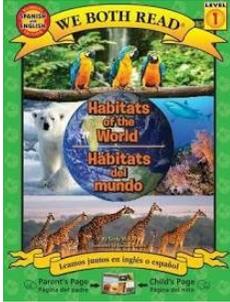


Storytime Ideas



Book Title: *Habitats of the World/Habitats del Mundo*

About the Book: This book features beautiful photographs and fascinating information on all the major animal habitats of our world. Readers will travel through savannas, rainforests, coral reefs, deserts, mountains, swamps, Arctic ice, and much more! It's a stunning tour around the world that helps build awareness about the beauty of our planet and the importance of protecting the diversity of its many environments and habitats.

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun!

Use animal hats or masks and make pretend animal sounds! Or, dress for one of your favorite habitats. If the swamp, make sure you show netting or bug spray, etc. If prerecorded, dress for different habitats and compile as an intro or change outfits as you read about different habitats.

What's in the Mystery Bag?

Collect items you might find in different habitats, or pictures of different habitats, along with a copy of the book.

Whiteboard Activities:

What animals live here? Write habitat names on board and ask for one or two answers for each: Ocean, swamp, polar region, mountain ranges, grasslands. If live, ask for answers; if prerecorded, pause and give answers.

Actions & Transitions:

- Before Reading:
 - Look at the cover. Ask: *What do you think this book will show us?*
 - Take a picture walk through the book. Tell children: *Notice the wonderful variety of places to live and animals to see on our planet! And explain the word Habitat.*
 - Tell children: *As we read, think about your favorite habitat from the book.*
- During Reading:
 - As you read, pause when you get to a vocabulary or unfamiliar word: Explore what the pictures and text in the story can tell you about words like Deciduous, Coniferous, Migrate and Species.

- Check for understanding. Ask: *What type of habitat is this? Who else do you think would live in this habitat? What else do you think we could find in this environment?*
- Matching Activity using Whiteboard: Ask for names of animals that would live in each habitat.
- After Reading:
 - Ask: *Which habitat would you like to learn more about? Why?*

Vocabulary:

- ✓Planet
- ✓Environment
- ✓Habitat
- ✓Variety
- ✓Sustain
- ✓Coral
- ✓Adapt