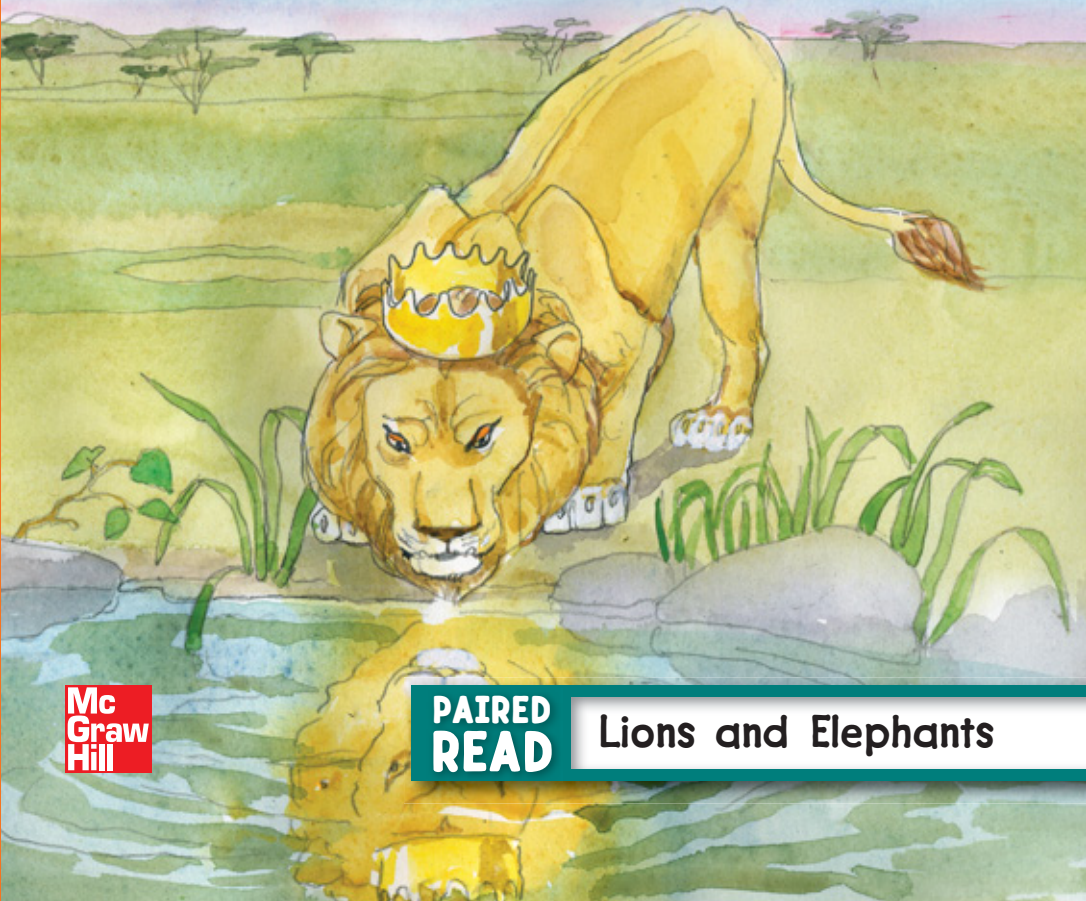


Folktale



THE KING of the ANIMALS

retold by Vita Jiménez
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Lions and Elephants

STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Ask and Answer
Questions

Skill: Sequence

Vocabulary

about, animal, carry,
eight, give, our, special,
splendid

Phonics

Long *a*: *a*, *ai*, *ay*

Content Standards

Science

Life Science

Word count: 181**

**The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.



Genre **Folktale**



Essential Question

How do animals' bodies help them?



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Lion thinks he is special.

“I am king of the animals,” he says.

Lion wants every animal to think this too. So Lion sets out for a walk.





First, Lion sees eight monkeys playing.

“Who is king of the animals?” asks Lion.

“You,” they say. “You’re our king.”

“Splendid!” says Lion.

Now he can carry his
head high.

Then Lion sees Hyena.



“Who is king of the animals?” asks Lion.

“Why, you are,”
Hyena says.





This makes Lion very happy.
Next, he sees Elephant
under a tree.



“Elephant, who is king of the animals?” asks Lion.



Elephant picks up Lion
with his trunk. Then he
drops him on the ground.

“Maybe he didn’t hear me,” thinks Lion. “I will give him another chance.”



“Elephant, who is king of the animals?” asks Lion.

Elephant picks up Lion and drops him again.





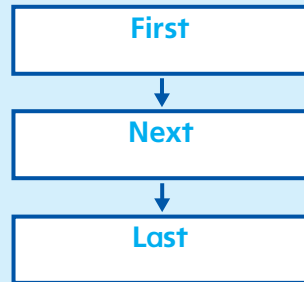
Lion is about to ask again but then stops.

“I get it,” says Lion. “You are king of the animals!”

Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart
to retell
*The King of
the Animals.*



Text Evidence

1. Who does Lion talk to first?

Sequence

2. Who does Lion talk to after he talks to Hyena? Sequence

3. Is this story real or make-believe? How do you know?

Genre

Lions and Elephants:

Take a Closer Look



CCSS

Genre Nonfiction

Compare Texts

Read about lions and elephants.

Have you ever seen a lion or an elephant? What do you know about them? Read the chart to learn more.

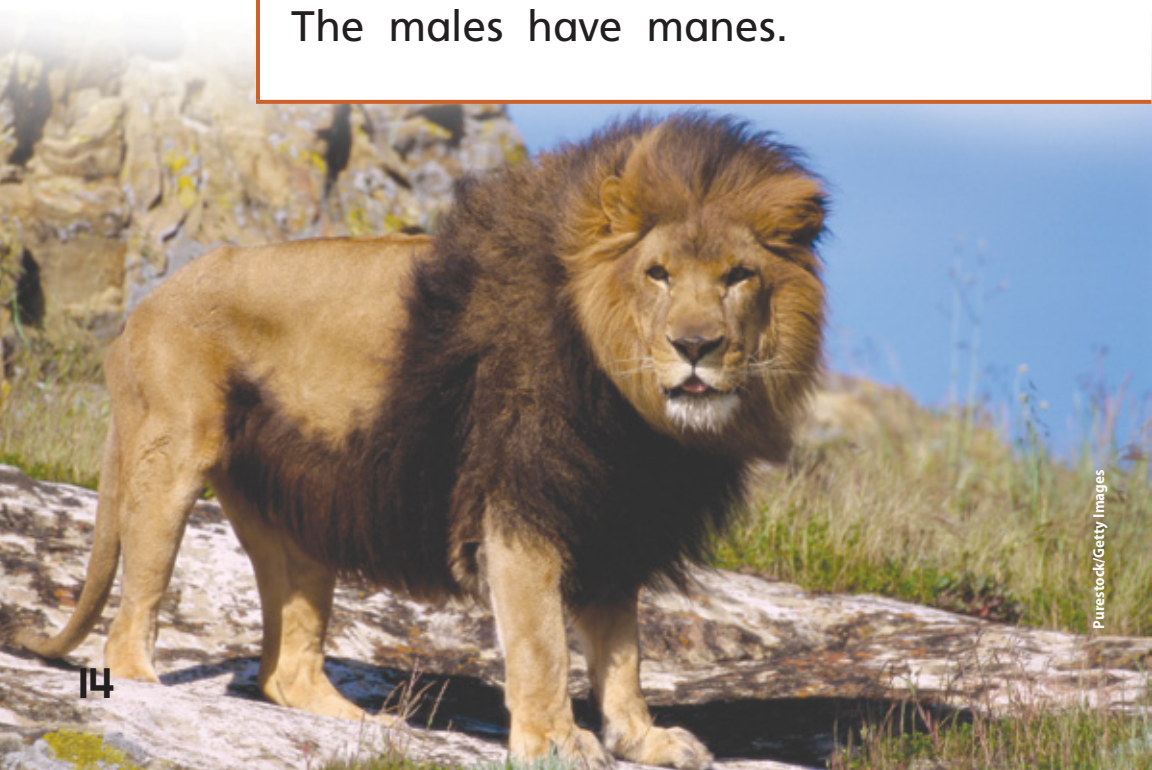
Lions

Lions are part of the cat family.

Lions have curved claws.

They are very strong.

The males have manes.





Elephants

They are the largest land animal.

Elephants use their trunks the way we use our hands.

They are very strong and smart.

Male and female African elephants have tusks.



Make Connections

Look at both selections. What did you learn about lions and elephants? **Text to Text**

Focus on Genre

Folktale A folktale is a story based on customs and traditions. Folktales often teach a lesson.

What to Look for In *The King of the Animals*, Lion learns that he does not have to be king to be important. Also, the animals talk, but real animals don't.

Your Turn

Pretend you want to be king of all animals. What would you say to the other animals? Draw a picture of yourself as king of the animals.

Thinkmark

Characters

How did Lion change from the beginning to the end of the story?

Sequence of Events

Who did Lion speak to **first**, **next**, and **finally**?

Make Connections

What other folktales have you read about animals that learn a lesson? What lesson did they learn?