

Tree Houses

Name

Date

Student Response

My score for this book is/10.

It was a book.

1. Write a report.

Trees make good homes for many animals.



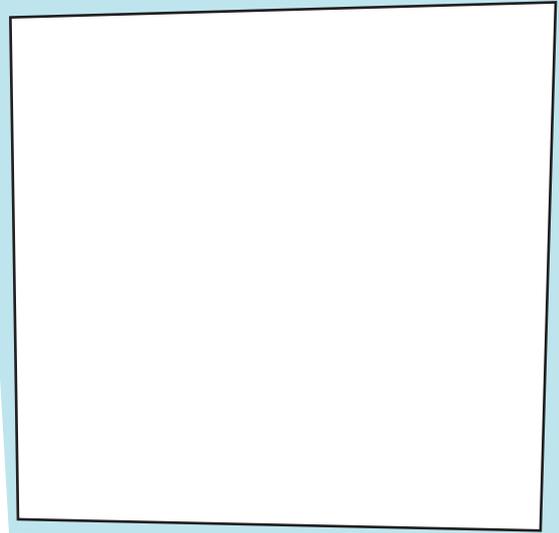
T houses are good for l birds.



Tree houses m good playhouses, too.

I want a tree h to play in.

2. Draw a playhouse in a tree.



3. Read, cover, spell!

Read	Cover	Spell
little	little	.....
look	look	.....
looks	looks	.....
lands	lands	.....
make	make	.....
many	many	.....
this	this	.....
these	these	.....
their	their	.....
there	there	.....

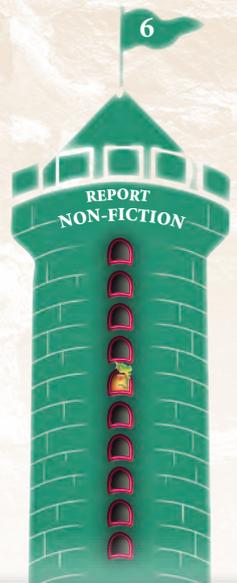


You've finished!
What will you read next?



Teaching Ideas

Tree Houses

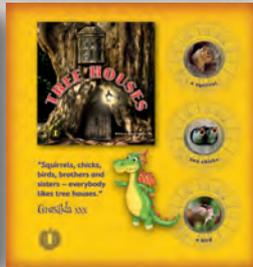


Level 6 Non-Fiction – Report (introductory)
Curriculum Topics: English; Biological Sciences; Geography.

Book Synopsis: an introductory report with clear images about animals living in tree houses, and children using tree houses as playhouses.

Non-High Frequency Words: Most words are repeated and supported by clear images.

High Frequency Words: *Tree Houses* has a high percentage of high frequency words.



Inside Front Cover: Glossary

Title Page: Topic Introduction

Page 2

Report – Introduction and Description

The introduction is followed by a visual description of a squirrel's tree house.

Language Features

Punctuation: capital letter, full stop

Singular and plural: tree house, tree houses

Comprehension: Visual, Connection

Tree squirrels spend time on the ground.

What are other similar animals that may want to live in the squirrels' tree house?

Literature, Science and Geography Activity

Discuss other kinds of squirrels, e.g. ground squirrels or chipmunks, and where they live, e.g. America and Europe.



Page 3

Report – Description

A visual description of a bird's tree house.

Language Features

Word family: look (looks on page 2)

Words starting with "th": these, their ("this" on page 2)

Comprehension: Visual, Inference, Connection

Why do you think the birds have their beaks open? Where might the mother bird be? If you could make up a new name for the chicks, what would it be, e.g. a white-breast blackbird?

Literature and Maths Activity

Discuss another way of writing "two chicks", e.g. a pair of chicks. Students draw and label other pairs of things, e.g. feet, shoes.



Pages 4 and 5

Report – Description

Two short descriptions about the function of tree houses for birds.

Language Features

Singular and plural: bird, birds; house, houses

Verbs: lands, nest

Comprehension – Importance, Connection

What is an important purpose of a bird's tree house? Is it the same for our houses? What are other reasons for living in a house?

Literature, Technology, Arts and Maths

Discuss the process of constructing and decorating tree houses in order to attract birds. Students draw a colourful tree house.





The report continues. From animals to children, the report describes another purpose for tree houses.



Tree houses can be good playhouses, too.

This brother and sister want a tree house up there.



This brother and sister look down from their tree house.

Pages 6 and 7

Report – Description

Two visual descriptions show the structure and function of tree houses for children, too.

Language Features

Compound word: playhouses

Homonyms: there, their

Words ending with “er”: brother, sister

Comprehension – Visual, Importance

What makes the tree on page 6 a good place to build a tree house? What kind of tree would not make a good place for a tree house?

Technology, and Health and Safety

Discuss the process of building the tree house on page 7 to make it safe for access and play. Students could design their own tree house.

The report ends. This is Grusilda, your friendly dragon signing off until my next appearance in a book from inside The Literacy Tower!

Page 8

Report – Personal Evaluation

The anticipation and excitement before playing in a tree house.

Language Features

Contraction: can't

Synonym: a synonym for “get” is “climb”

Comprehension – Summarise, Synthesis

What might this boy say to encourage people to visit his tree house? What is the best fact you learnt about tree houses?

Literature and Arts

Imagine Grusilda the Dragon is inside this boy's tree house. Draw Grusilda putting cake and a glass of milk on the table for the boy.



This little boy can't wait to get up to his tree house.



SCIENCE

Flightless Birds

All birds could originally fly. Many flightless birds evolved in mammal-free areas with no predators. Three familiar flightless birds are the emu (Australia), the kiwi (New Zealand) and the ostrich (Africa).

Student Activity

Student activity sheet
(free download/PDF)



Group Activity

Chart: “Our Tree Houses.”

The students illustrate either a tree house for birds or design a playhouse in a tree. They write a caption.



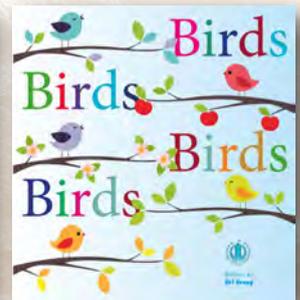
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Cool Crow Party
Level 9: Fiction
Verse



Birds, Birds, Birds, Birds
Level 10: Non-fiction
Description



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