

Reading Non-Fiction — All About Animals

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child reads a simple non-fiction book or passage about an animal, learning that books can teach us real facts. This lesson introduces features of non-fiction text: photographs, captions, labels, and headings.

What You Need:

- Simple non-fiction animal book (National Geographic Kids or DK Readers Level 1)
- A fiction picture book for comparison
- Paper and pencil
- Crayons for drawing

Steps:

1. Show two books: a story (fiction) and an animal fact book (non-fiction).
2. 'This book tells a made-up story. This book tells REAL FACTS. It is called NON-FICTION.'
3. Open the non-fiction book: 'Look — it has PHOTOGRAPHS, not drawings! And LABELS that tell us what things are.'
4. Read a short section together about one animal.
5. 'What did we learn? What are three facts you remember?'
6. The child tells you 3 facts about the animal.
7. 'Let's write those facts down!' Child writes or dictates three fact sentences.

Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular box occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to draw or write in.

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