

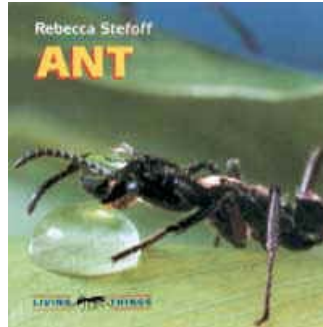
Theme 4:

Amazing Animals



Selection 2:

Title: Ant



Author: Rebecca Steffoff

Genre:

Nonfiction factual writing
about real things, people and events



Comprehension Strategy:



Question

To figure out what part you did not understand



Comprehension Skill:

Text Organization

Comprehension Skill Review:

Information & Study Skills:

Glossary

Phonics:

Words with *nd, nt, mp, ng, nk*

Base Words and Endings *-s, -es, -ies*

Phonics review:

"r" controlled vowels *ar, or, ore*

Spelling Focus:

Words that end with *nd, ng, or nk*

Basic:

king

send

thing

thank

bring

think

hand

bang

sing

end

Review:

and

long

Challenge:

grand

young

Word Work:

Key Vocabulary:

antennae- a pair of long, thin feelers on the head of an insect

cocoons- coverings of silky thread that larvae live in as they change and grow

colonies- groups of insects of the same kind that live together

fungus- one of a large group of plants, such as mushrooms and mold, that do not have leaves or flowers

larvae- the worm-like forms of very young ants or other insects

tunnels- long holes under the ground

Other Vocabulary:

nearby- a short distance away

stalks- the main stems of plants

carpenter- a person who builds things from wood

sawdust- the dust-like material that falls from wood when it is sawed or chewed

log- a long piece of tree that has been cut

parasol- an umbrella used for protection from the sun

weaver- a person or insect that laces together strings or fibers to create things such as cloth, webs, or cocoons

fastening- attaching or joining together

stiff- not easily bent

herd- a group of animals

aphids- tiny insects that suck juices from plants

tending- caring for

tropical- having to do with the tropics, or areas around the equator

munching- chewing noisily

teamwork- working together as a team to do something

experts- people (or ants) who know a lot about a certain thing

Vocabulary Skills: Using a Thesaurus

High-Frequency Words:

between weigh
care

High-Frequency Review:

bought never
hear stand
important story
letter word

Grammar Skills:

Singular Possessive Nouns

Writing:

A Poem Using I and Me

I ♥ Reading Books: 40-44

Phonics Library: *Hank's Panda*

Mart's Larks

by Linda Dunlap