

What in the Wild?

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Animals, Habitats, Poetry

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

Book Brief: A mystery animal lurks behind each page. Use the accompanying poem to gather clues about what each animal might be!

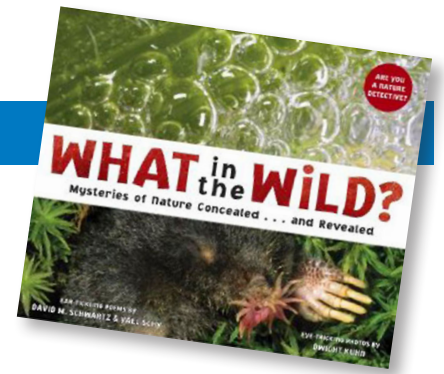
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Content Connections: Science, Math



TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: How does the author give you *clues* about the book's content based

on the title? What does the cover illustration show? What kind of animal is on the bottom?

The Pictures: Explain that the pictures in this book give us clues about the animals hidden under the flaps. Why do you think the book uses photographs instead of illustrations?

Prior Knowledge: What does it mean to be a detective? Can there be more than one type of detective? How are scientists like detectives? Review

the steps of the scientific process. Tell students you'll be using many of those same steps as you read.

Vocabulary: Vocabulary will vary from poem to poem.

Purpose for Reading: This book works best read in sections rather than all at once. For each creature, students should use evidence from the pictures and clues in the poems to make predictions about the animal that is hidden underneath the next page.



WHILE WE READ



MONITORING COMPREHENSION

After solving each "mystery," ask:

- ◆ What clues did you find in the poem?

- ◆ What text feature was most useful to you?
- ◆ What might another title for this section be?
- ◆ Have you ever noticed any of these signs outside?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: "How did the clues and pictures help you make predictions? Were your predictions correct?"

Extending Our Thinking: Revisit your earlier discussion of how scientists are like detectives. What elements of the scientific process did students use in making their guesses? What other kinds of jobs involve this type of logical thinking?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- ◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.



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