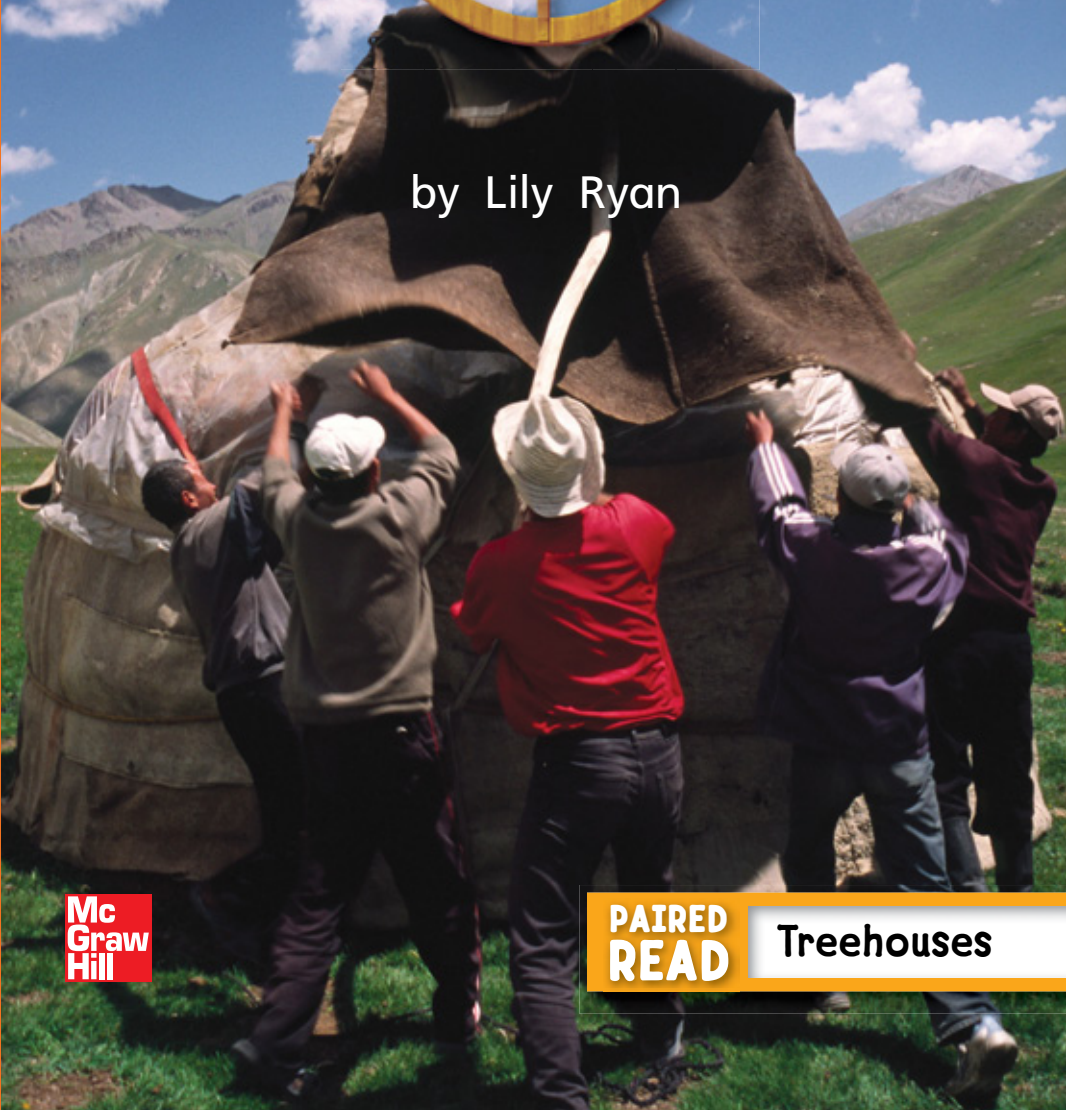


Nonfiction

WHAT IS A YURTI?



by Lily Ryan



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Treehouses

STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Ask and Answer Questions

Skill: Cause and Effect

Vocabulary

above, balance, build, fall,
knew, money, section,
toward

Phonics

Diphthongs: *oi, oy*

Content Standards Science

Practice of Science

Word count: 217**

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Essential Question

How do things get built?

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Many people enjoy camping. After setting up a tent, they go fishing or hiking. At night, campers fall asleep with the stars above.



After the trip, campers pack up their tents and drive home.

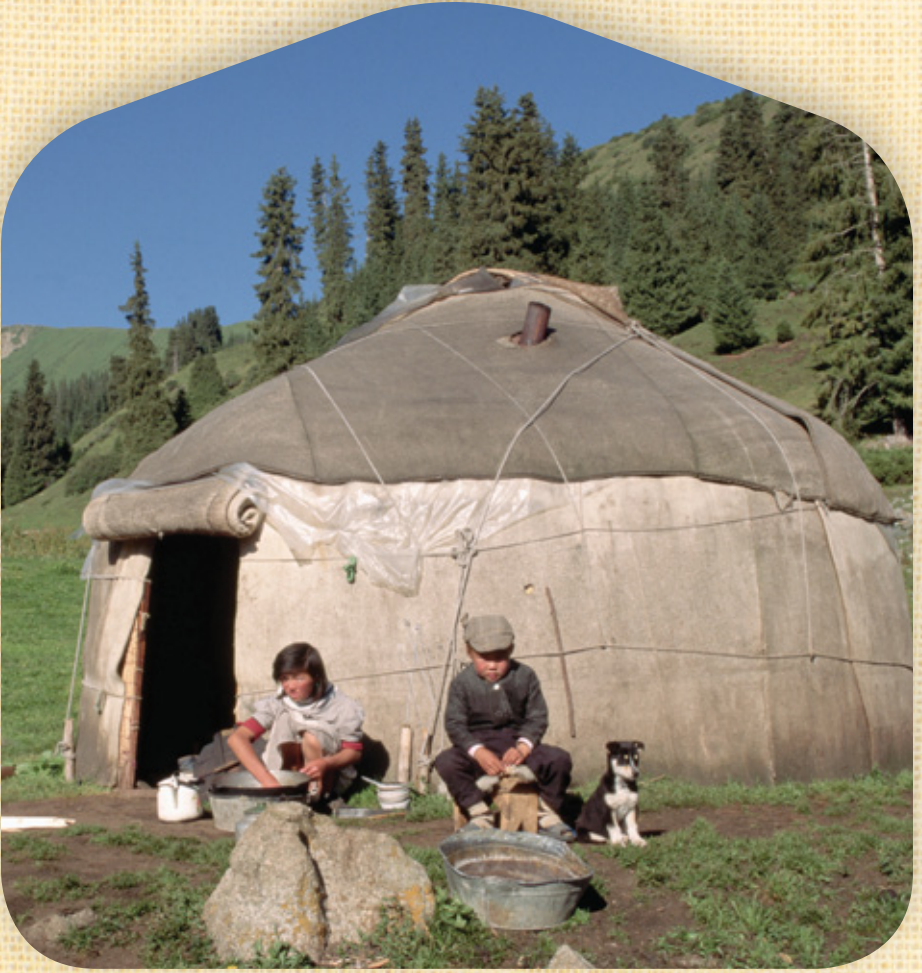
Camping is one way to take a break from a busy life.



A yurt is like a tent. Long ago, people called nomads lived in yurts. Nomads moved a lot and took their yurts with them. They knew how to take apart the yurts quickly.

This camel carries a yurt that has been taken apart.





Yurt mats are made from sheep's wool.

In winter, wool mats made the yurts warm. In summer, the mats were taken out.

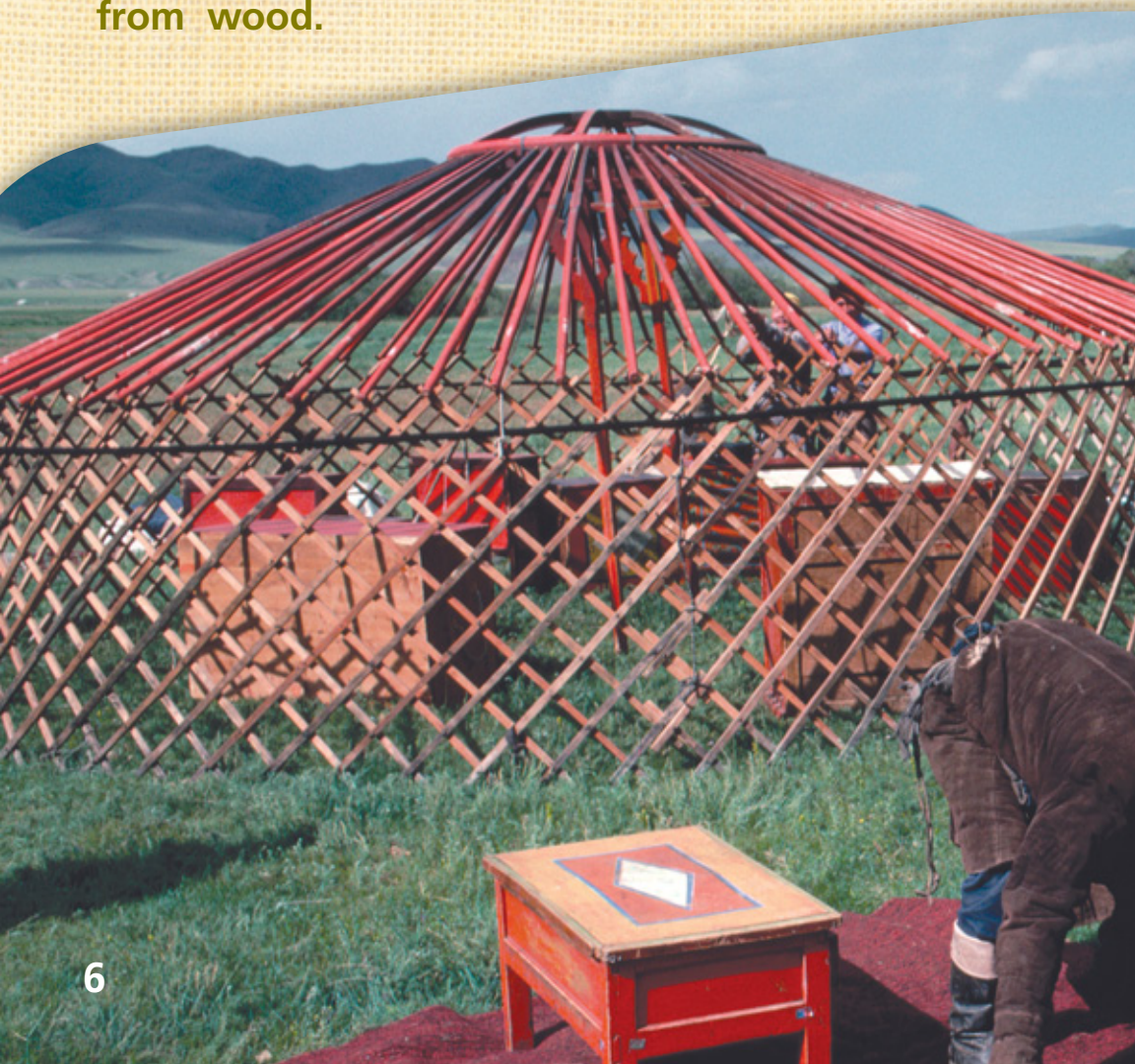
STOP AND CHECK

What is a yurt?



A yurt begins with a curved frame. A roof is placed on top.

A yurt frame is made from wood.



The frame is covered with canvas, one section at a time.



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Next, canvas covers the roof.
It helps keep out the rain.

It can take several
people to put together
some yurts.



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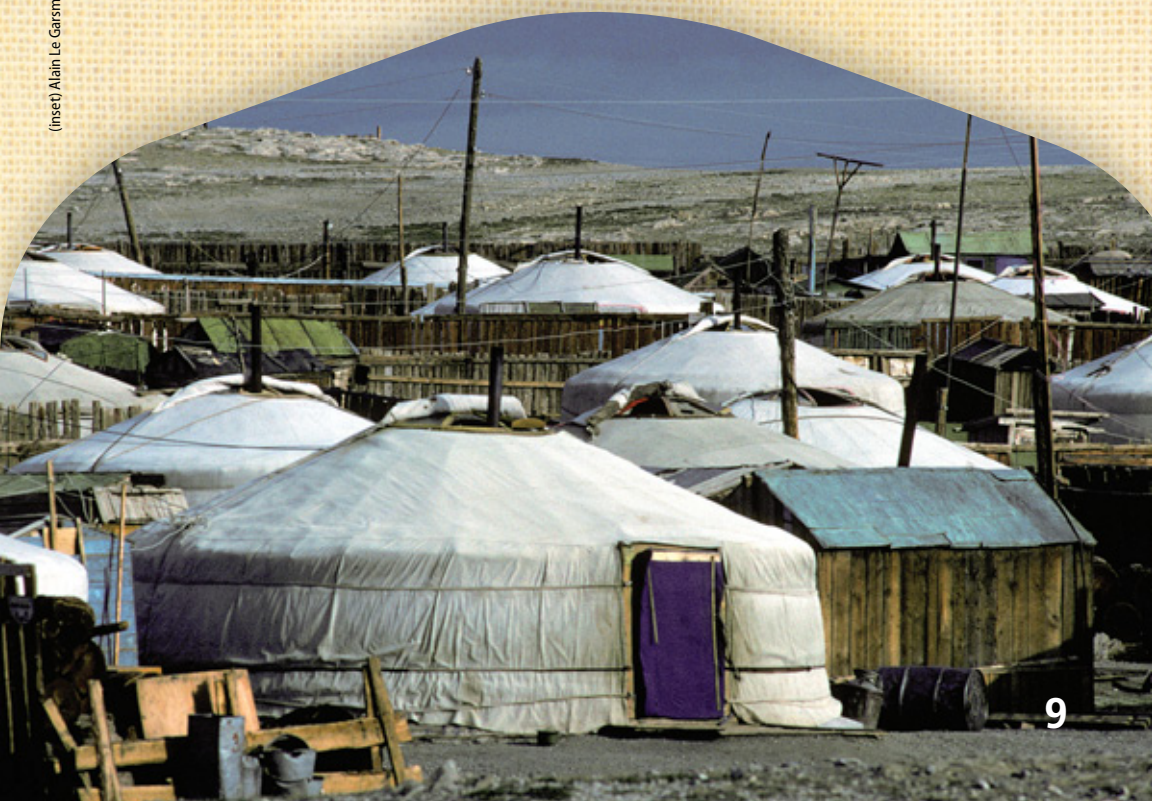
When it's time to move, yurts are taken down. Animals, such as camels, do the hard work. They balance the yurts on their backs.

STOP AND CHECK

Why did nomads use yurts?

This is a yurt village in Asia.

(inset) Alain Le Garsmeur/Alamy



Yurts can be like other homes. Doesn't this yurt look like a nice place to live?

Some people spend their vacation in a yurt instead of a hotel room.



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Some people build yurts using kits. A kit does not cost a lot of money.

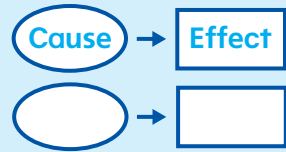
Would you like to live in a yurt?



Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart to retell *What Is a Yurt?*



Text Evidence

1. Look at page 4. Why did nomads live in yurts?

Cause and Effect

2. Look at page 11. Why do people buy yurt kits?

Cause and Effect

3. Is this selection fiction or nonfiction? How can you tell?

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Compare Texts

Read about another home you can build.

Treehouses



This is the world's largest wooden treehouse.



Stairs and railings keep people safe in the treehouse.



(t) dpa/CORBIS, (b) Robert Harding Picture Library/Alamy

Walk up the steps toward the top of the tree. What do you see? It's a house in a tree!



These boys use their treehouse as a fort.

Some treehouses are just for fun. A treehouse is a good place to spend some time alone.



Make Connections

Look at both selections. How are treehouses and yurts alike?

Text to Text

Focus on Science

Purpose To learn about camping out

What to Do

Step 1

Plan a camping trip with a partner.

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Step 2

List three things you need to camp.

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Step 3

Draw the three things on your list. Label your pictures.

Conclusion Tell what you need for a camping trip.

Thinkmark

The Topic

What did you read about in
What Is a Yurt?

Text Structure

How does the author tell
readers about building a yurt?

Make Connections

How is a yurt like your house?