

Non-Fiction Re-Tell Rope

Main Topic

"This story is mostly about..."

Re-Tell (in your own words)

1st Key Idea or Event

"First..."

2nd Key Idea or Event

"Next..."

3rd Key Idea or Event

"Last..."

Details

Most Important thing learned



Fiction Re-Tell Rope

Characters

Setting

Plot

Re-tell (in your own words)

1st Event

"First..."

2nd Event

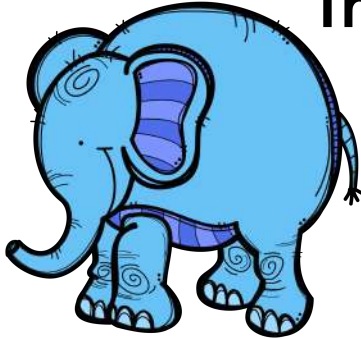
"Next..."

3rd Event

"Last..."



The Elephant



Name: _____

- mammals •herbivores
 - calf •African •Indian
 - communicate •endangered
 - extinct



After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

Elephants are the biggest land animals! Elephants can be 9
 11 feet tall and be as heavy as 4 cars! Every day they eat 400 24
 pounds of food and drink 30 gallons of water! That much water 36
 can fill half your bathtub! 41

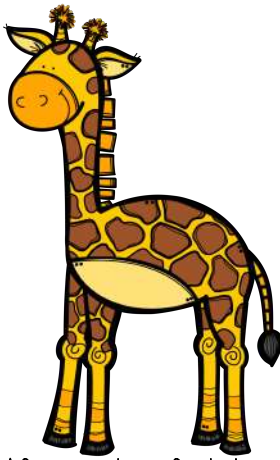
Elephants are *mammals*. Elephants are *herbivores*, so they 49
 only eat plants. A baby elephant is called a *calf*. Like all 61
mammals, baby elephants drink their mom's milk. 68

There are two kinds of elephants. One kind is the 78
African elephant. The other kind is the *Indian* elephant. *African* 88
 elephants are bigger and they have bigger ears. *Indian* elephants 98
 have a hump on their backs and have smoother skin. 108

Elephants flap their big ears to cool off. Elephants use 118
 their trunks to pick up food and to suck up water. They use their 132
 tusks to dig or to scrape. Elephants throw dirt or sand on their 145
 backs so that they don't get sunburned. 152

Elephants are very smart. They can *communicate* with each 161
 other by making sounds or moving. People can teach elephants 172
 to do many tasks and to use tools. 180

Elephants are *endangered* animals because people have 187
 hunted them too much. This means that they are in danger of 199
 becoming *extinct*. We must protect the elephant! 206



The Giraffe

Name: _____

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|----------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| •mammal | •Africa | Power Words! | |
| •savanna | •herbivores | | |
| •acacia | •tongues | | •male |
| •female | •calf | | •predators |

After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

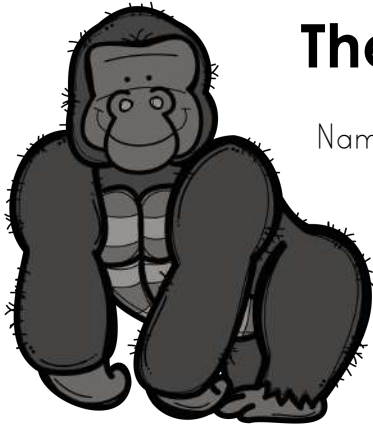
Giraffes are the tallest land animals! A giraffe can look into 11
 a second-story window! A giraffe is covered with a pattern on 23
 its fur. A giraffe has two horns on its head. A giraffe is a 37
mammal. 38

Giraffes live far away in *Africa*. They live on the *savanna*, 49
 which is a grassy plain with few trees. Giraffes are *herbivores*, 60
 which means they eat only plants. Giraffes like to eat the leaves 72
 of the *acacia* tree. They have very long *tongues* that help them 84
 pull leaves from the trees. 89

A *male* giraffe is called a bull. A *female* giraffe is called a 102
 cow. A baby giraffe is called a calf. When a giraffe calf is 115
 born, it weighs as much as a human adult and it can walk as soon 130
 as it is born! 134

Giraffes sleep less than two hours a day! They often sleep 145
 lying down, but can sleep while standing up, too! 154

Giraffes are hunted by lions, humans, and other *predators*, 163
 but giraffes can see very well, which helps them to know when 175
 danger is near. 178



The Gorilla

Name: _____

- mammals •Africa
- habitats •primate •knuckles
- infants •sign language •Koko
- famous •communicate •California
- endangered

Power Words!

After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

Gorillas are *mammals* that live far away in *Africa*. They live 11
in many different *habitats*, such as swamps and forests. Gorillas 21
are part of the *primate* family. Monkeys are primates, too. 31

Gorillas are mostly *herbivores*, so they like to eat plants, but 42
they like to eat bugs sometimes, too. 49

Gorillas have very long arms. Their arms are longer than their 60
legs! They use their legs and arms to walk. They walk on their 73
knuckles! Gorillas have hands and feet like humans. Gorillas are 83
covered with dark hair. 87

Gorillas live in groups called troops or bands. Baby gorillas 97
are called *infants* just like human babies. 104

Gorillas are very smart. Gorillas can use tools. Humans have 114
taught some gorillas to use *sign language* to *communicate*! *Koko* 124
is a *famous* gorilla that was taught how to use a lot of sign 138
language. *Koko* lives in a zoo in California and has a pet kitten! 151

Many gorillas in the wild have been hunted by humans, so 162
gorillas are now endangered. We must protect gorillas! 170



The Lion

Name: _____

- savanna •habitats
- Africa •mammals •male
- female •carnivores
- endangered •shelter

Power Words!

After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

Lions are the second biggest members of the cat family. 10
The lion is often called “The King of the Jungle,” but lions do not 24
live in the jungle! Lions live in the *savanna habitats* of *Africa*. 36
The savanna is a grassy area with few trees. The lion is called 49
the “King of the Jungle” simply because the lion is so big and 62
strong. 63

Lions are *mammals*, and they are very well known for the 74
thick mane of fur around their heads. Only *male* lions have 85
manes, *female* lions do not. Lions live together in groups called 96
prides. 97

Lions are *carnivores*, which means they eat only meat. 106
Female lions do most of the hunting for the pride. Male lions 118
protect the pride. But lions sleep for most of the day, often 130
sleeping for 21 hours! They like to hunt at night. Lions like to 143
eat antelope and zebras. 147

Lions are *endangered* because people hunt lions to 155
protect their farm animals from being hunted by lions. People 165
also build cities in the lions’ habitats, which makes it hard for 177
lions to find food and *shelter*. 183



The Monkey

Name: _____

- mammals •primate
- forward-facing •fingerprints
- countries •habitats
- omnivores •infant •endangered
- shelter

Power Words!

After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

Monkeys are *mammals*. They are also part of the *primate* 10
family. Gorillas are primates, too. All primates have *forward-* 19
facing eyes, eye sockets, grasping hands, nails, *fingerprints*, 27
and big brains. 30

There are 264 different kinds of monkeys and they live 40
in 192 different *countries* all over the world! Monkeys live in 51
many different *habitats*, such as grasslands, forests, 58
mountains, and high plains. 62

Most monkeys are *omnivores*, which means that they eat 71
both meat and plants. Most monkeys have tails. Many monkeys 81
use their tails for climbing and for grasping things. 90

Baby monkeys are called *infants*, just like human babies! 99
Monkeys live in groups called troops. The troop is like a big 111
family. 112

Many monkeys are *endangered* because humans are 119
building cities in the monkeys' habitats. This makes it hard for 130
monkeys to find *shelter* and food. 136



The Penguin

Name: _____

- Power Words!
- Antarctica •southern
 - blubber •Australia •South Africa
 - Northern Hemisphere
 - carnivores

After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

Penguins are members of the bird family! They breathe air, 10
they have wings and beaks, and they have black and white 21
feathers, but they cannot fly. Penguins are very good swimmers! 31
They can dive into the water and flap their wings to swim with a 45
lot of speed. Penguins can move quickly on land by sliding on the 58
snow and ice. 61

Many penguins live in *Antarctica*, which is the most *southern* 71
part of the Earth. It is very cold and snowy in Antarctica. 83
Penguins have a layer of fat called *blubber* that helps them stay 95
warm. Some types of penguins live in warmer places, such as 106
Australia and *South Africa*. There are no penguins from the 116
Northern Hemisphere. 118

Penguins are *carnivores*, which means they eat only meat. 127
Penguins like to eat fish and other seafood. They swim in the 139
water to catch their food. Penguins drink salt water from the sea. 151
They have a gland that takes the salt out of the water they drink 165
and pushes it out of the holes in their beaks! 175

The Polar Bear



Name: _____

- Arctic •northern
- mammals •blubber
- habitat •carnivores
- predators

Power Words!

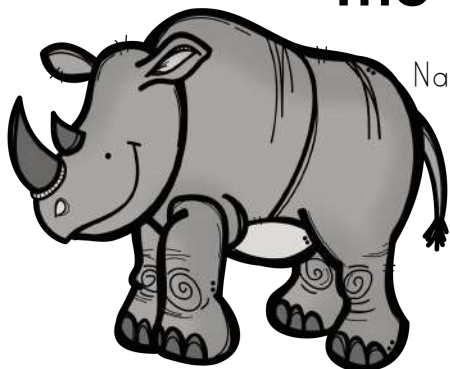
After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

Polar bears are found in one of the coldest parts of the world, the *Arctic*. The Arctic is the most *northern* part of the Earth. Polar bears are *mammals* with very thick, warm fur and a layer of fat, called *blubber*, to help them stay warm in their cold *habitat*. Under the white fur, a polar bear's skin is black.

Polar bears are *carnivores*, so they like to eat meat. Polar bears like to eat seals the most. Polar bears are good swimmers and they swim in the sea to catch seals to eat. Sometimes polar bears even swim under the ice! They can swim 100 miles! Polar bears also wait for seals to come up out of the water.

Polar bears are the biggest land *predators*, but when a polar bear baby is born, it is about the size of a stick of butter! A polar bear baby is called a cub, and it is born with no hair. Cubs can grow to the full size of a man in one year, if they have enough food to eat. Polar bears spend almost half their lives looking for food.

The Rhinoceros



Name: _____

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|-------------|--------------|------------|
| •mammal | •keratin | |
| •protection | •Asia | •Africa |
| •habitats | •floodplains | •wallow |
| •crash | •calf | •herbivore |
| •endangered | | |



After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

The rhinoceros is the second biggest land animal, and it is 11
a *mammal*. The name rhinoceros means “nose horn” and it is 22
named for the horns found on its nose! Some kinds of rhinos 34
have one horn and some kinds of rhinos have two horns. The 46
horns are made of *keratin*. Human fingernails and hair are also 57
made of keratin! The rhinoceros uses its horn for *protection*. 67

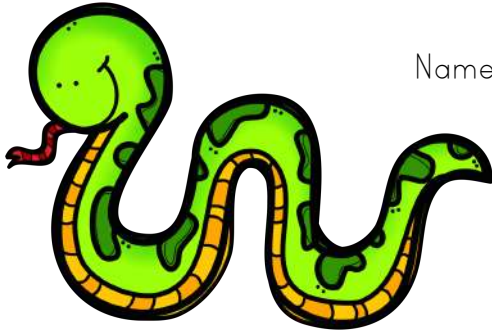
The rhinoceros lives in parts of *Asia* and *Africa*. It lives in 79
many different *habitats*, such as grasslands, *floodplains*, 86
swamps, and rain forests. The rhinoceros likes to *wallow* in 96
mud in its habitat to protect its skin from sunburn and from 108
bug bites. 110

The rhinoceros likes to live alone, but a group of 120
rhinoceros is called a herd or a *crash*! A baby rhinoceros is 132
called a *calf*. 135

Rhinos are *herbivores*, which means that they eat only 144
plants. They like to eat grass and the leaves from trees and 156
bushes. 157

The rhinoceros is one of the most *endangered* animals on 167
Earth. Humans hunt them a lot for their horns because they 178
believe the horns will cure illness, but this is not true. 189

The Snake



Name: _____

- reptiles
- environments
- cold-blooded
- carnivores
- tongues
- poison

Power Words!

After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

There are many different kinds of snakes, but all snakes are 11
reptiles. This means that they lay eggs, have scales, breathe air, 22
and are *cold-blooded*. Cold-blooded animals depend on their 32
environment to stay warm, and they like to lie in the sun to keep 46
warm. Snakes are found all over the world, in many different 57
environments. They live in jungles, forests, and deserts! 65

All snakes are *carnivores*, which means they like to eat meat. 76
Snakes like to eat mice and rats, eggs, and lizards. Snakes can 88
use their *tongues* to smell! Some snakes have pit holes in front of 101
their eyes. These pit holes can sense heat from other animals. 112
This helps snakes catch their food. Some snakes have teeth and 123
some snakes do not. Some snakes bite with *poison* and some 134
snakes do not. Snakes can open their mouths very wide to 145
swallow their food. 148

As a snake grows, it becomes too big for its skin. When 160
this happens every few months, the snake sheds its skin. The skin 172
comes off just like a sock, inside out! 180



The Tiger

Name: _____

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|-------------|-------------|
| •mammal | •carnivores |
| •Asia | •cub |
| •endangered | •extinct |

Power Words!

After reading, find the _____ and color them _____.

Tigers are the biggest wild cats! They can weigh as much as 12
ten ten-year-olds! Tigers have an orange, black, and white stripe 24
pattern on their fur. Each tiger has a different pattern. A tiger is 37
a type of mammal. 41

Tigers live far away in *Asia*, and they can live in many 53
different kinds of forests, such as rain forests and pine forests. 64
They can live in swamps and grasslands, too! Unlike most cats, 75
tigers like water and are good swimmers. They like to cool off in 88
pools and streams. 91

Baby tigers are called cubs. Cubs leave their mother when 101
they are only two years old. 107

Tigers are *carnivores*, which means that they eat meat. They 117
are quiet hunters with strong paws and teeth to help them catch 129
their food. They can run very fast! Tigers like to eat deer and 142
pigs. Tigers like to hunt at night. 149

Tigers have been hunted a lot by humans. This has made 160
tigers *endangered*, which means that if tigers are not protected 170
from hunters, there may soon be no more tigers. We do not want 183
tigers to become *extinct*! 187