

Make Predictions

Use what you already know and what you read in the selection to help you predict what you will learn about. As you read, you can confirm or revise your predictions.



Find Text Evidence

As I read page 137 of "A Prairie Guard Dog," I predicted that the badger will chase the prairie dog. I read on to see if my prediction was correct.

A Scare

Oh no! Pete spies a large badger! When he sees it, he gives a loud bark, "Yap! Yap!" His family recognizes the warning. Some hide in tall grasses, and some jump into the burrow. The badger runs at Pete, but the watchful guard is able to escape into the burrow. I am glad he is able to get away from danger.



On page 137, I read that the badger ran at Pete. My prediction was correct.

Your Turn



Reread page 138. What did you predict would happen next? Look for text clues to decide if your prediction was correct.



Main Topic and Key Details

The main topic is what the selection is about. Key details give information about the main topic.



Find Text Evidence

As I read "A Prairie Guard Dog," I learn a lot about prairie dogs. This must be the main topic. On page 135, I learn a key detail about prairie dogs.

Main Topic Prairie Dogs		
Key Detail A prairie dog acts as a guard.	Key Detail	Key Detail

Your Turn



Continue rereading the story. Fill in key details about the main topic on the graphic organizer.

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Narrative Nonfiction

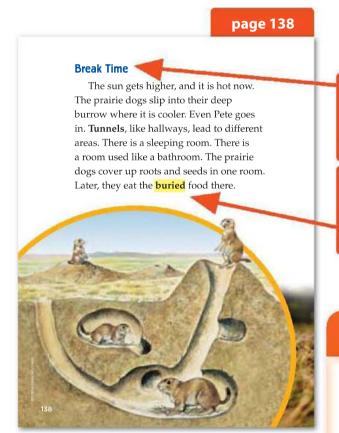
"A Prairie Guard Dog" is narrative nonfiction.

A Narrative Nonfiction:

- tells about living things, people, or events.
- is told by a narrator and follows a sequence.

Find Text Evidence

I can use what I read to tell that "A Prairie Guard Dog" is a narrative nonfiction. A narrator tells the story about what real prairie dogs do.



Text Features

Headings Headings tell what a section of text is mostly about.

Bold Print These words are important to understanding the text.

Your Turn



Identify text features on a different page. Tell what information you learned from these features.

Suffixes

A suffix is a word part or syllable added to the end of a word. You can separate the root word from a suffix, such as *-ful* or *-ly*, to figure out what the word means.



Find Text Evidence

I'm not sure what the word loudly means. The root word is loud, which means "full of noise." The suffix is -ly which means "in a certain way." I think the word loudly means "in a noisy way."

Then, Pete calls loudly to his family, "Yip!"



Your Turn



Use suffixes to figure out the meanings of these words in "A Prairie Guard Dog."

safely, page 136 watchful, page 137 finally, page 139



Readers to...

Writers use sequence to put their ideas in an order. Words, such as first, next, and then help readers understand the order of the ideas.

Expert Model

Organization

Identify the sequence words. How does this help the organization of the story?

Good Morning!

It is early in the morning. First, I see a prairie dog. I name him Pete. He peeks his head out of his burrow underground. He looks around. Then Pete calls loudly to his family, "Yip!" He lets them know it is safe to come out. Soon four prairie dogs come out.



Writers

Adam wrote a nonfiction story about a seal. Read Adam's revision.

Student Model

Sam Learns to Swim

At two weeks old, sam Seal has his first swimming lesson.

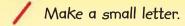
His mother guides him into the water. He is two weeks old. He does not want to go in. He gets out and shakes his head. Then Mom guides him back in.

He flaps his flippers.

Finally, he is learning!

Editing Marks

Make a capital letter.



∧ Add

Ƴ Take out.

Grammar Handbook

Kinds of Nouns
See page 477–
478.

Your Turn



- Point out the sequence words Adam used.
- Identify the proper nouns.
- Tell how revisions improved his writing.

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