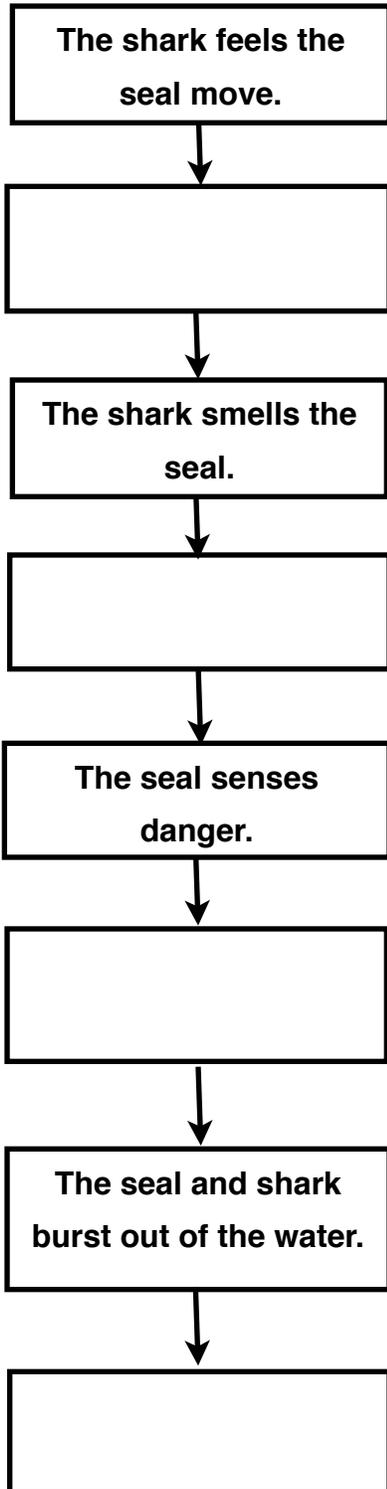
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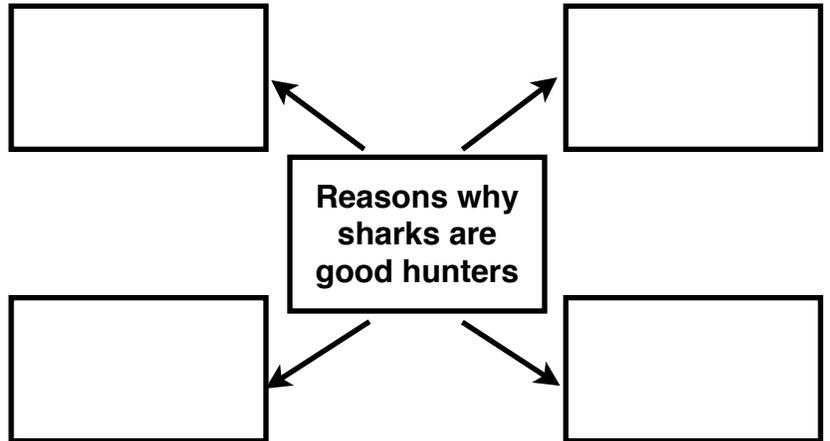
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TERRIBLE TRIO: Organizing Information

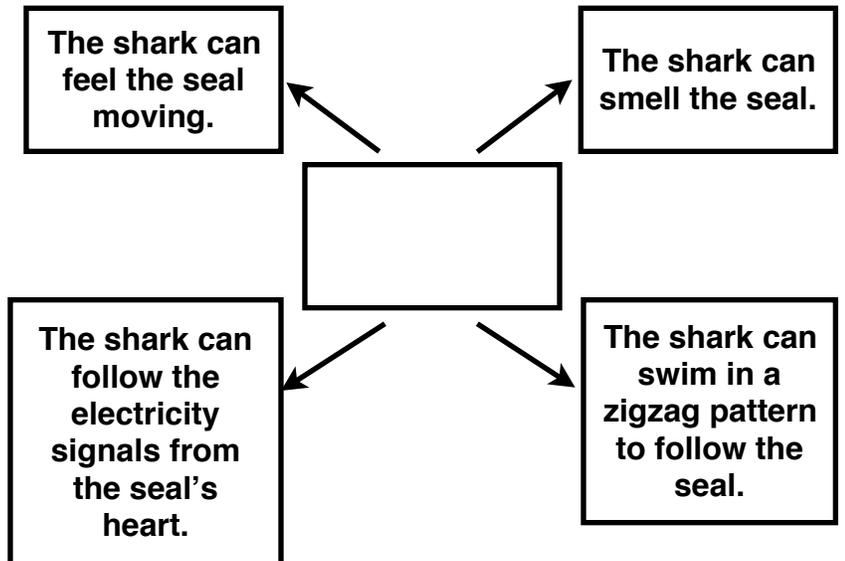
This chart shows the sequence of how a shark chases after a seal. Fill in the missing boxes.



Fill in this missing boxes of this chart that shows how sharks are good hunters.



Look at the outside boxes of this chart. They show details that support a main idea. What is the main idea?



TERRIBLE TRIO: APPLYING

Day 2: pages 6-7

Pretend that you are a newspaper reporter and you just found out about a crocodile attacking a wildebeest. You want to let the world know about this dangerous predator. Plan out your news report by filling out the following information. Write your report on the back.

<p>What happened? (This is your main idea!)</p>
<p>How did it happen? (Write the actual steps that show how the crocodile caught the wildebeest.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.
<p>Who was there? (You can make this up.)</p>
<p>Why did it happen? (Why do crocodiles catch wildebeests?)</p>
<p>When did it happen? (You can make this up.)</p>
<p>Where did it happen? (You can make this up.)</p>

Name _____

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BREAKING NEWS REPORT!

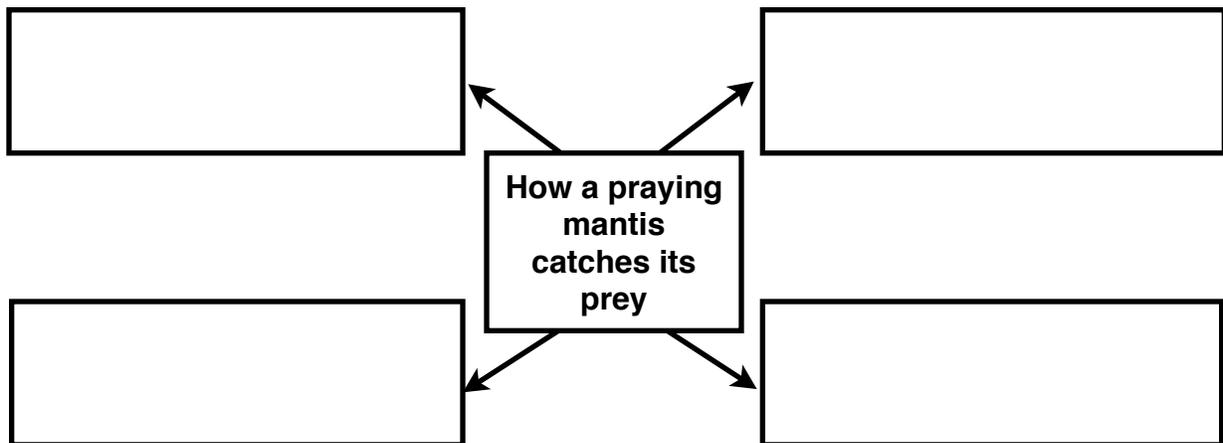
A large rectangular box containing 20 horizontal lines for writing a report.

TERRIBLE TRIO:

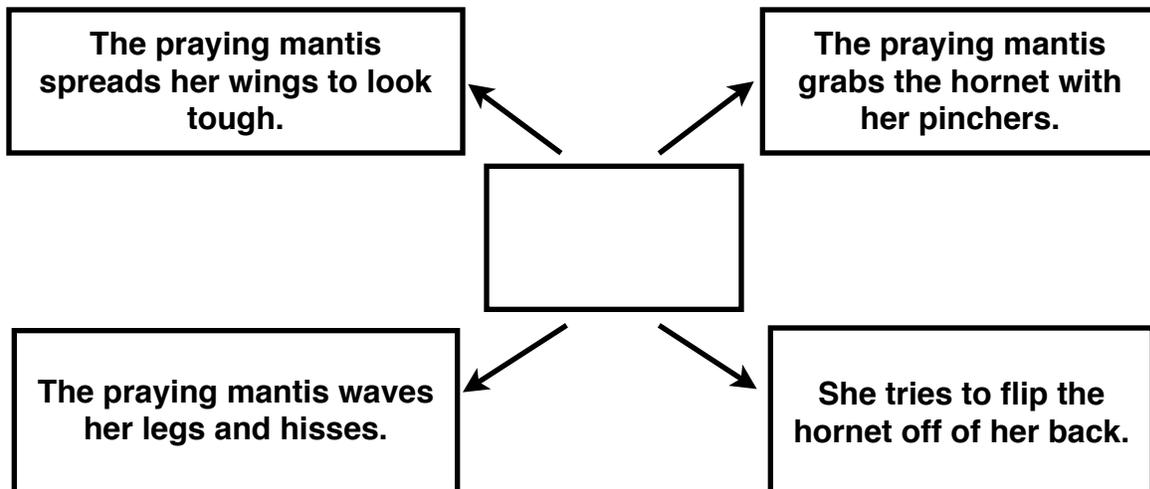
ORGANIZING INFORMATION

Day 3: pages 8-9

Fill in the missing boxes of this chart that shows how praying mantises are good hunters.



Look at the outside boxes of this chart. They show details that support a main idea. What is the main idea?



TERRIBLE TRIO:

“GIMME” PRACTICE

1. Which of the following are compound words? (Put a check next to all compound words.)

- sometimes
- waiting
- underwater
- predators

2. Which sentence needs the word “prey” (and not the word “pray”)?

- A. The praying mantis’s legs look like it can _____.
- B. The praying mantis waits for its _____ to walk by.
- C. Crickets _____ that the praying mantis doesn’t eat them.

3. Which of the following words have 3 syllables? (Put a check next to all words with 3 syllables.)

- crocodile
- suddenly
- pinchers
- predator

4. Fix this sentence by putting commas in the correct places.

To defend herself, the praying mantis spreads her wings waves her legs and hisses.

5. Which word has the same vowel sound as the word “spread”?

- A. seem
- B. sprint
- C. blend
- D. spear

6. Which of the following shows the use of an apostrophe in a possession? (Put a check next to all apostrophes that show possession.)

- finally it’s over
- the cricket’s head
- she doesn’t move
- the hornet’s stinger