

English Revision Week B

Tuesday

Comprehension

THE ARMADILLO

The armadillo is probably one of the most unusual-looking animals. It looks a lot like the dinosaurs that used to walk the Earth. Armadillos can live in many places throughout the United States and other parts of the world, but they are most prominent in the state of Texas.

The armadillo has a very tough shell with bands of very strong tissue. These bands are able to slide over each other, which allows the armadillo to roll up like a ball. This is how the armadillo is able to protect itself. It is like the armadillo is protected by a shield of armor. Most animals are unable to break through this tough skin. An armadillo lives in a burrow that it digs itself. The armadillo has to live in places where the dirt is easy to dig; otherwise, it cannot dig itself a home. They have very strong claws that help them dig.

The armadillo's main diet is insects. They eat ants, termites, beetles, grubs, worms, and other small insects. These animals are also known for their strange behavior. If an armadillo is startled, it will jump into the air. Sometimes it will even jump three feet high! It also makes a squealing sound. Armadillos are interesting animals!

STORY QUESTIONS

1. A good title for this reading passage would be . . .
 - a. "The Armadillo State."
 - b. "Locating an Armadillo."
 - c. "The Basics of the Armadillo."
 - d. "The Squeal of an Armadillo."
2. After reading the passage, what can you guess is one similarity between an armadillo and an anteater?
 - a. They both live in Texas.
 - b. They both eat ants.
 - c. They both squeal.
 - d. They both jump in the air when startled.
3. The author wrote this passage to . . .
 - a. justify keeping armadillos in captivity.
 - b. inform the reader of how armadillos are mistreated.
 - c. share general information about armadillos.
 - d. raise awareness of the shrinking armadillo population.
4. If you wanted to find out more about armadillos, you could . . .
 - a. read a book about how armadillos dig their burrows.
 - b. watch a television program about insects.
 - c. meet somebody who lives in Texas.
 - d. watch a television program about the different types of armadillo.

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Action Verbs

Explanation Video

Please do the activity
on the next page

Choose the correct Action verb

grasped

caught

laughed

jumped

biked

walked

ran

skipped

climbed

lifted

scattered

giggled

Choose one of the action verbs above to complete each sentence.

64. Olaf _____ to the store.

65. Jennifer _____ across the field.

66. Marsha _____ at his joke.

67. Jeanine _____ the ball at the

last moment.

68. The mailman _____ over the dog.

69. The leaves _____ across the lawn.

70. The girls _____ at the movie.

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Kinds of Verbs

Explanation Video

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Finding Helping Verbs Worksheet

- A helping verb is used with an action verb.
- The main verb usually comes after the helping verb, and states the action.

Examples of some helping verbs:

will would can could may might
should are is am have has
had was

Type the helping verb and the main verb into the correct box.

1. Your little brother is growing fast!

helping verb

is

main verb

growing

2. She will play a classical song on the piano.

helping verb

main verb

3. Taylor would enjoy watching Annie the musical.

helping verb

main verb

4. My mother might drive me to Yogurtland.

helping verb

main verb

5. Issac should listen to his teacher in class.

helping verb

main verb

6. She could smell the flowers from the hallway.

helping verb

main verb

7. Brandon was holding a flashlight.

helping verb

main verb

8. Kaitlyn was reading a book this afternoon.

helping verb

main verb

9. The game will cost a lot of money.

helping verb

main verb

10. They may dance in a recital this evening.

helping verb

main verb

11. Ella should have eaten her Brussels sprouts.

helping verb

main verb

Linking verbs

Complete the sentences

1. I _____ a boy.
2. she _____ a girl.
3. It _____ a toy.
4. We _____ kids.
5. He _____ handsome.
6. They _____ nice.
7. We _____ cousins.
8. It _____ a cat.
9. They _____ friends.
10. She _____ beautiful.

Use "am" when you are referring to yourself.

Use "is" when you are referring to one.

Use "are" when you are referring to more than one.

Use "are" with 'you.'