

Starting out

Ask students to look at the pictures and ask what they have in common. Ask them if they like or are interested in being in contact with nature (for example, if they like camping, going to the beach, going hiking, etc.). Ask students if they think it is important to preserve nature and why.

Then ask them to answer the questions in pairs. Have some students share their answers.

Unit aims

- Read and interpret a fact file and an encyclopedia
- Recognize and use words related to wild animals and geographical features.
- Learn and use the superlative form of adjectives.
- Listen to an extract from a news report.
- Play a board game.
- Write a fact file.

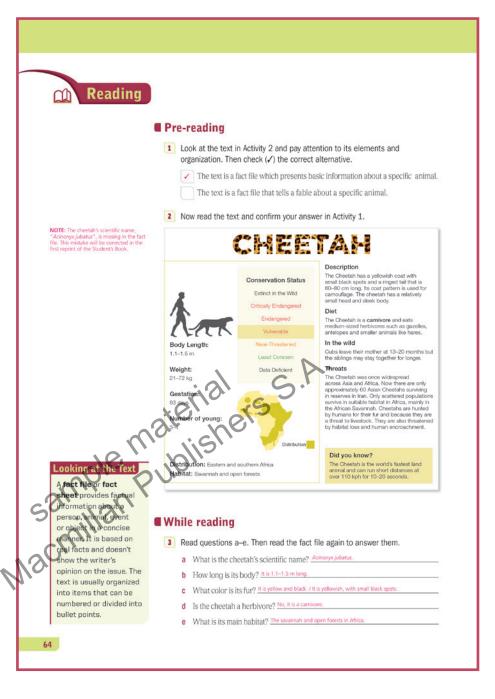
Reading

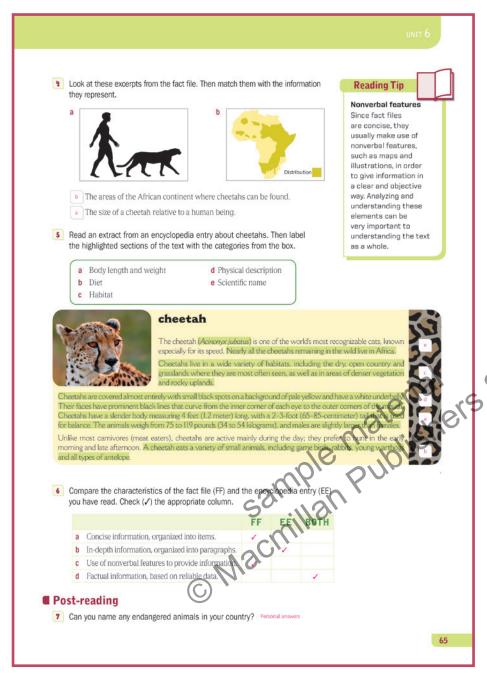
Activities 1 and 2

Read the instructions with the whole class. Ask students to skim the text, observing its characteristics. Check the answer with the whole class.

Activity 3

Ask students to try and answer the questions, initially ignoring any unknown words. Then ask them to compare answers with a classmate. Check the activity with the whole class. Tell students to read the text again and underline any unknown words. Organize students into pairs and ask them to compare the words they underlined, checking if other students know any of them. Then ask them to try and infer the meaning of these words from the context. Finally, clarify any remaining doubts.





Activity 7

Note: Amongst some of the species of Argentinian fauna that are threatened with extinction are: "Cauquén de cabeza colorada" (Chloephaga rubidiceps), "Cardenal amarillo" (Gubernatrix cristata), "Yaguareté" (Panthera onca) and "Venado de las pampas" (Ozotoceros bezoarticus).

Reference

SECRETARÍA DE GOBIERNO - AMBIENTE Y DESARROLLO SUSTENTABLE. Plan Extinción Cero. Available at: https://www.argentina.gob.ar/ambiente/ biodiversidad/extincioncero/especies> (Accessed in November 2018.).

Suggestion for further reading

ArgentinaXplora. Available at: https:// argentinaxplora.com/activida/eco/vega/ especies_en_extincion.html> (Accessed in November 2018.).

Activity 5

Read the instructions with the whole class. Draw students' attention to the words in items a—e and to the spaces where they should write letters. Clarify the meaning of the words, if necessary, before they do the activity. Request during the previous lesson that students read about the cheetah and other wild animals, so as to scaffold the class discussion. If appropriate, ask students to talk to their geography teacher about the leopard's habitat (*Sub-Saharan Africa*). It is likely that students will already have studied the great Sahara Desert or they may have some information about it. The site
bigcatrescue. org/cheetah-facts/> and the video <www.youtube. com/watch?v=5V451tcH69E> (Accessed in November 2018.) may help support the discussion.

Answers

page 64: 1 The text is a fact file which presents basic information about a specific animal. 3 a Acinonyx jubatus. b It is 1.1–1.5 m long. c It is yellow and black. / It is yellowish, with small black spots. d No, it is a carnivore. e The savannah and open forests in Africa.

page 65: 4 b, a 5 e, c, d, a, b 6 a FF b EE c FF d both7 Personal answers

Vocabulary

Activity 1

Encourage students to explore the pictures. Then see if they know how these animals are called in their L1. Find out what students know about these animals. Have students work in pairs if appropriate. Encourage them to look for cognates and other known words (such as parts of the body and face) in the text. Explain that the boxes will be completed in Activity 2.

See further information on the two animals presented:

- Maned wolf: Related to wolves and domestic dogs, the maned wolf (Chrysocyon brachyurus) is native to the savannah and is the largest canine in South America, measuring up to 1 meter tall and weighing between 20–25 kilos. It may be found in parts of Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. (Source: WWF -Maned wolf or Aguará Guazú. Available at: < http:// wwf.panda.org/our_work/ wildlife/profiles/mammals/ wolf maned/>. Accessed in November 2018.)
- Golden lion tamarin: The golden lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) stands out due to the vibrant color of its fur, which varies from golden to golden-red. Just like other tamarins and marmosets of the *Callitrichidae* family, its small size, long tail and agility make the golden lion tamarin one of the cutest animals amongst Brazilian fauna. (Source: WWF *Golden lion tamarin*. Available at: http://wwf.panda.org/knowledge_hub/teacher_resources/best_place_species/back_from_the_brink/golden_lion_tamarin.cfm. Accessed in November 2018.)



Activity 2

Ask students which words they recognize in the box. When they have completed the task, they can check their answers in pairs, before checking them with the whole class.

Activity 3

Draw students' attention to the words in bold. Ask students about the relationship between them. Elicit from students that they show contrast (that is, they are antonyms).

Activity 4

After performing the task, ask students if the geographical features described can be found where they live, in their state or elsewhere in the country.



Understanding Language

Ask students to do the activity individually. Then check it with the whole class. Elicit examples that describe animals and write sentences on the board. Underline superlatives. Explain that the article the was removed before largest and heaviest in the sentence, "The biggest, largest and heaviest cat is definitely the tiger..." to avoid repetition.

Activity 2

Ask students to cover the information about animals and try and answer the questions without referring to the original texts where the passages were taken from. To check their answers, students can look for information in the texts or compare answers with a classmate.

Grammar

Activity 1

Initially, have students explore the pictures by asking, for example, *Is it a big or small animal?*, *Does it live in South America?*, etc. Organize students into pairs. Have them look for cognates and other known words to do the task. Review comparatives, which were presented in Unit 5, if necessary.

Answers

page 66: 1 a maned wolf b golden lion tamarin 2 Maned
 wolf: 2, 8, 6; 9, 11 / Golden lion tamarin: 5, 1, 4, 3; 7,
 10 3 a endangered b large c strong d long e thin
 f agile 4 c, e, b, d, a

page 67: 1 a T b F c T 2 a the world's fastest b the biggest
 c the most powerful d the tallest Understanding
 Language a "The biggest, largest and heaviest cat
 is definitely the tiger..." b a comparison between
 the Siberian tiger and all other cats. c adjectives
 big and large with the suffix -est, preceded by the.
 d the adjective famous, preceded by the most.

Activity 4

After checking the activity, organize students into pairs and ask them to write five questions about the locations and animals mentioned in the unit. Then ask them to close their books. Put two pairs together to form groups of four students. One pair must challenge the other by asking questions. At the end, the winner will be the pair that can answer the most questions correctly. Monitor students while they are working, but avoid corrections. If necessary, write down relevant mistakes and go through them with the whole class later.

Optionally, you may ask students to research at home some places and animals of their own interest. In the next class, ask them to share the information in groups of four or five. This can be done in an exchange as follows:

- A: Which is the largest country in the world?
- B: I think it's China.
- C: I think it's Russia.
- A: Which is the fastest animal in the world?
- B: I think it's the ostrich.
- C: I don't know.
- D: I think it's the cheetah.

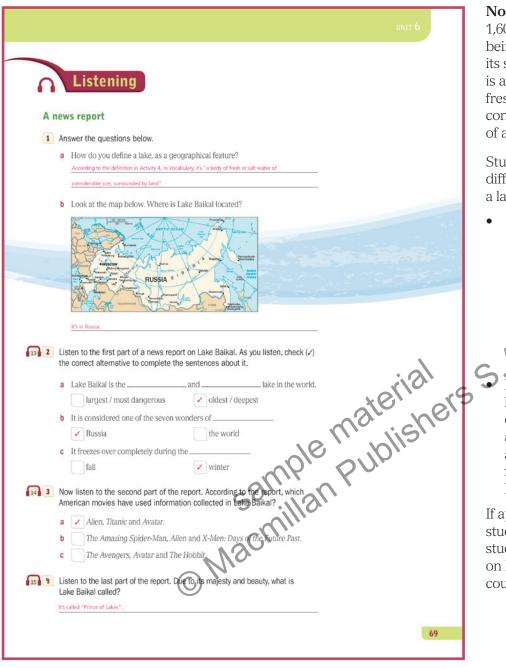
You can review expressions for giving opinions.



Answers

page 68: 3 a The Fastest b The Most Venomous c The Strongest d The Largest / the heaviest / the tallest 4 b Mount Everest, on the border of China and Nepal, is the highest mountain in the world. c The Atacama Desert, in South America, is the driest desert in the world. d Greenland, in the North Atlantic Ocean, is the biggest island in the world. e Lake Baikal, in Russia, is the deepest lake in the world. Language Corner Personal answers

page 69: 1 a According to the definition in Activity 4, in Vocabulary, it's "a body of fresh or salt water of considerable size, surrounded by land." b It's in Russia. 2 a oldest / deepest b Russia c winter 3 a 4 It's called "Prince of Lakes."



Note: Lake Baikal is over 1,600 m deep. In addition to being the deepest lake, with its surface area of 32 km², it is also considered the largest freshwater lake in the world, containing hundreds of species of animals.

Students may ask about the difference between a lake and a lagoon.

- Lakes are large and deep bodies of water that are surrounded by land on all sides, with no connection to the sea. Lakes normally have fresh water, but there are some important saltwater lakes, for example, the Dead Sea.
- Lagoons are shallow bodies of water, normally circular and small. There are, however, lagoons that are larger than many lakes, for example, the Curonian Lagoon (1,619 km²).

If appropriate, you can suggest students undertaking a short study, individually or in groups, on lakes and lagoons in their country or region.

Listening

Activity 1

Organize students into pairs and have them answer the questions. Monitor and help if necessary. Then ask them to return to Activity 4, in the *Vocabulary* section, and confirm their answers.

Activity 2

Ask students to read items a–c before doing the activity. By doing so, in addition to gaining familiarity with the theme, they can anticipate some answers.

Speaking

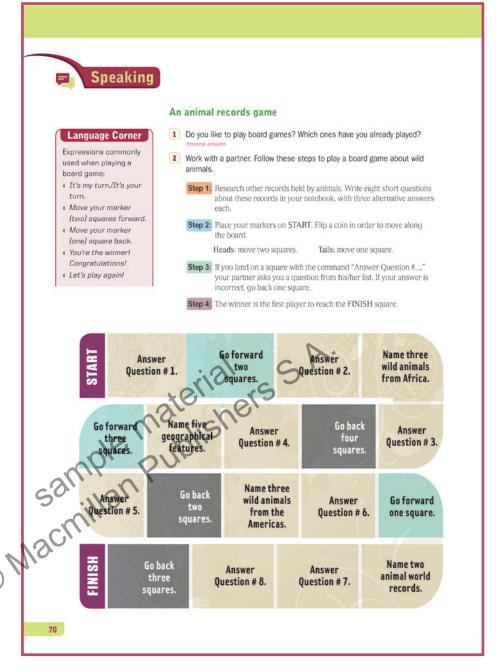
Activity 1

Do the activity with the whole class. You can ask students which board games they know or are used to playing. If appropriate, list the games on the board and, if any are unknown to anyone in the class, ask those who know the game to explain it briefly.

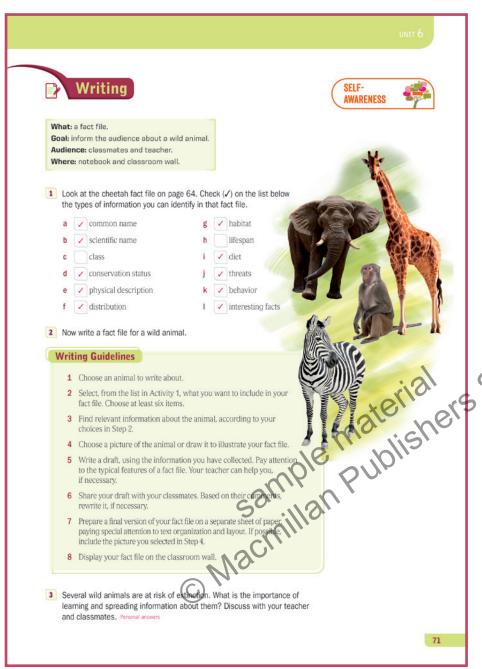
Amongst traditional board games, you can introduce: ludo, chess, checkers (drafts) and backgammon. As an out-of-class activity, you can encourage students to organize "an afternoon of board games" with the community at the school.

Activity 2 and Language Corner

Organize students into pairs and read the step-by-step instructions with the whole class. If necessary, review and give example sentences. Tell students they can use erasers or other small objects as markers. Have some coins handy in case students do not have any. Draw their attention to the *Language Corner* box. Monitor the game, but avoid making corrections while students are playing. If necessary, write down



relevant mistakes and go through them later.



Macmillan Life Skills – Self-awareness

After finishing the activities in the Writing section, you may use the worksheets related to self-awareness available at the Teacher's Resource Centre. As you will see explained in more detail in the specific Teacher's Notes for this task, self-awareness is about understanding your strengths, weaknesses and personal characteristics to help you with the choices you may make. In this specific task, students will learn about records expressed in the form of an infographic. Make sure you have the necessary copies for all students.

Suggested website

ANIMAL Facts Encyclopedia. Available at: www.animalfactsencyclopedia.com (Accessed in November 2018.). Site where students can find information on several animals.

Writing

Activity 2

Read the step-by-step instructions with the whole class. The research necessary to create the fact sheet may be done as homework or done in the school library or multimedia lab. It is important to remind students of the importance of producing an original text based on research. Suggest students presenting their work in the form of a poster or in a digital format. Encourage the class to choose a mascot from the animals shown.

Answers

page 70: 1 Personal answers

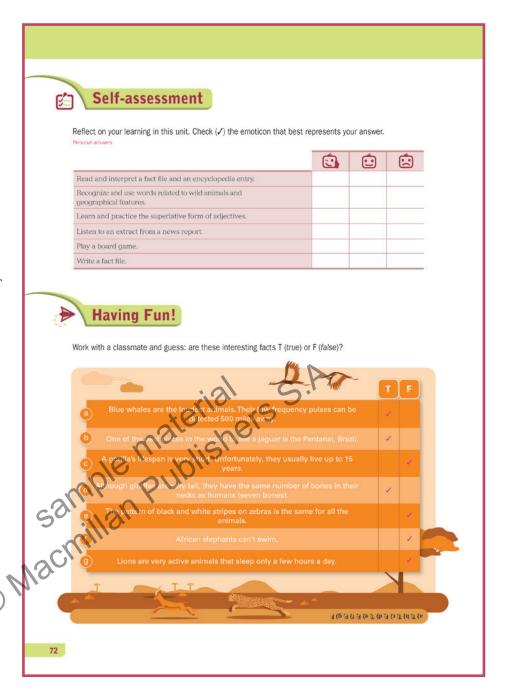
page 71: 1 a, b, d, e, f, g, i, j, k, l 3 Personal answers

Self-assessment

Designed to develop the learners' responsibility for their own learning, in this section students are led to become aware of their strengths and weaknesses in order to foster self-reflection on the learning process. By identifying their weaknesses, students can ask for help from a classmate, redo some activities, focus on the activities of the Review sections, refer to the Grammar Reference or perform the Workbook activities. Ideally, students always have a sense of success or the desire to get it, and thus they devote more effort to learning. Successful learning experiences are the driving force for the desire to learn more and better.

Having Fun!

These activities are not only meant to be performed at the end of the unit; they can be done at the beginning or at the end of a class, or during a lesson as a moment of relaxation.



Answers

page 72: Having Fun! a T b T c F d T e F f F g F page 73: 1 a T b T c T d F e F