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# Arctic Hares

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Red Series  
Arctic Hares  
Book 1 (Photo)  
178 words

**Arctic Hares**

Book 1 Red Series (Photo)

Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence

-vowel digraph <oa>/ō/ (e.g., “coat”)  
-<a>/ā/ (e.g., “basic”)

Punctuation/Text Features

-n/a

Orthographic Conventions

-flexibility with vowel sounds (with a focus on <a>)

High Frequency Words

-n/a

Morphology

-n/a

Word Count

- 178 words

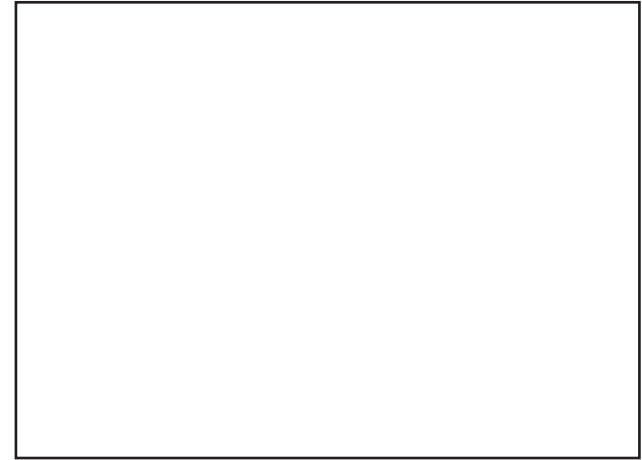
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Life in the Arctic is hard, but these hares have adapted!

# Arctic Hares



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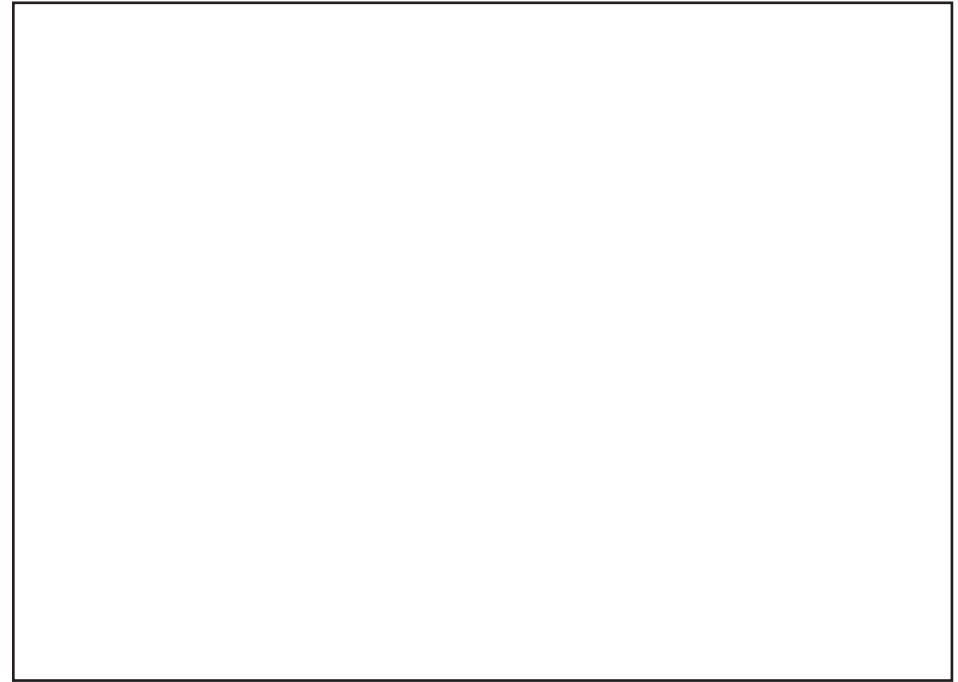
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Baby hares are born in the spring when it's not so cold. A baby hare stays with its mom for a short time. Then, it takes care of itself.



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Arctic hares are native to northern Canada and Greenland.



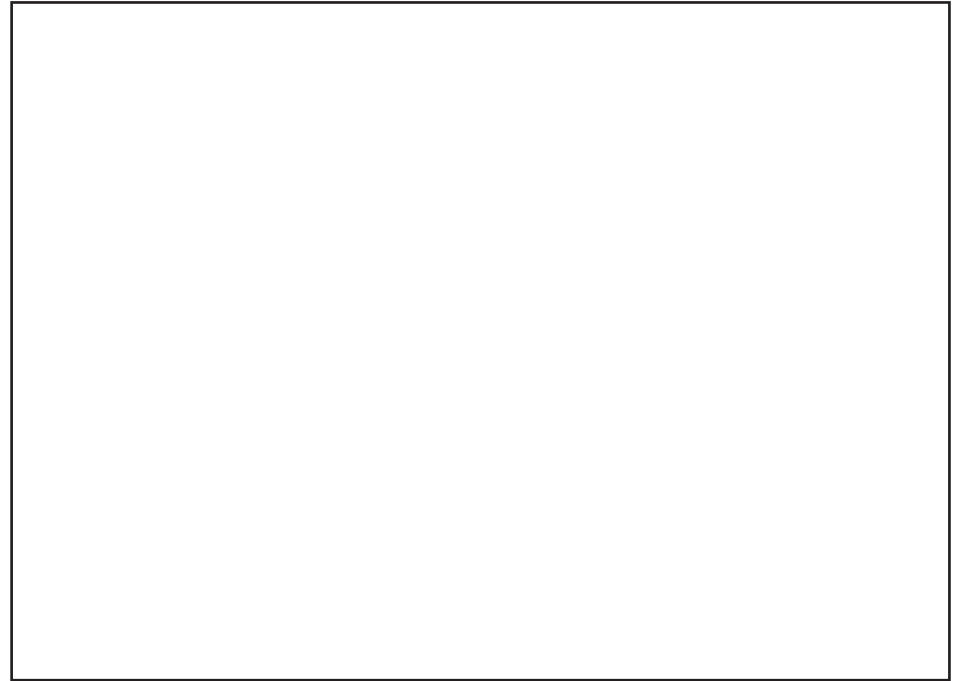
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An Arctic hare sheds its white coat in the summer so it can blend in with plants and grasses.



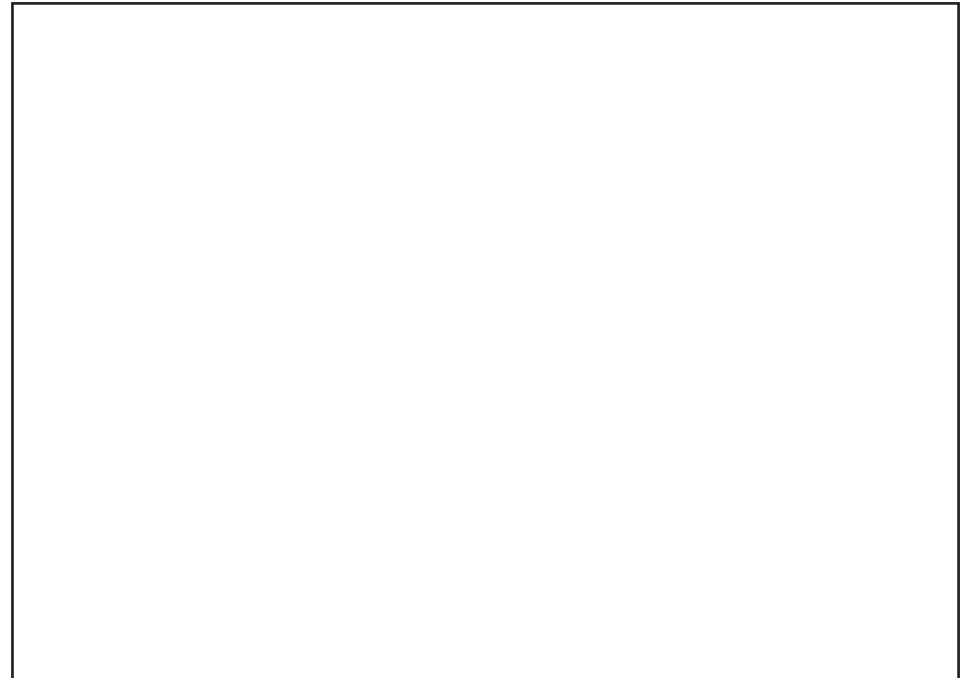
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Arctic hares live off plants such as moss and grass. Plants are hard to find in winter, so hares will consume loads of plants in the summer to help them get by.



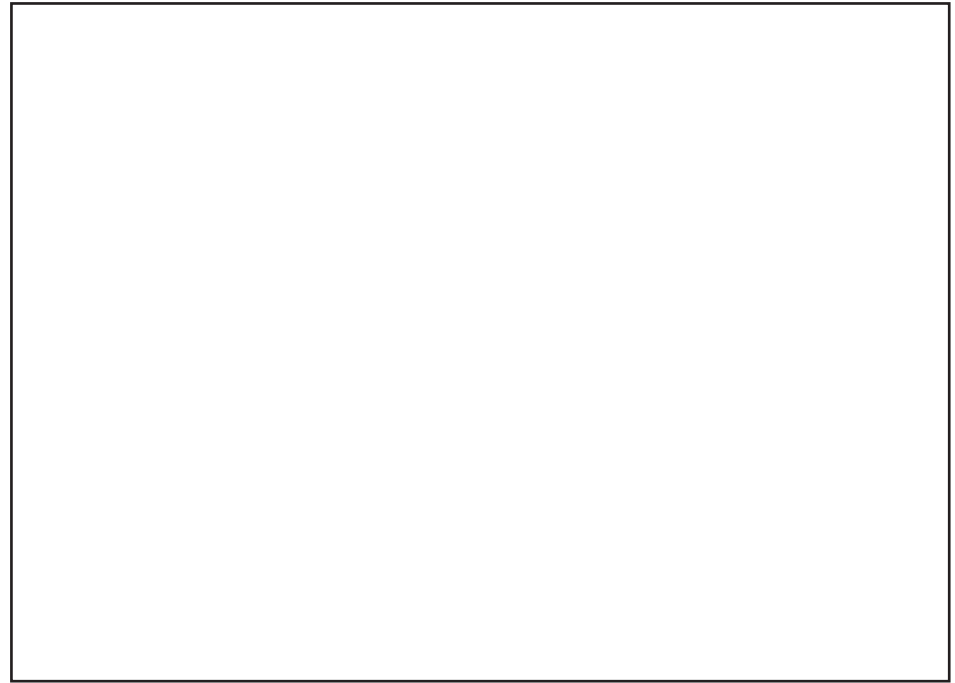
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Arctic hares may need to roam a long way to find a place to feed. A hare can travel at a fast pace!



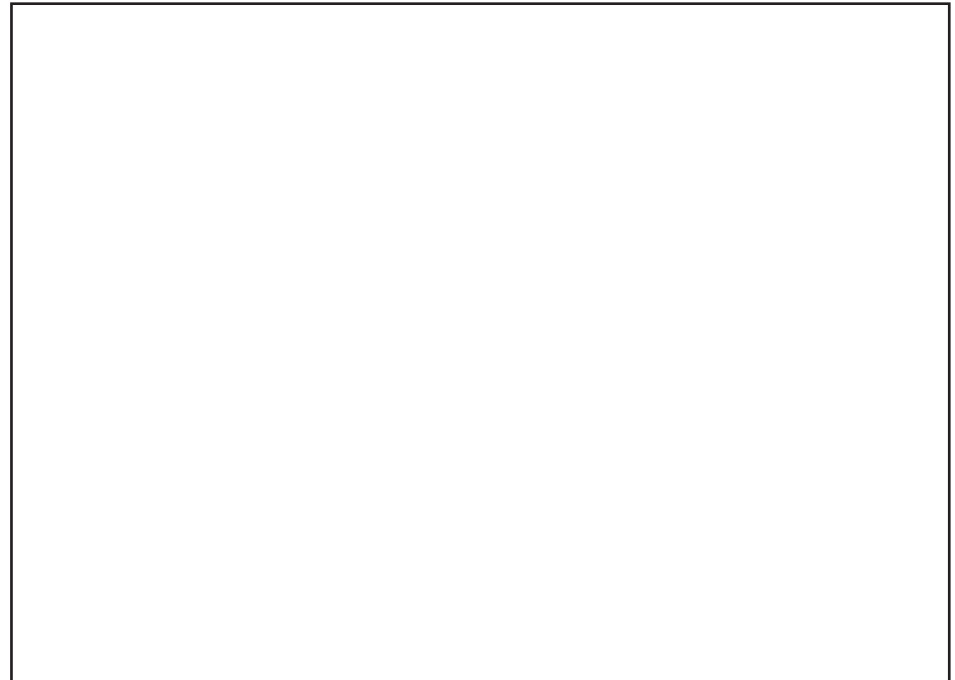
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In the winter, an Arctic hare's coat turns white. This thick coat helps the hare hide from foxes and soaring falcons.



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When it gets cold, Arctic hares may dig holes for shelter. These basic shelters stop the hares from getting soaked in ice storms and winter squalls. They also provide a safe place to sleep.



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Red Series  
Up High  
Book 2 (Photo)  
177 words

**Up High**  
Book 2 Red Series (Photo)

Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence  
-vowel trigraph <igh>/i/ (e.g., “high”)

Punctuation/Text Features  
-n/a

Orthographic Conventions  
-n/a

High Frequency Words  
-n/a

Morphology  
-n/a

Word Count  
- 177 words

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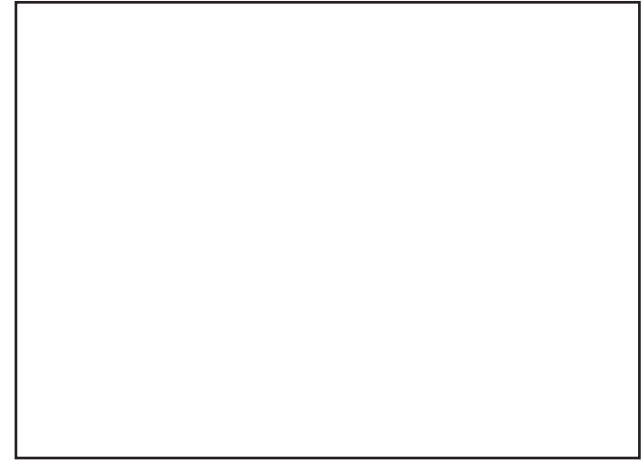
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Do you like being up high?

# Up High



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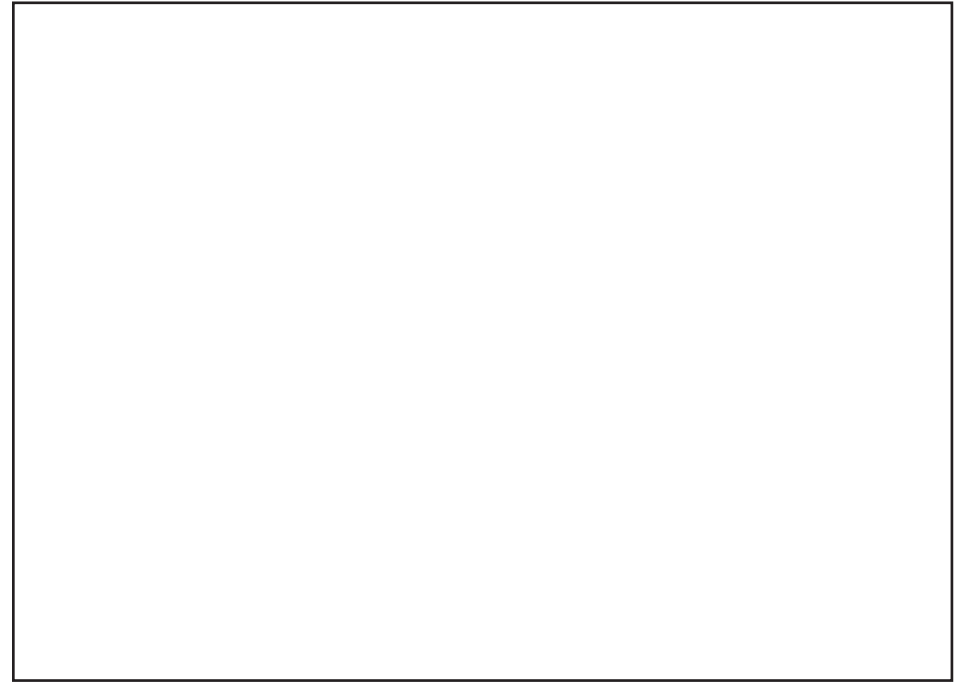
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If you are brave, you can take  
a lift up a slope. These chairs  
hang from strong wires, and  
take you right up to the top.  
The sights will impress you!



12

It can be thrilling to be  
up high!



2

You might love going up, but a  
rapid drop can give you a  
fright! This ride spins as it  
travels up. It holds you at the  
top for a moment. Then, you  
plummet to the bottom. Yikes!



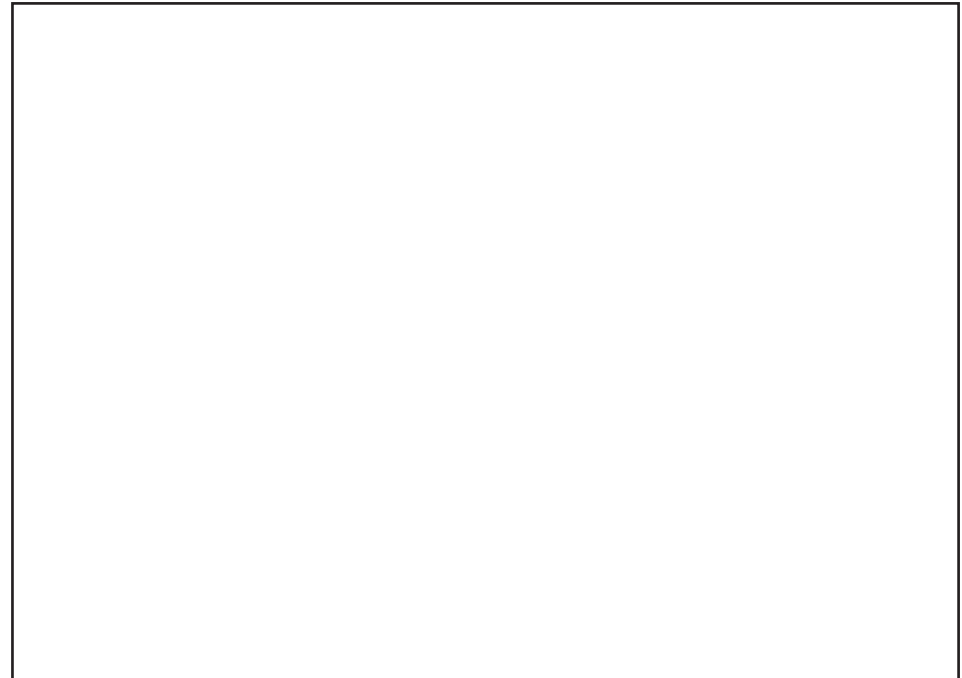
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This zipline is high. Strap in tight! You can sightsee as you zip along at a fast pace.



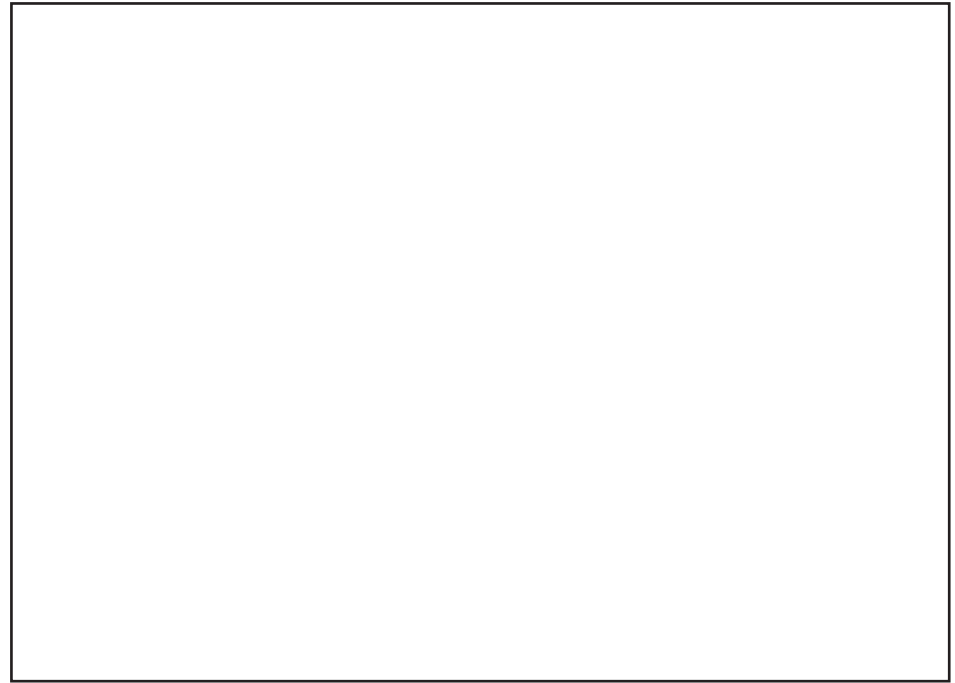
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A bridge can also be a thrilling way to explore a high place. A bridge can span between the treetops. You might get a fright if the bridge sways in the wind!



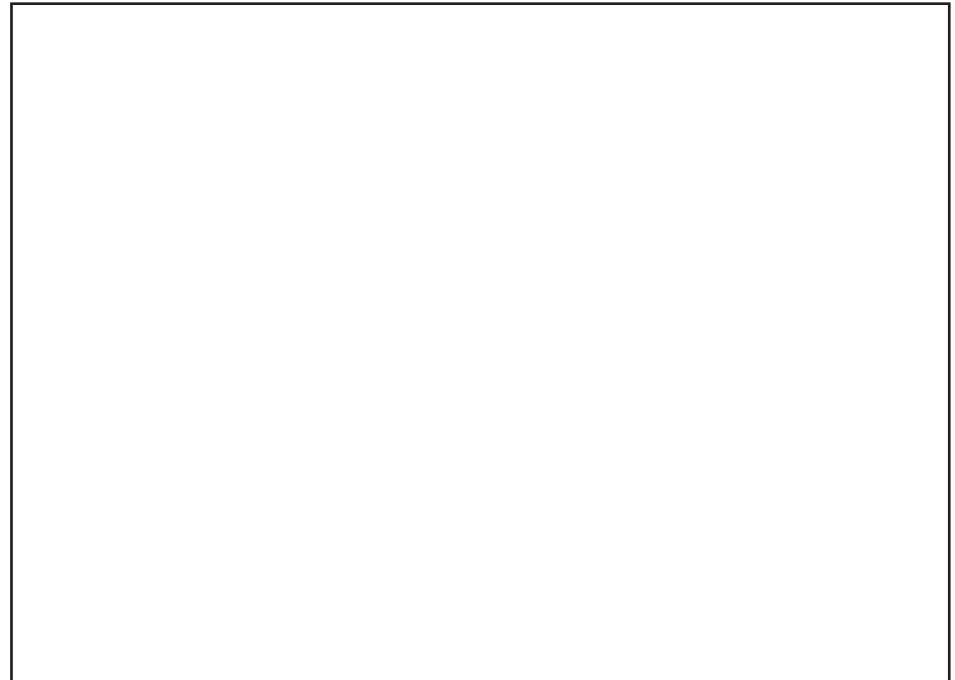
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A jet will take you high in the sky. When flying at night, you can spot the major roads and city lights!



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From the top of a high cliff, you might see birds in flight or a floating boat. Stay safe, and watch your step!



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Book 3 Red Series (Photo)

Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence

-vowel digraph <ea>/ē/ (e.g., “sea”)

Punctuation/Text Features

-n/a

Orthographic Conventions

-n/a

High Frequency Words

-“many”

Morphology

-n/a

Word Count

- 177 words

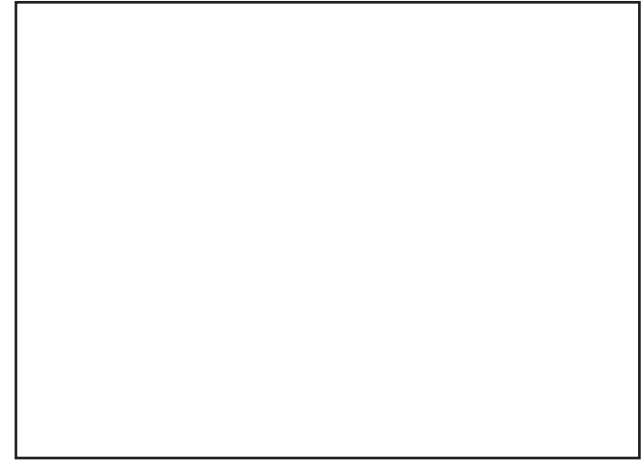
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One day, you may find  
a chunk of this glass!

## Sea Glass



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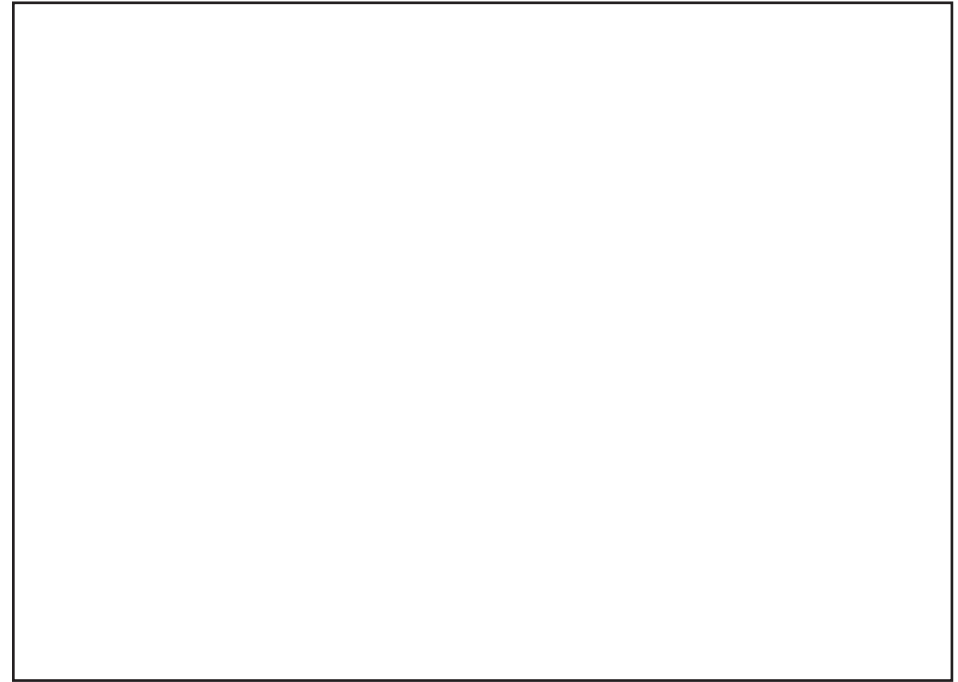
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If you do find sea glass, you  
can use it in many ways. Wind  
chimes, mobiles, and pendants  
can all be made with sea glass.



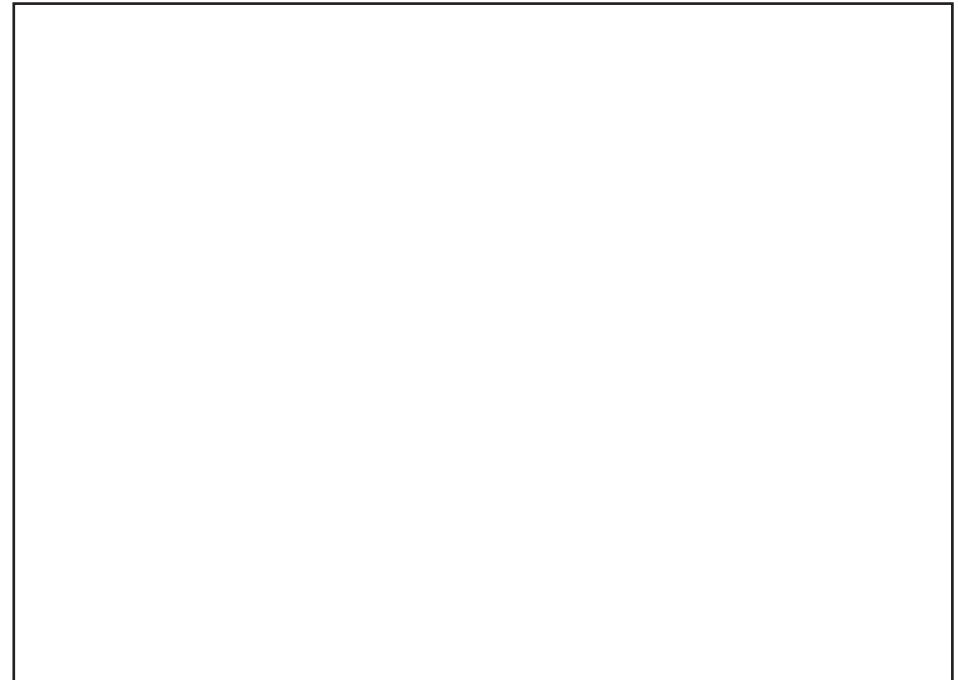
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“Sea glass” is glass that has been polished by waves and sand.



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It takes many years for sea glass to form. Over and over, the waves churn up the glass and sand. In time, each sharp edge will be worn away and polished.



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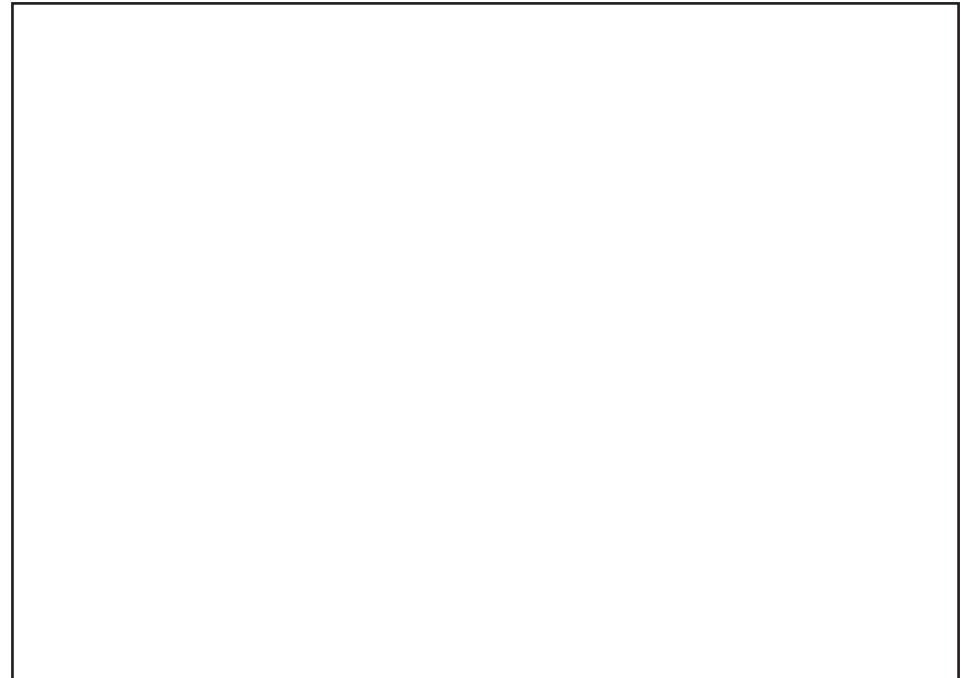


Beach glass is formed in fresh water. The water has no salt, so beach glass tends to be clear rather than frosted like sea glass.



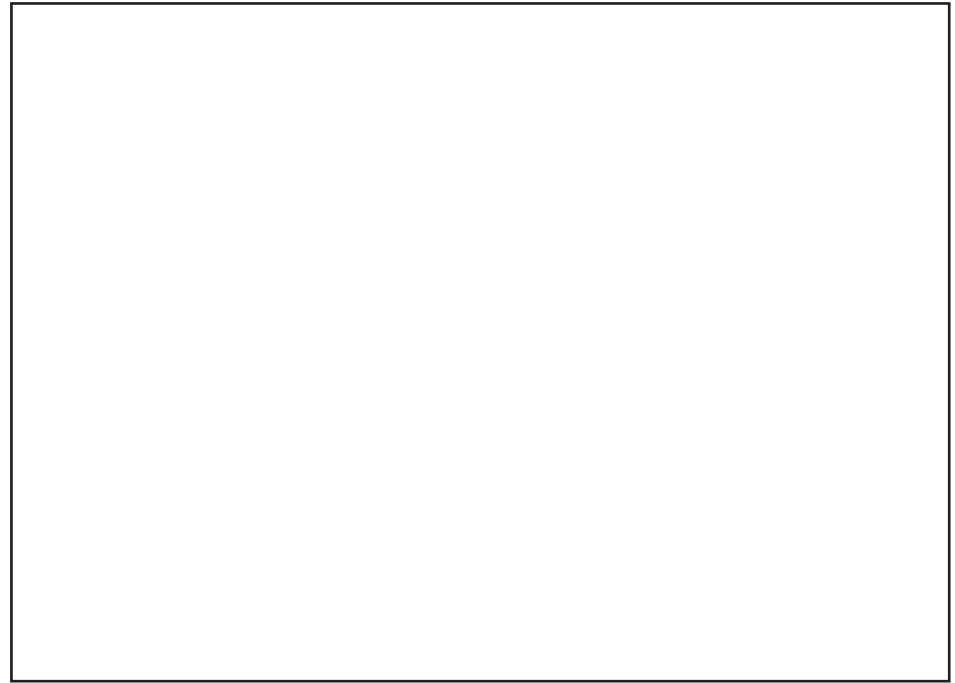
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Sea glass might seem nice, but tossing glass into the water isn't right. We try not to do this today, so sea glass is getting hard to find.



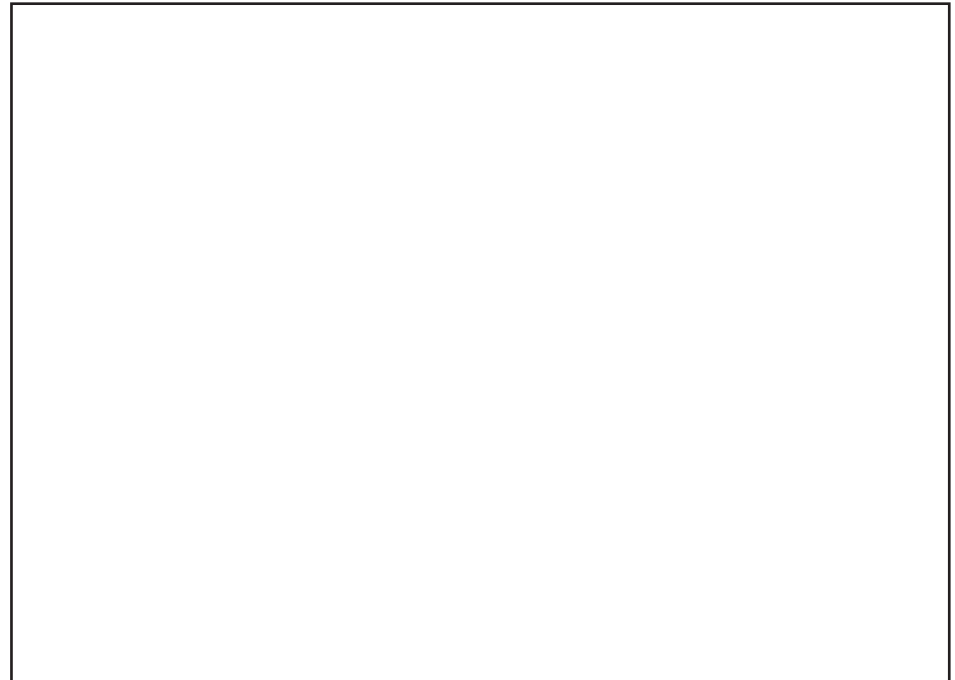
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Sea glass starts as chunks of glass that have been tossed into the sea. Many kinds of glass, such as jars, dishes, or tiles, can turn into sea glass.



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As each chunk soaks in the sea, the salt etches the glass and makes it appear frosted.



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In the Snow  
Book 4 (Photo)  
185 words

**In the Snow**  
Book 4 Red Series (Photo)

Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence  
-vowel digraph <ow>/ô/ (e.g., “snow”)

Punctuation/Text Features  
-n/a

Orthographic Conventions  
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High Frequency Words  
-“once”  
-content word: “ski”

Morphology  
-n/a

Word Count  
- 185 words

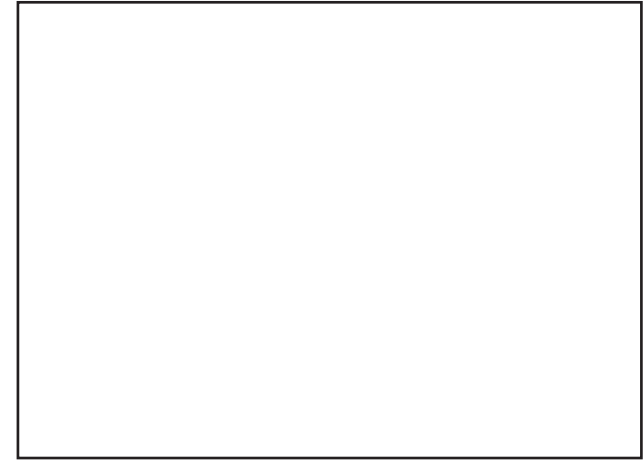
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Once you start skiing or snowboarding, you will not want to stop. Have fun!

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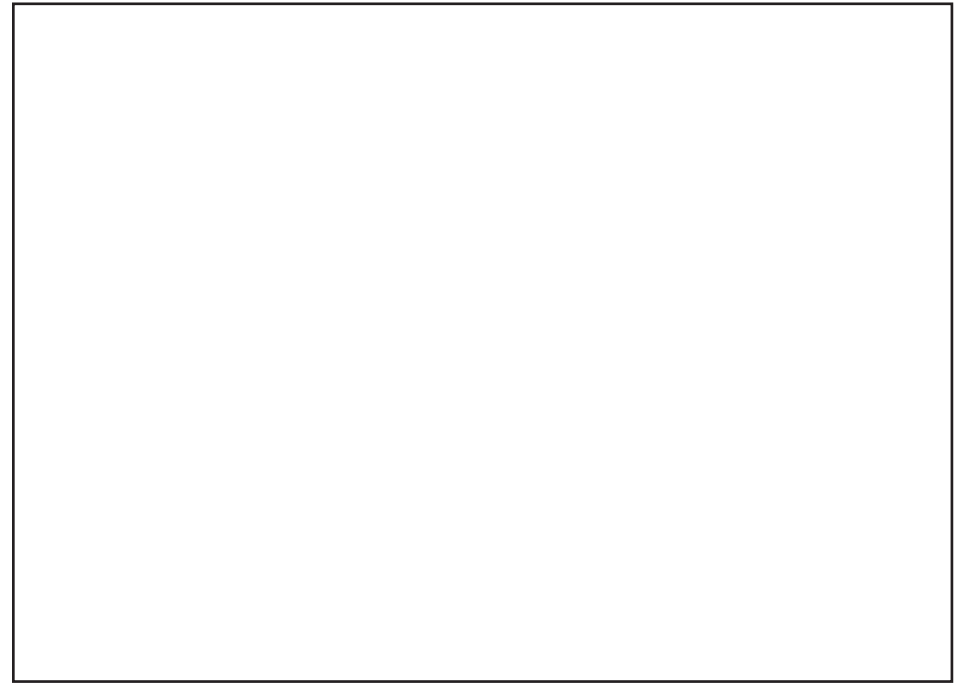
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On a sunny day, the snow can be blinding! Snow is clear, but the sun reflects off the flakes and makes them seem bright white. Sunglasses can help with the glare.



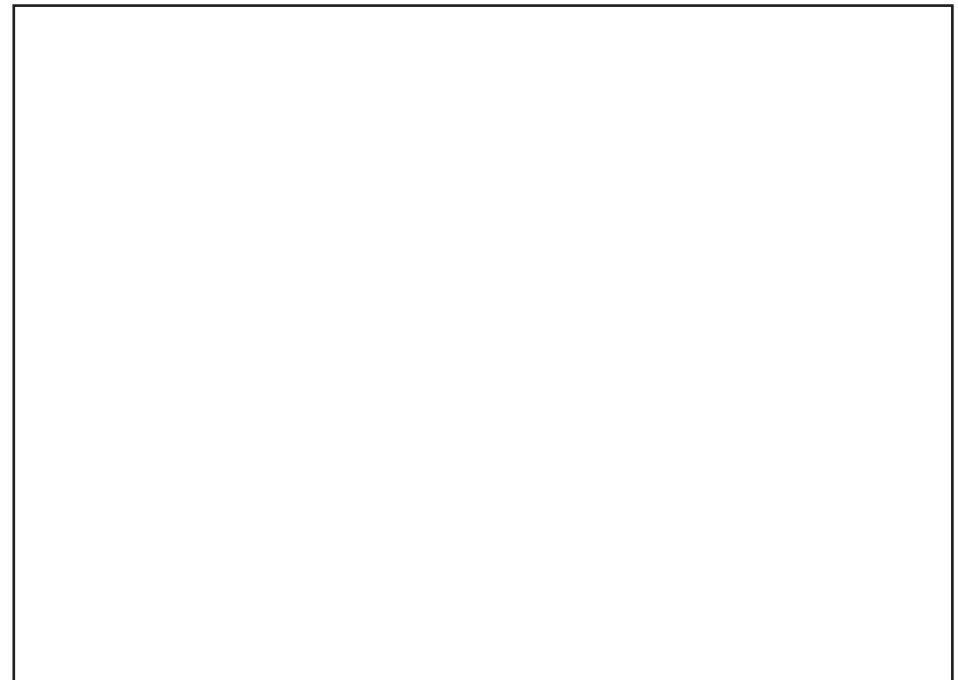
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When summer has passed and the snow piles high, why not try skiing or snowboarding?



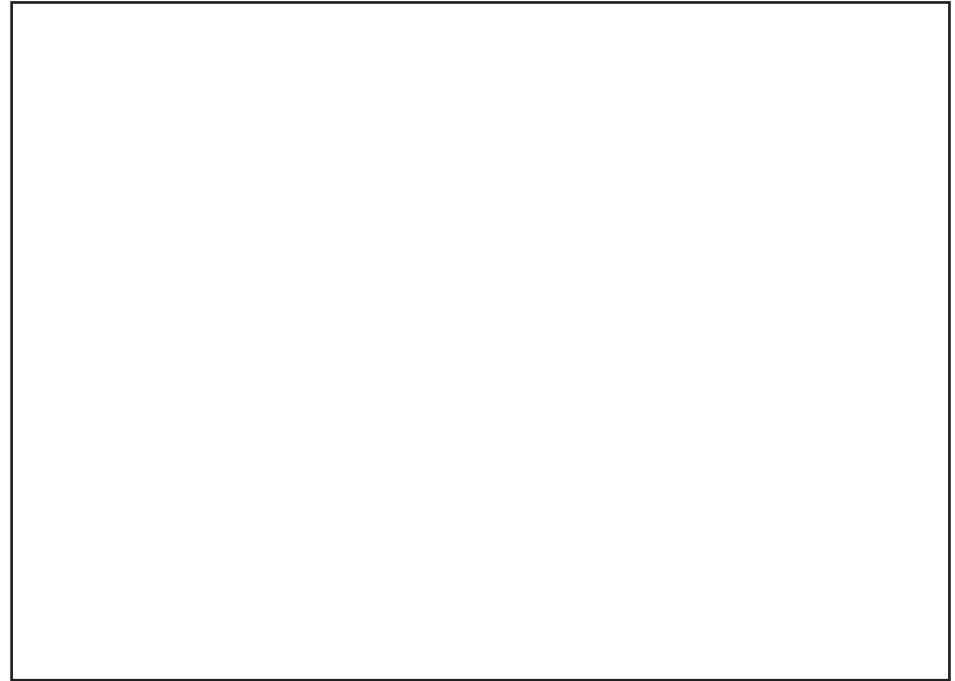
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In time, once your balance grows, you can try steep hills. You can find many ways to reach the high slopes. These chairs will take you all the way to the top!



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Blowing snow can make it hard to see. Follow the trail, or you might get lost.



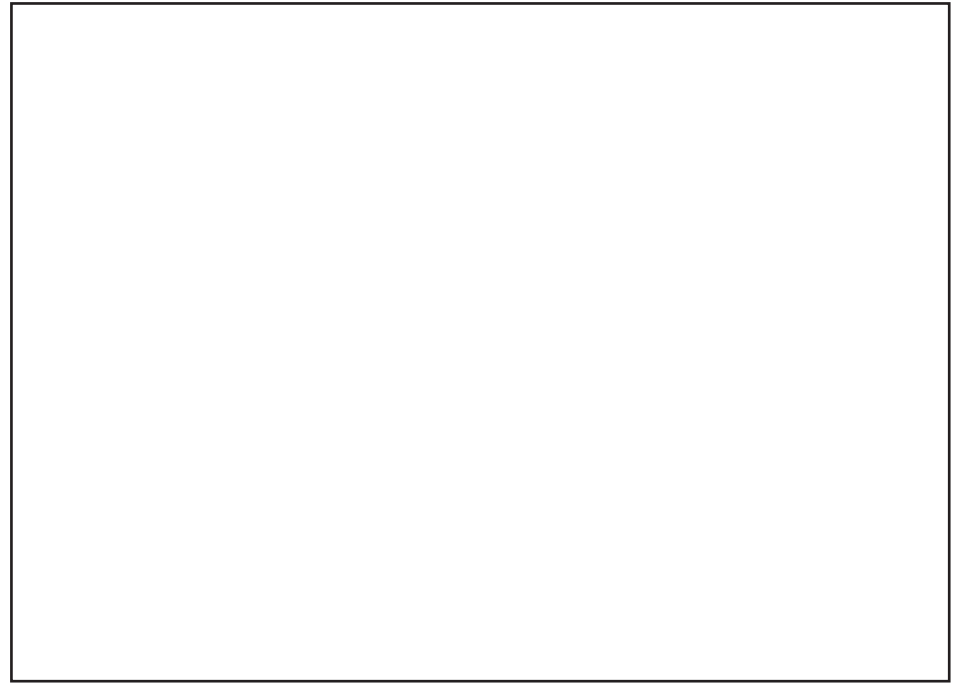
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You need to prepare before you take part in winter sports. Dress for the cold, and follow the rules to keep the slopes safe.



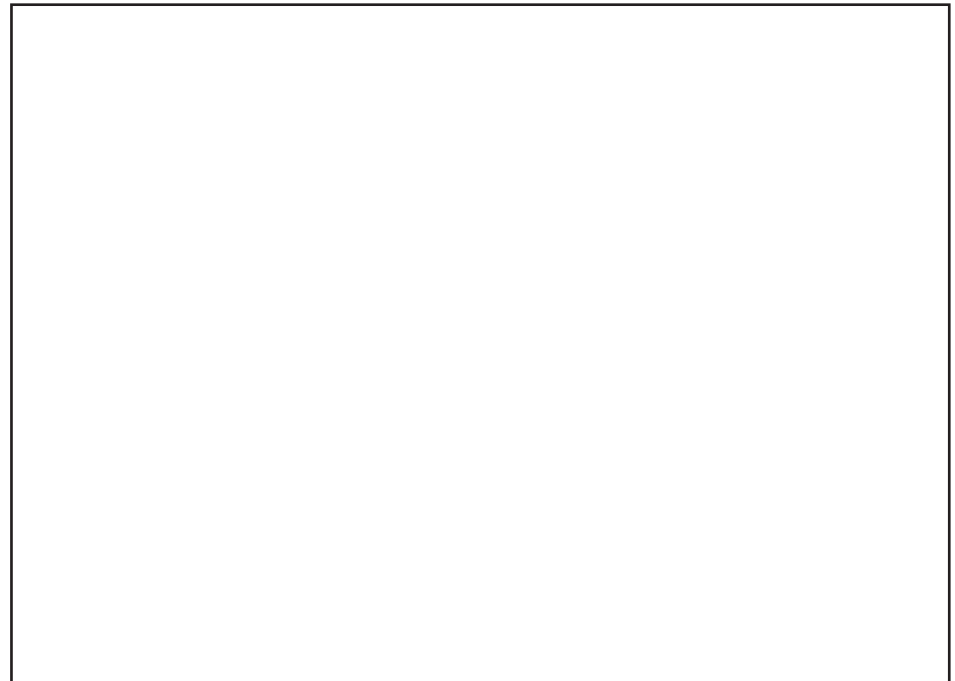
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If you are just starting, you need to go at your own pace. Start slow. Bend your legs, keep low, and stay on the small hills.



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Once you get better at skiing or snowboarding, you can speed up. You can zig and zag across each slope, and even try basic tricks or jumps!



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Space Tools  
Book 5 (Photo)  
186 words

**Space Tools**  
Book 5 Red Series (Photo)

Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence

-vowel digraph <oo>/ū/ (e.g., “cool”)  
-<i>/i/ (e.g., “items”)

Punctuation/Text Features

-n/a

Orthographic Conventions

-flexibility with vowel sounds (with a focus on <i>)

High Frequency Words

-content word: “Canadarm”

Morphology

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Word Count

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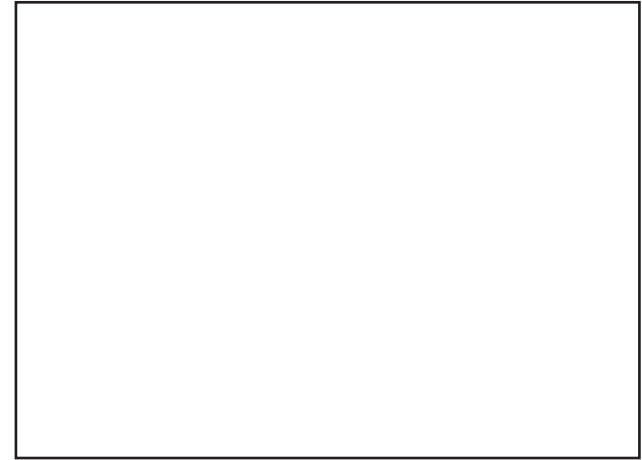
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These tools will help us if we decide to live in space one day!

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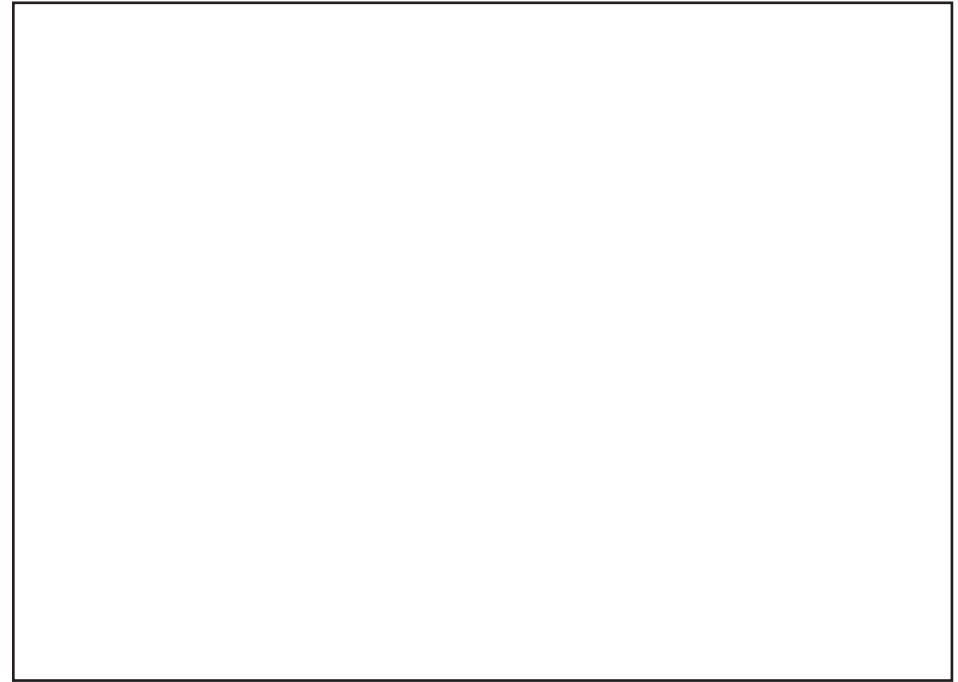
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The basic goal of a Mars rover is to explore the planet Mars, and send back vital data.



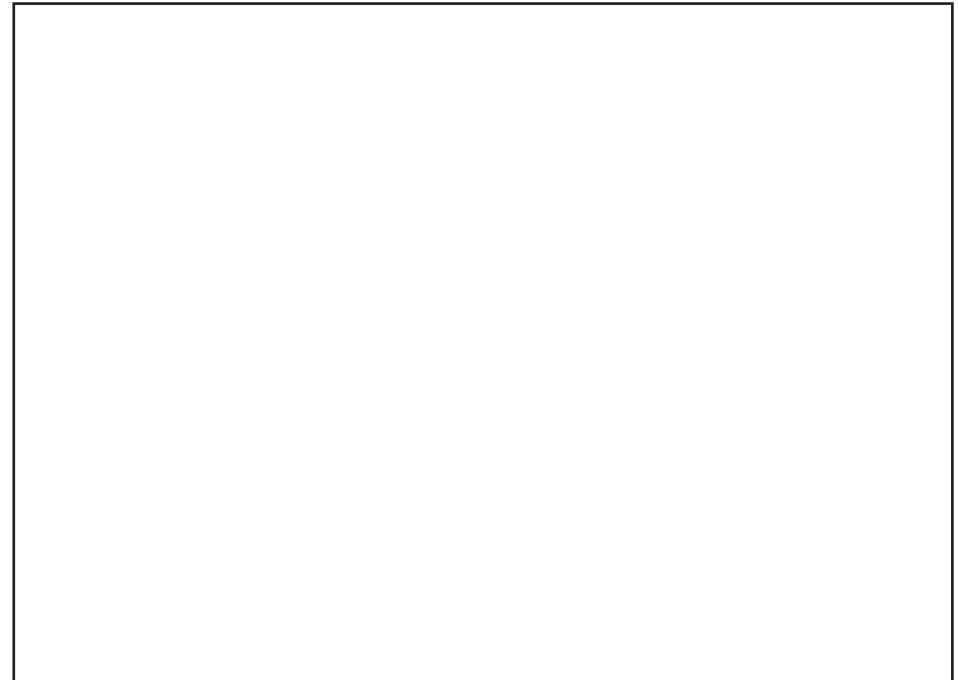
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Many cool tools have been invented to help us visit and explore space.



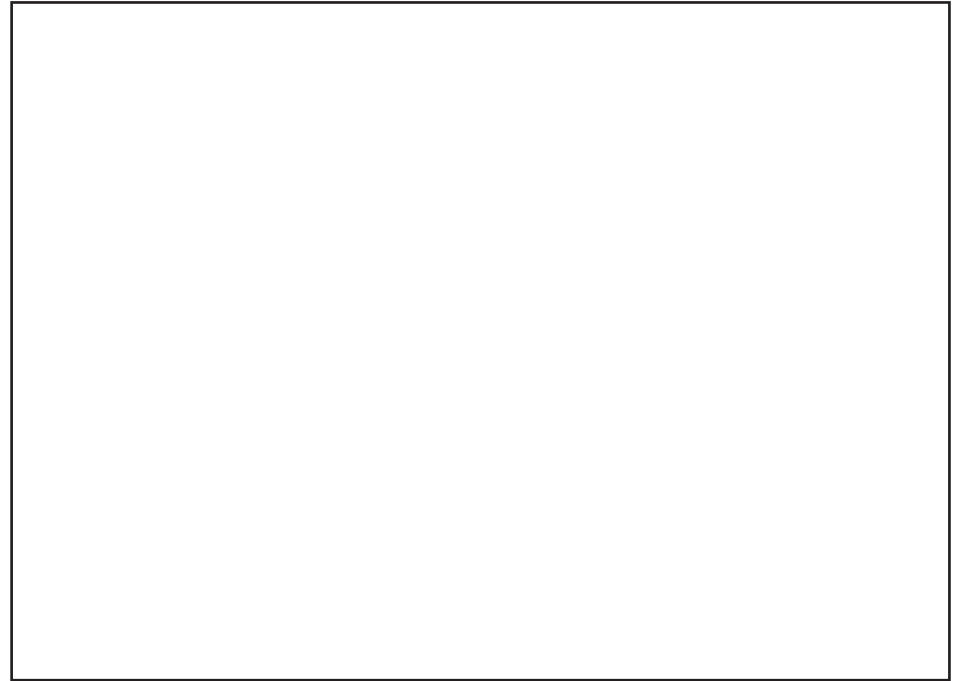
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Soon, the Canadarm began its job. It transferred cargo, supported trips into space, and helped with minor repairs.



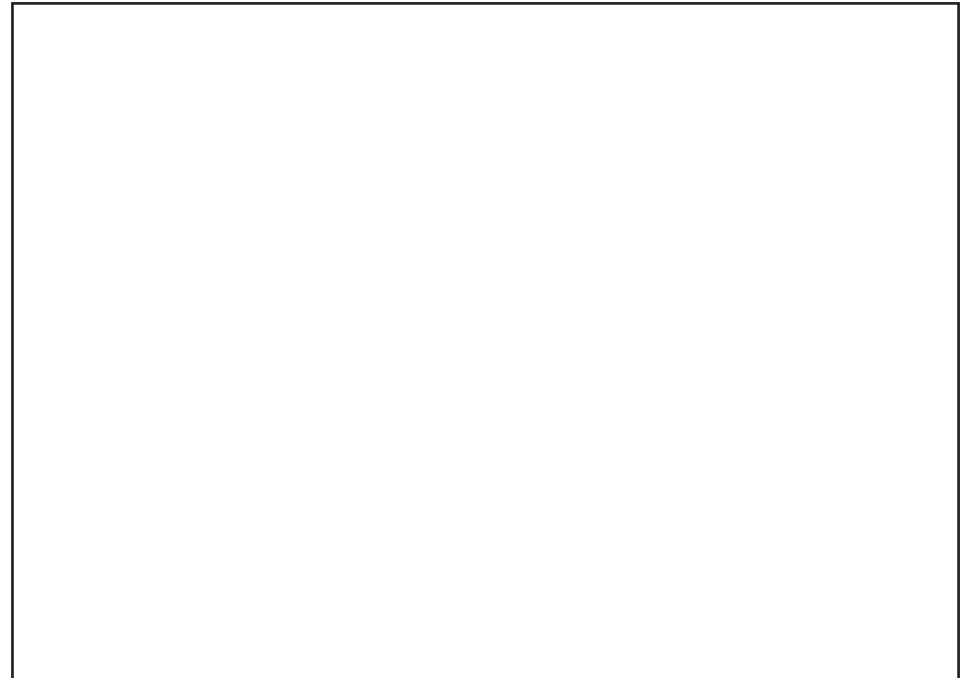
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Solar panels are attached to the roof of each rover. The rovers drive across Mars, and use a number of tools to study the planet. Mars is not smooth. One rover got stuck in a crater filled with blown sand!



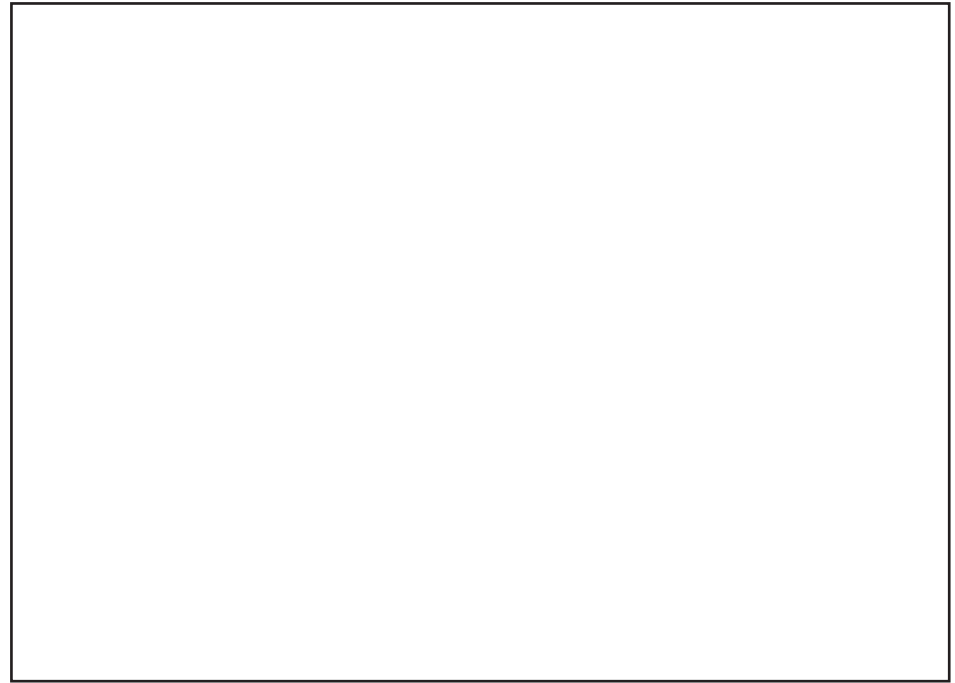
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Mars rovers are cool space tools as well! Over the years, many of these robots have been flown to Mars.



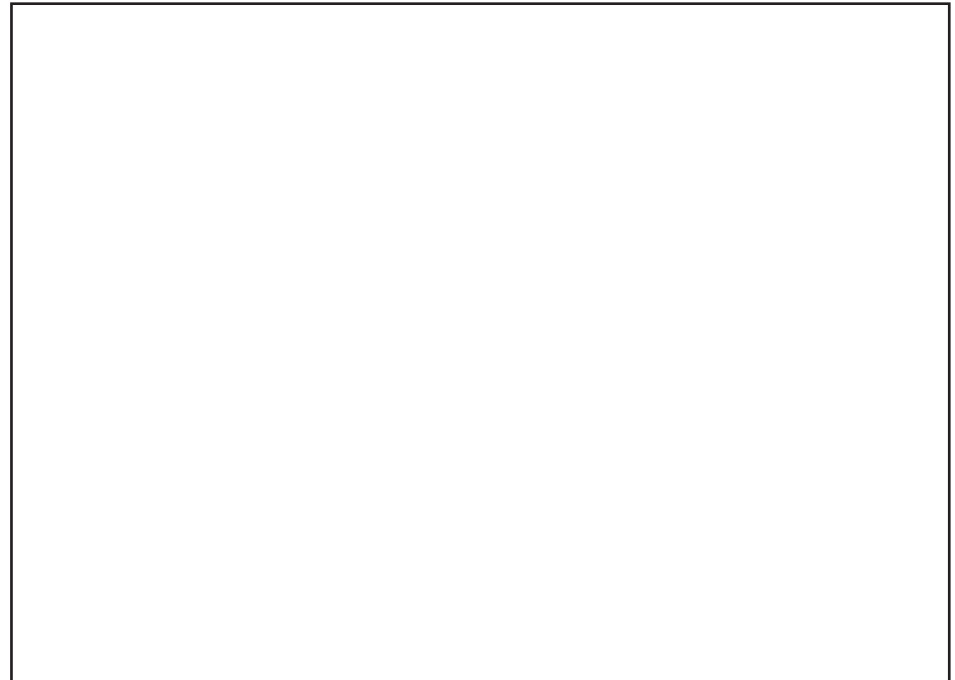
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The Canadarm is cool! It was made to mimic a human arm with an elbow. It had a Kevlar coating to keep it from getting too hot or too cold. In 1981, it was sent into space.



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In 2001, the Canadarm2 was also sent into space. It has a cool latching "hand" at each end, which can grasp items with a strong grip.



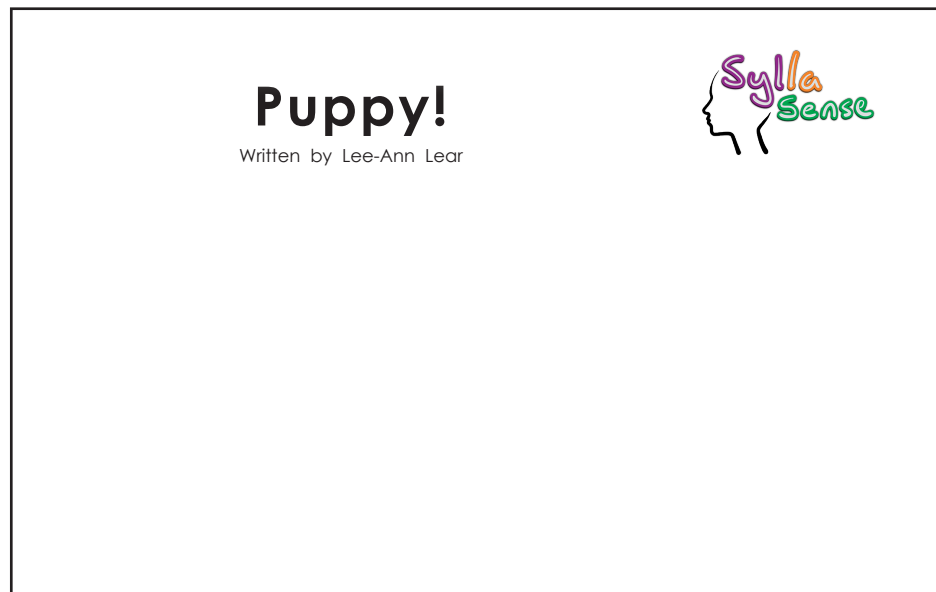
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**Puppy!**

Book 6 Red Series (Photo)

Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence

-diphthongs <oy>/oy/ (e.g., “boy”) and <oi>/oy/ (e.g., “avoid”)

Punctuation/Text Features

-n/a

Orthographic Conventions

-use <oy> for /oy/ at the end of a base, and <oi> for /oy/ in initial and medial position

High Frequency Words

-“come”

Morphology

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Word Count

- 181 words

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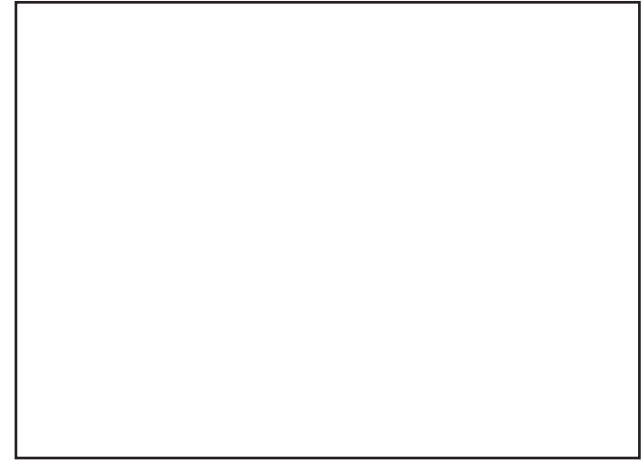
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Enjoy your puppy time!

# Puppy!



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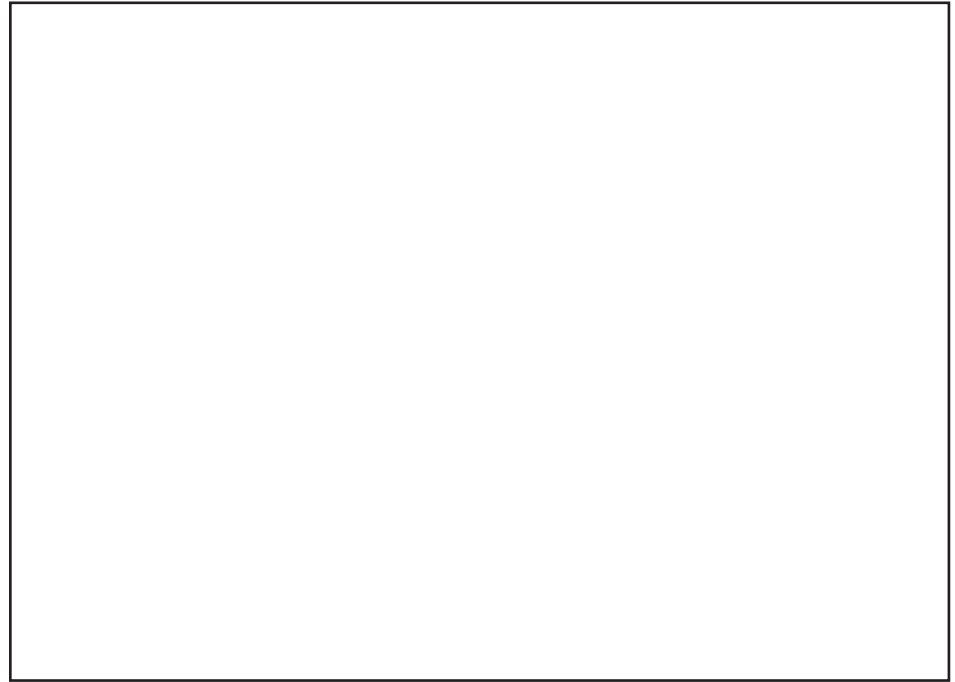
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Make it a point to train your puppy. It needs to come when called, sit, and stay. Your puppy might get lost if it runs too far away.



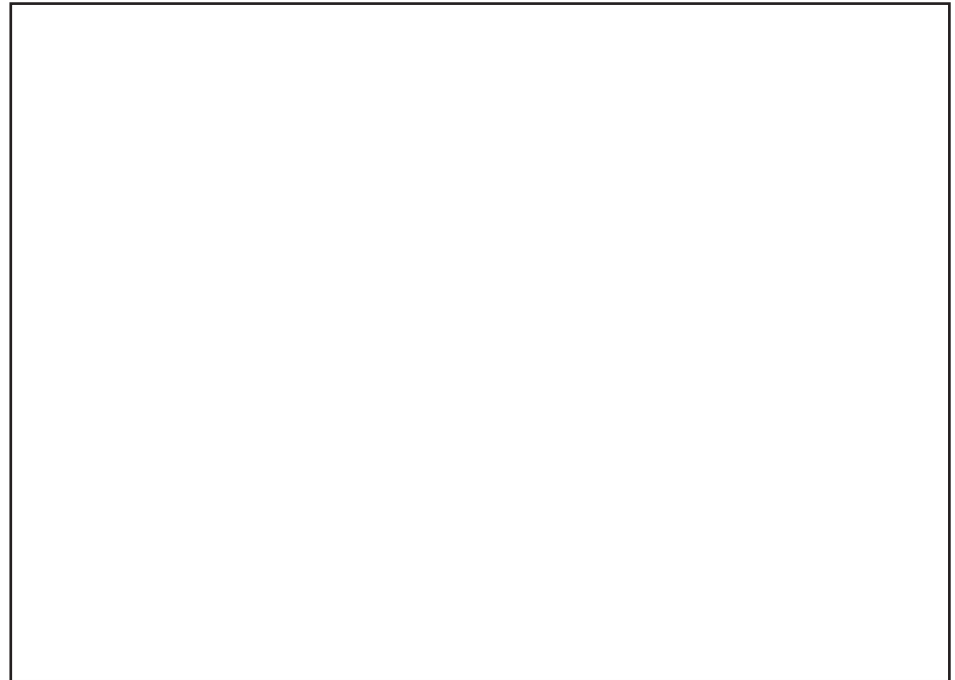
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Have you ever wanted a puppy?



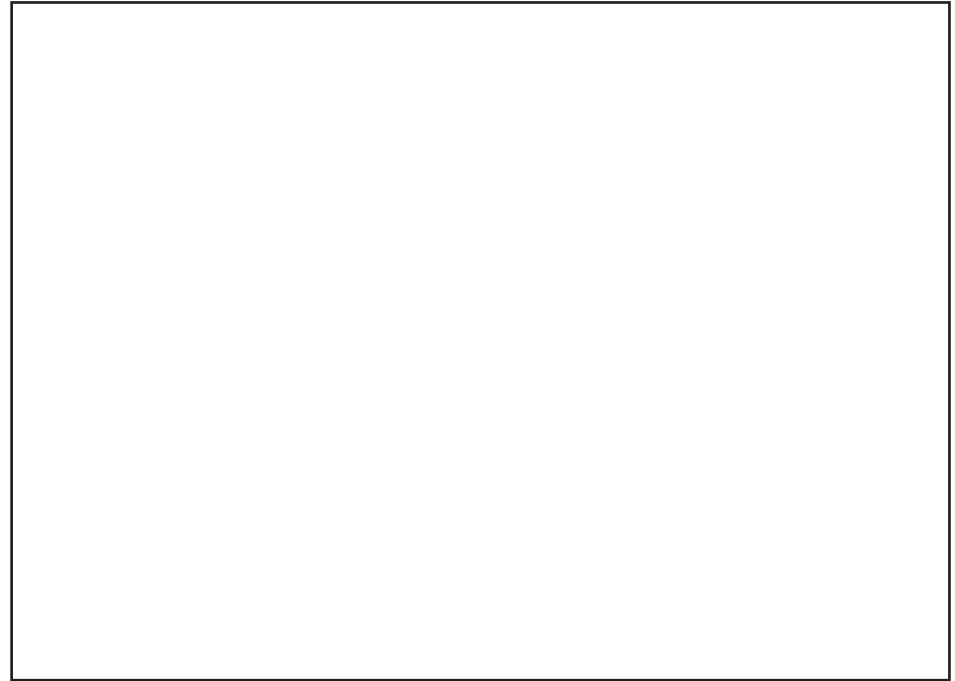
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A puppy needs to be at least 8 weeks old before it can come to live with you. It can't take care of itself at this point, and still needs lots of help!



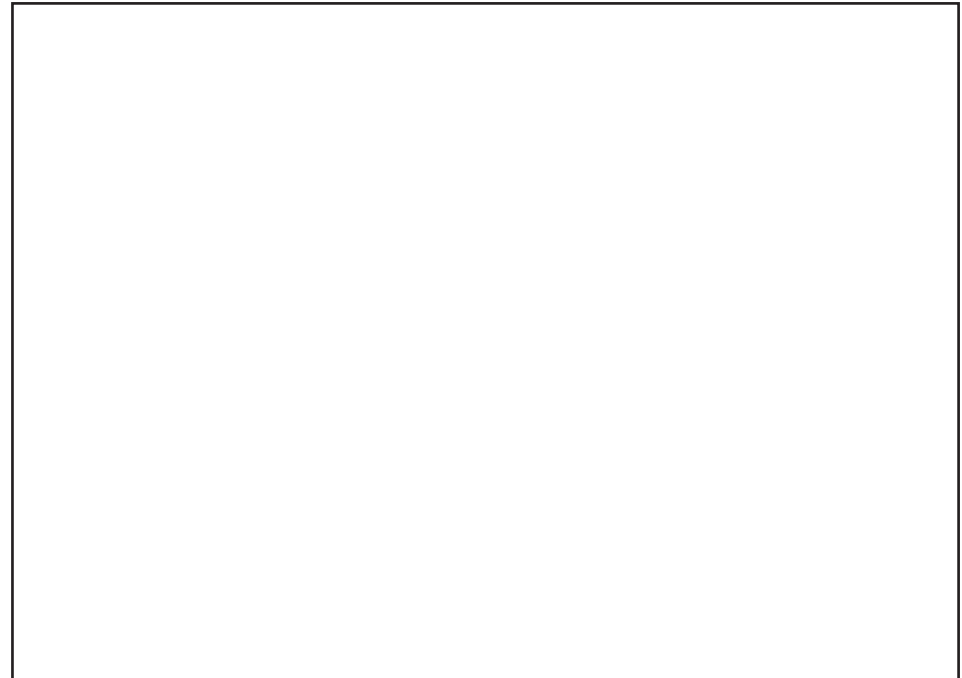
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A puppy may bite and destroy items in your home once its adult teeth start to come in. To avoid this, let your puppy chomp on rubber dog toys.



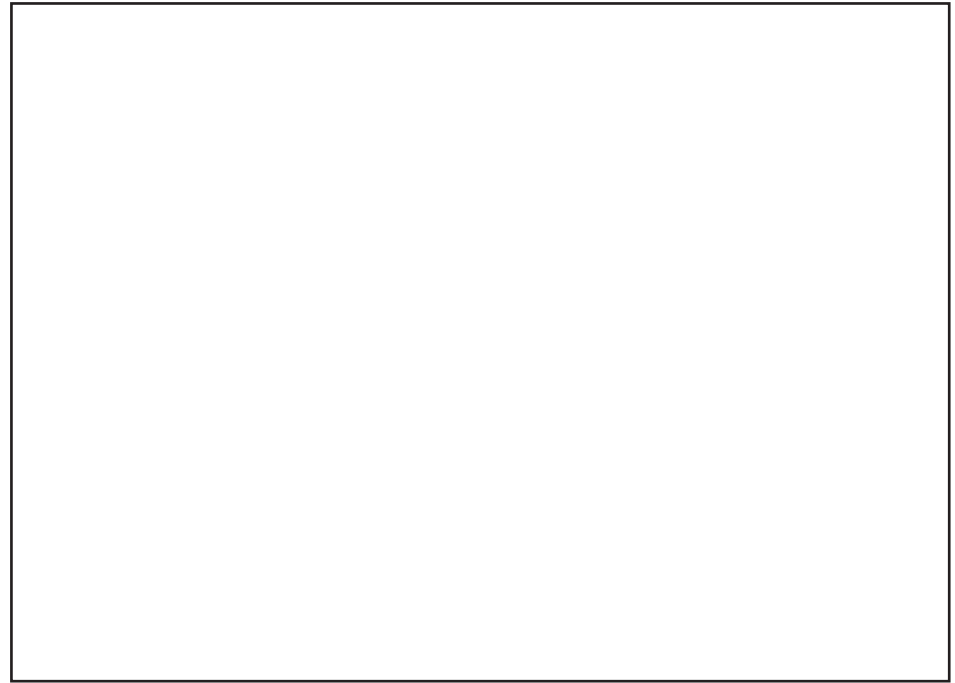
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Keeping your puppy active is a must! It helps to have a wide choice of toys, or lots of room to run.



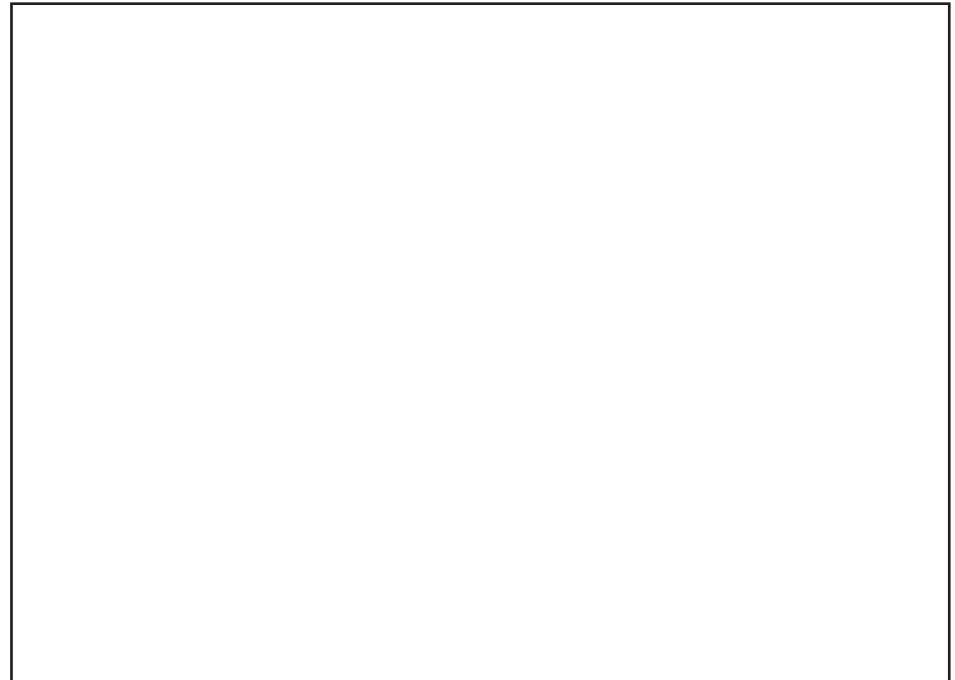
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It takes a lot of effort to take care of a puppy, but a puppy can provide a lot of joy!



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Your puppy will need its own place to sleep, and a spot to eat its food. It takes time for a puppy to adjust, so it's best to keep your voice low when your puppy first comes home.



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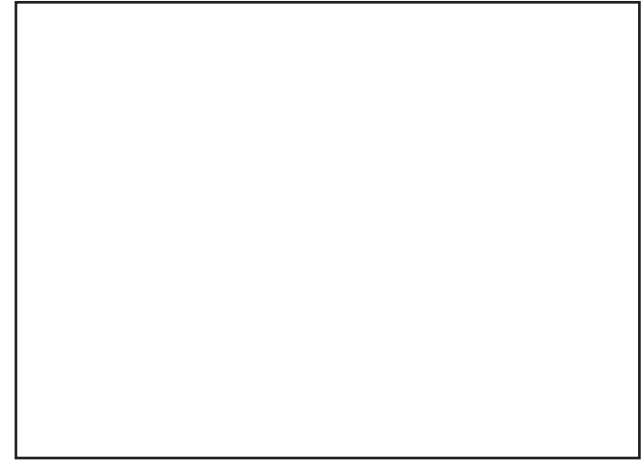
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If you visit the coast,  
try scouting for orcas!

# Orcas



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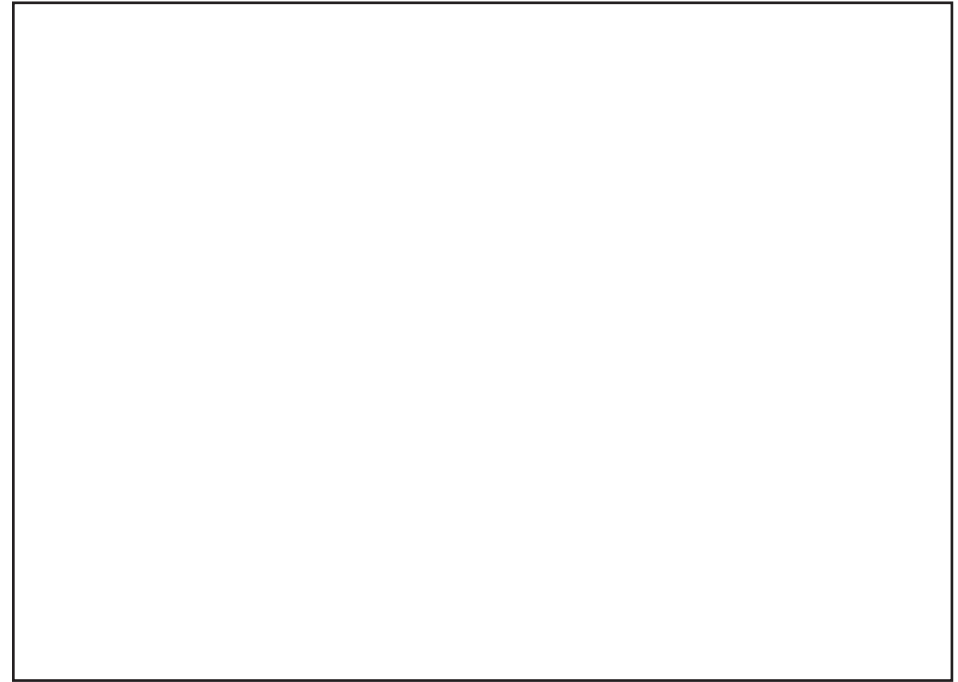
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After about ten weeks, a calf's  
teeth will come in. These teeth  
are sharp, and ideal for  
grasping and ripping food.



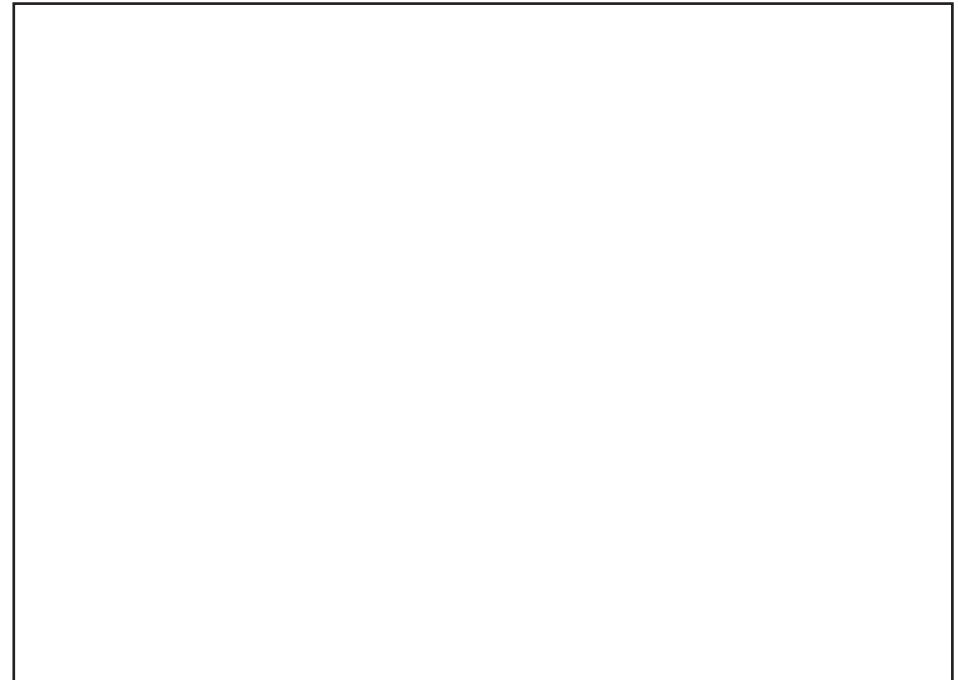
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Orcas, also called "killer whales", live in our oceans.



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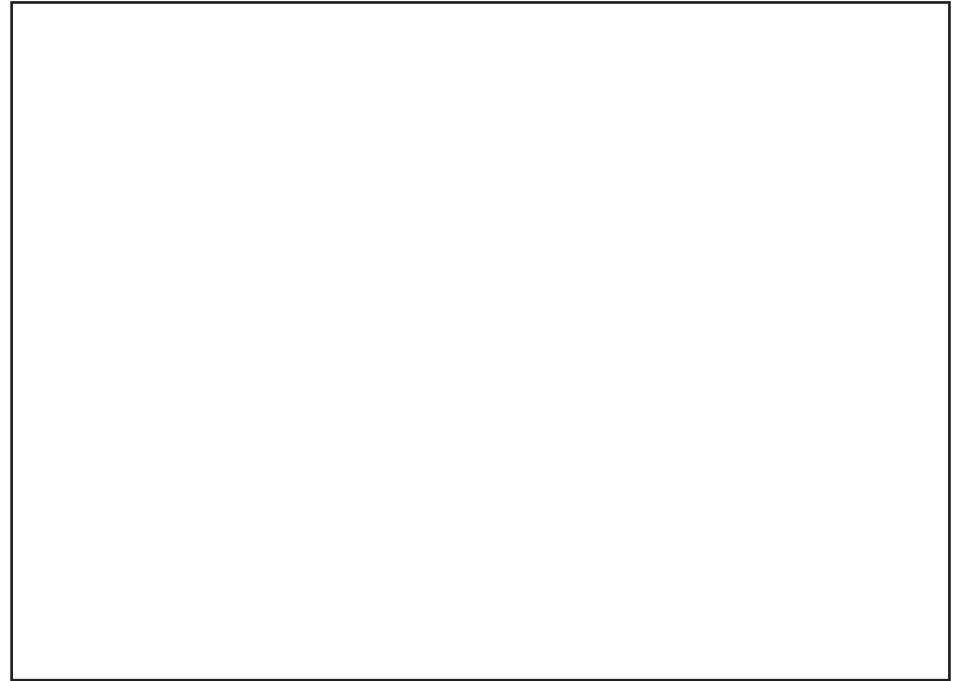
A pack of orcas is called a pod. Orcas make a number of sounds, such as clicks or pops. These loud sounds can help an orca locate or stay close to its pod.



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Orcas can swim deep under the water, but they must come up for air. Many orcas enjoy jumping out of the water, which is called "breaching".



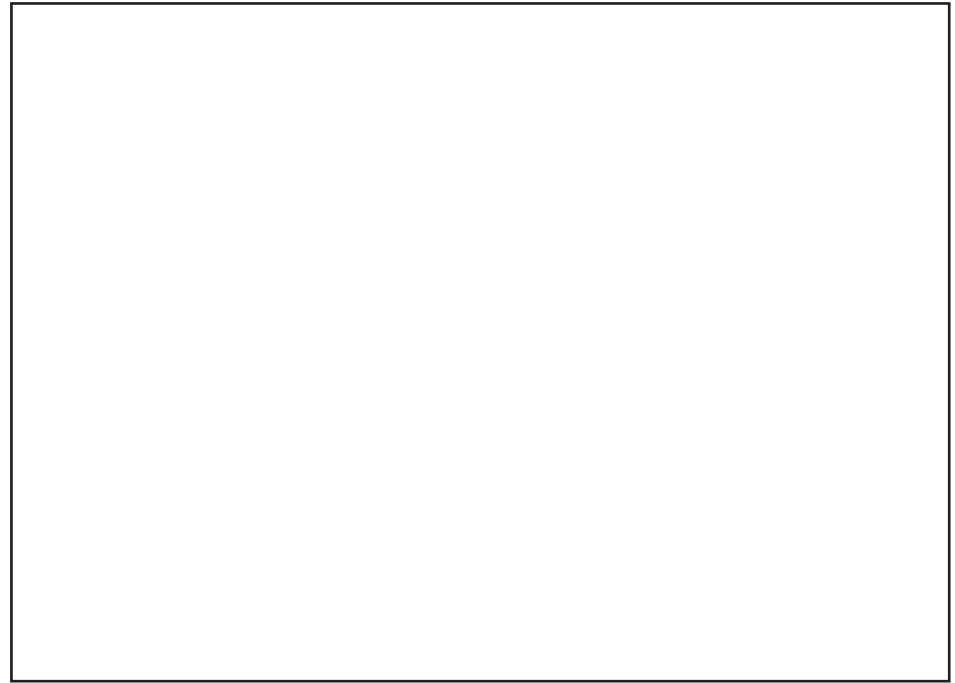
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An orca baby is called a calf. A calf will join its mom's pod once it's born. Orcas are loyal. Adults in the pod will stay around the calf, and protect it if needed.



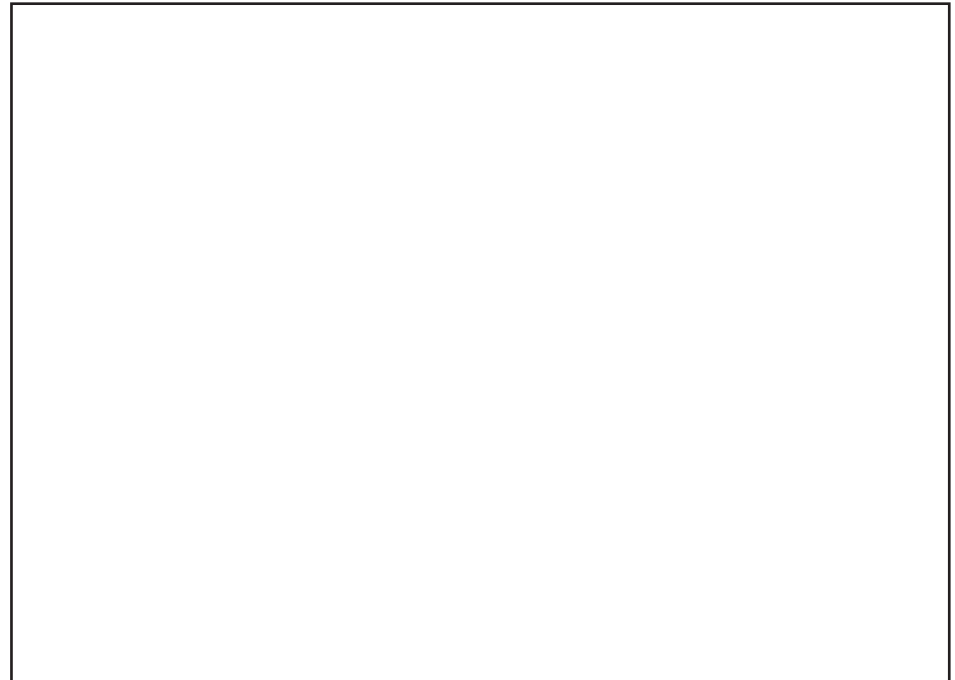
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These mammals can be found in all oceans, but are most often spotted in cold water, close to coasts.



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Pods are often found hunting as a team. One method they use is to herd fish into a tight space. An orca will then strike the fish with its tail to stun them.



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Book 8 (Photo)  
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**Towers and Tunnels**  
Book 8 Red Series (Photo)

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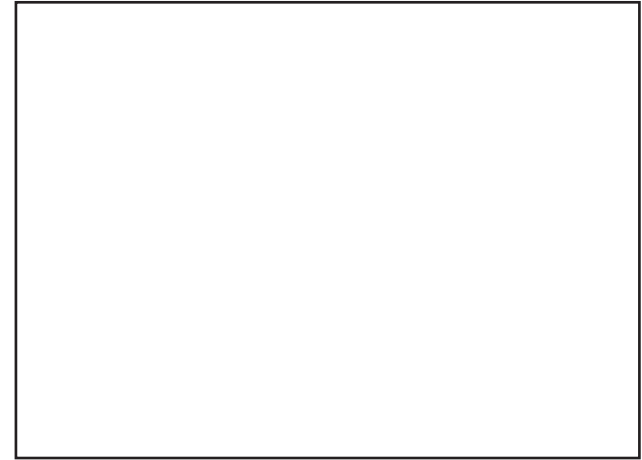
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Do you prefer  
towers or tunnels?

## Towers and Tunnels



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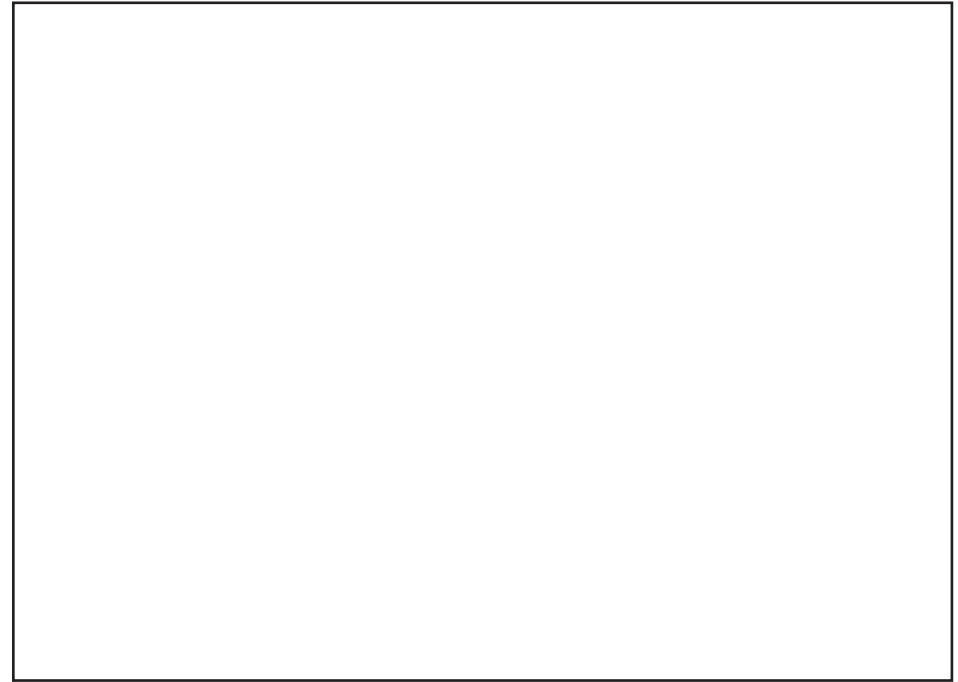
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The subway travels in this  
tunnel. The tunnel provides a  
direct way to get from one  
point to the next, while avoiding  
the crowded streets.



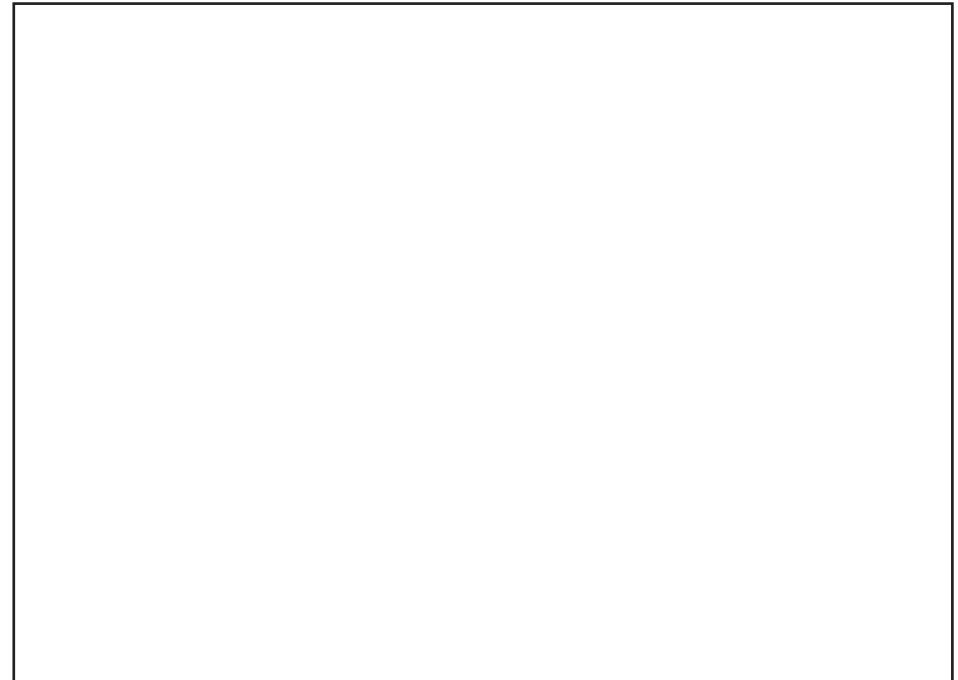
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Do you like going up high?  
How do you feel about going  
down under the ground? In a  
city like Toronto, you can find  
many towers and tunnels.



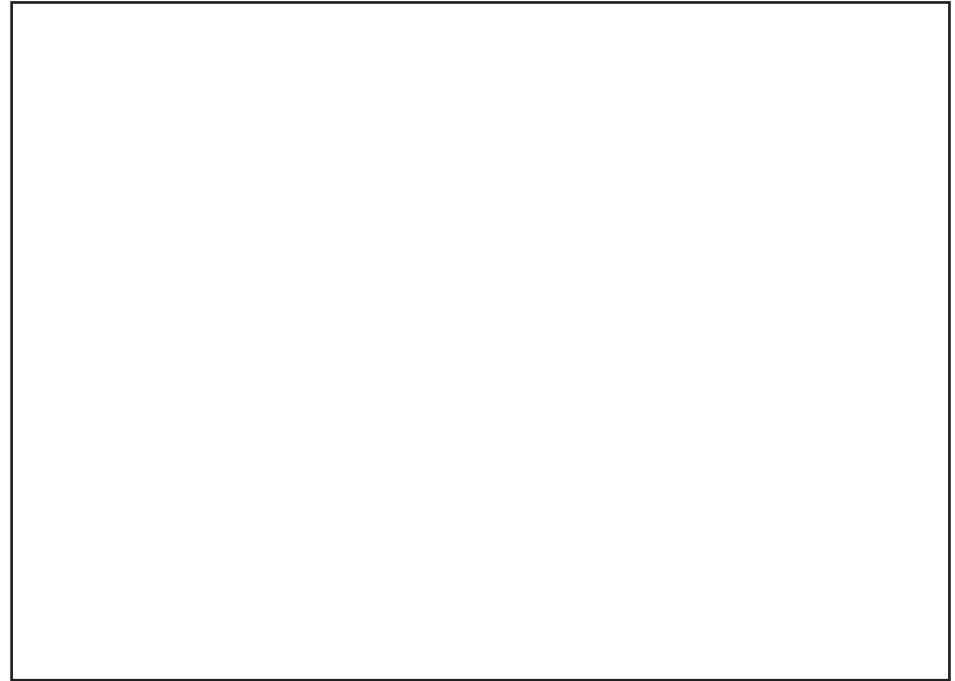
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This tower is called the  
CN Tower. Crowds of people  
come to visit it each day.  
It's a long way up!



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The PATH also runs under the city. This web of pathways joins the basements of many downtown towers. People can use the PATH to stay cool in summer, or stay dry if it rains.



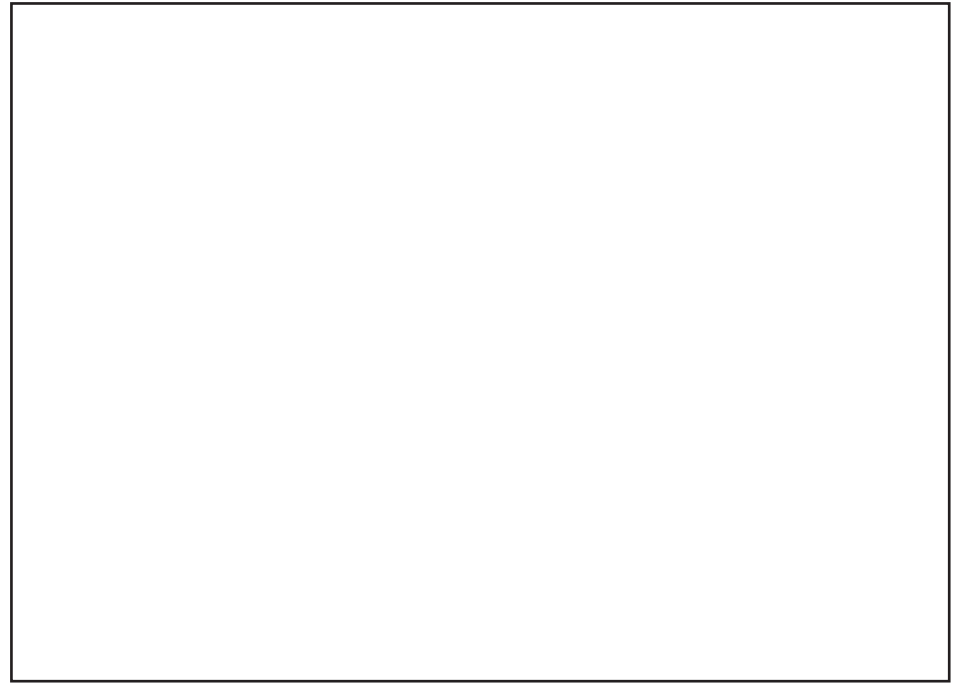
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Tunnels in the city can be big or small, and they allow people to travel under the ground.



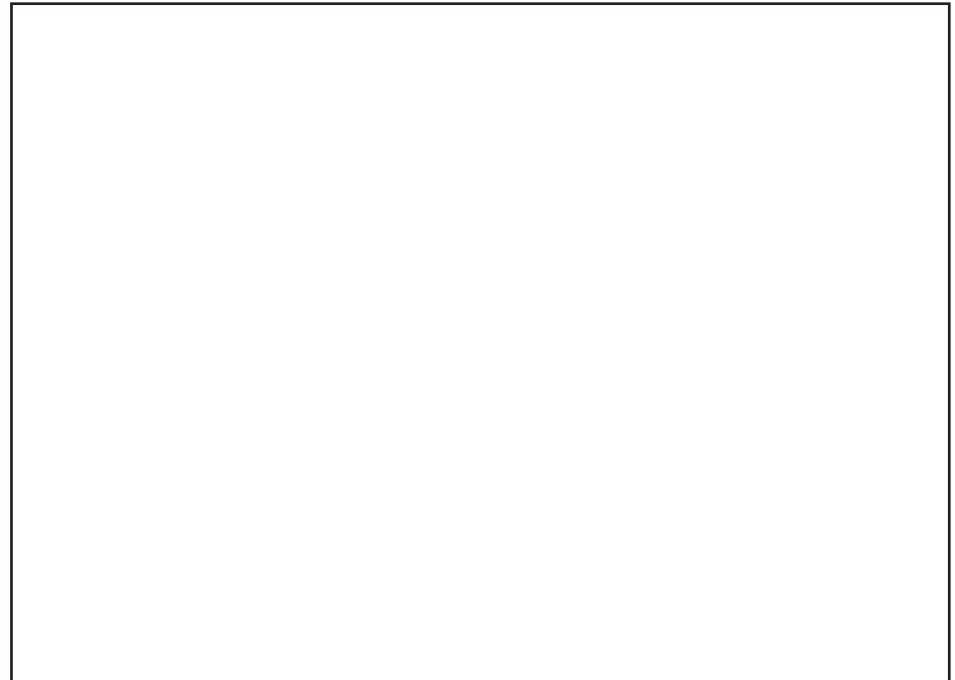
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Towers can stretch high above the streets. If you live near the top of a high-rise, you can see far into the distance. It is quite a sight!



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At the top of the CN Tower, you can enjoy a meal, check out the sights, or stand on the glass panels and peer down. Wow!



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Book 9 (Photo)  
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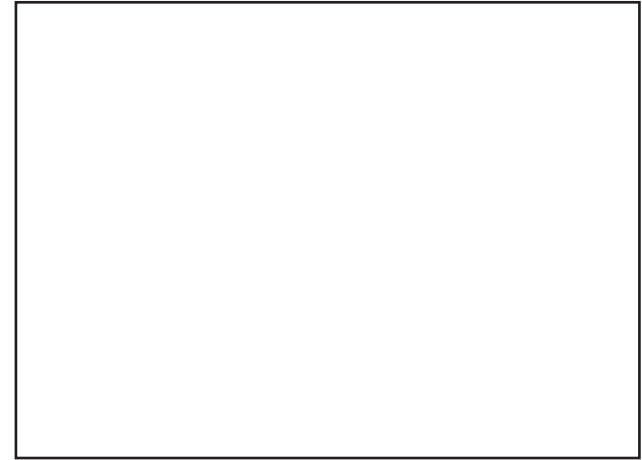
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# Books



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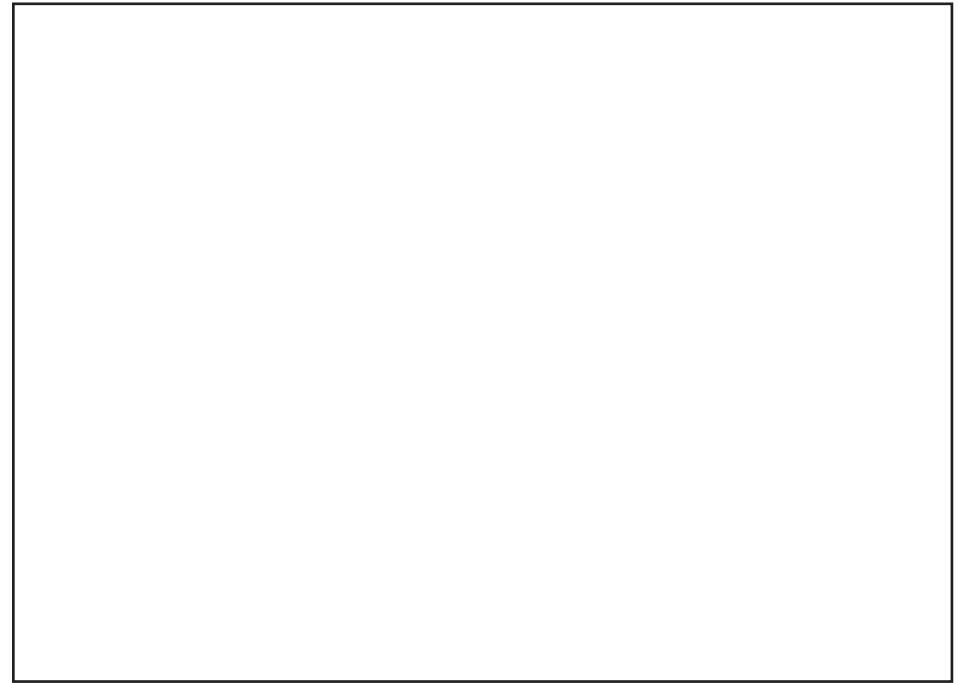
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Next, the covers are added,  
and the books are bound. The  
goal of the binding process is  
to make a strong book.



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Reading a good book is fun!  
Do you ever think about how  
books are made?



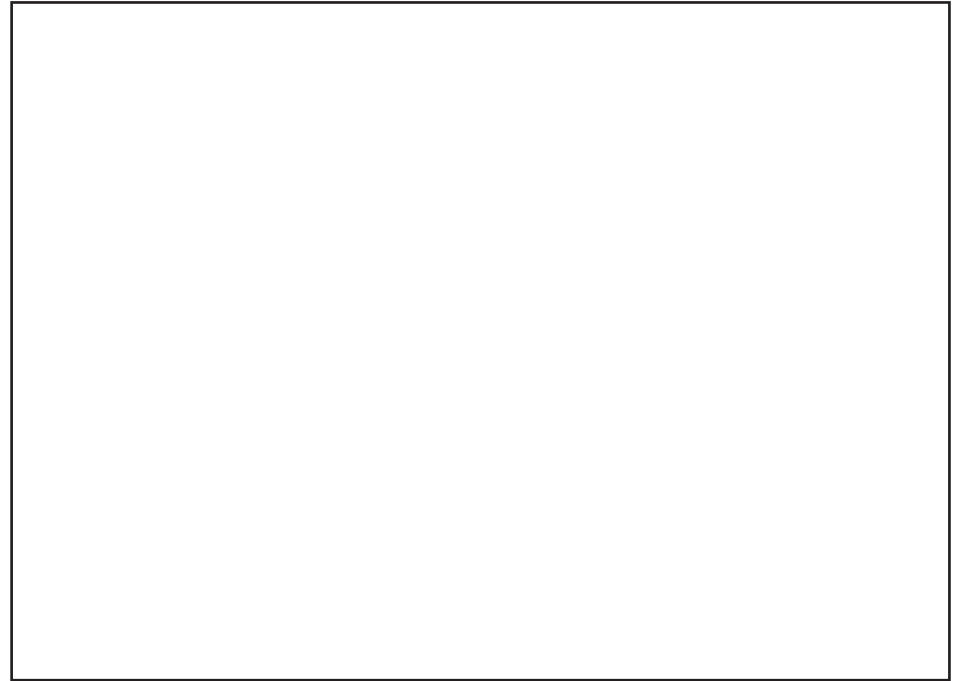
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The first step is to make a file  
that contains your book. The  
file will hold the text of your  
book, and will include basic  
details on its shape, size, look,  
and feel.



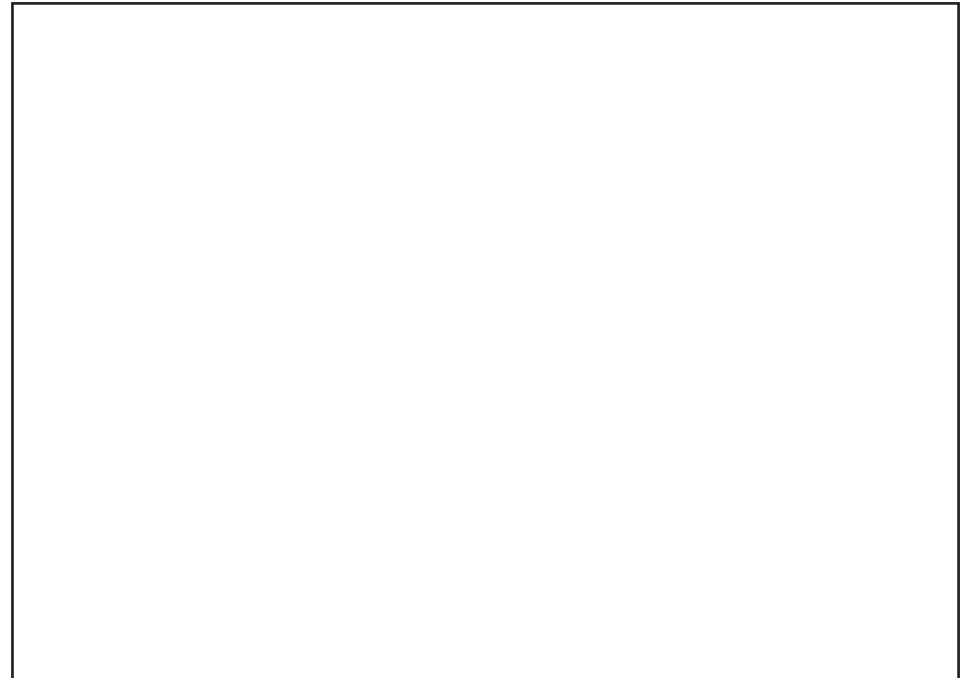
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The final step in the process is to pack up the books and send them out to you!



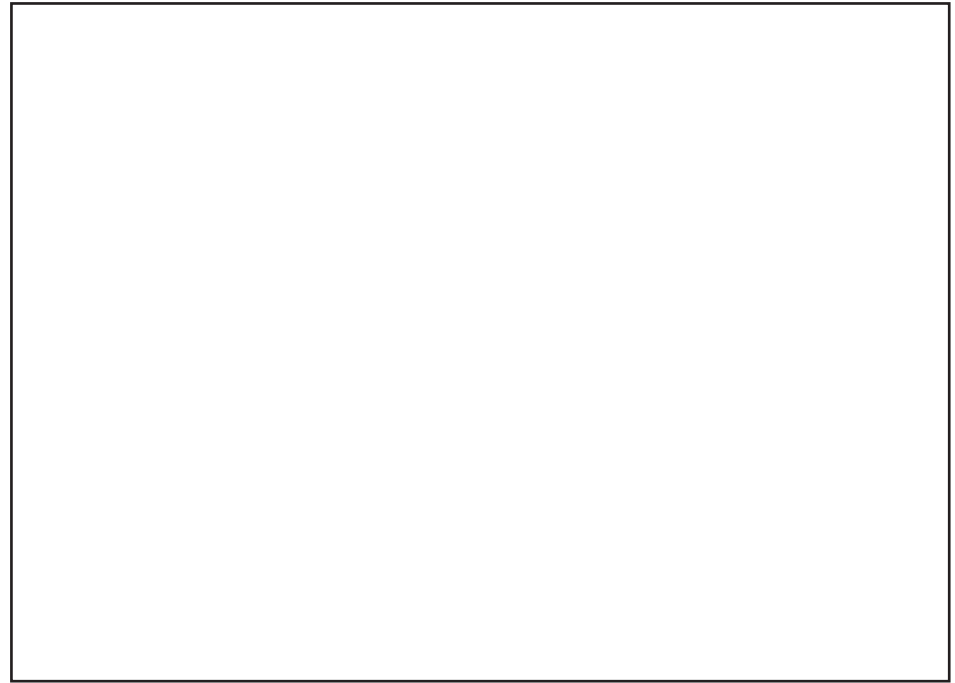
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These printed sheets will be sorted, stacked, cut, and folded. Allow time for this vital process. The cuts and folds need to be exact. Even a minor slip can result in crooked books!



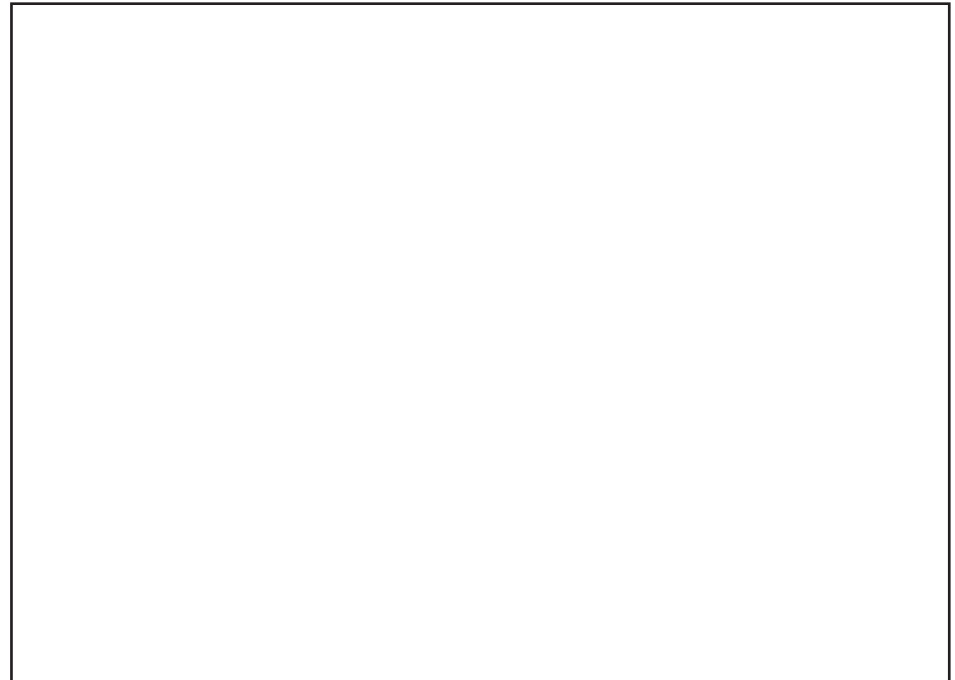
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Many kinds of books are printed each day. Cookbooks, comics, fairy tales, and novels all start out as a plan, then follow the printing process to come to life!



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Once your file is finished, your book can be sent to the printing press. The press will read your file, then print your book on big paper sheets.



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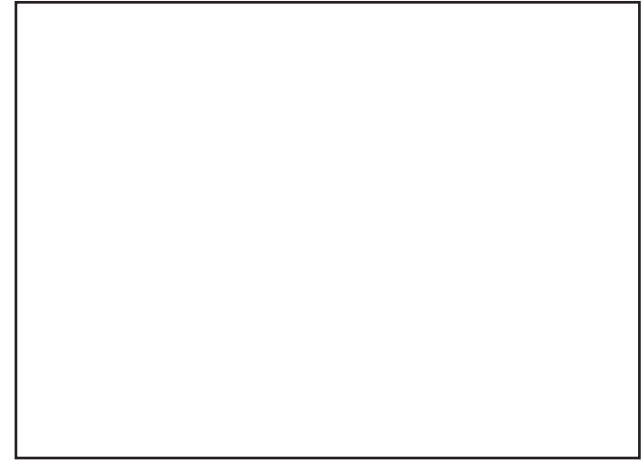
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Clever dolphins!

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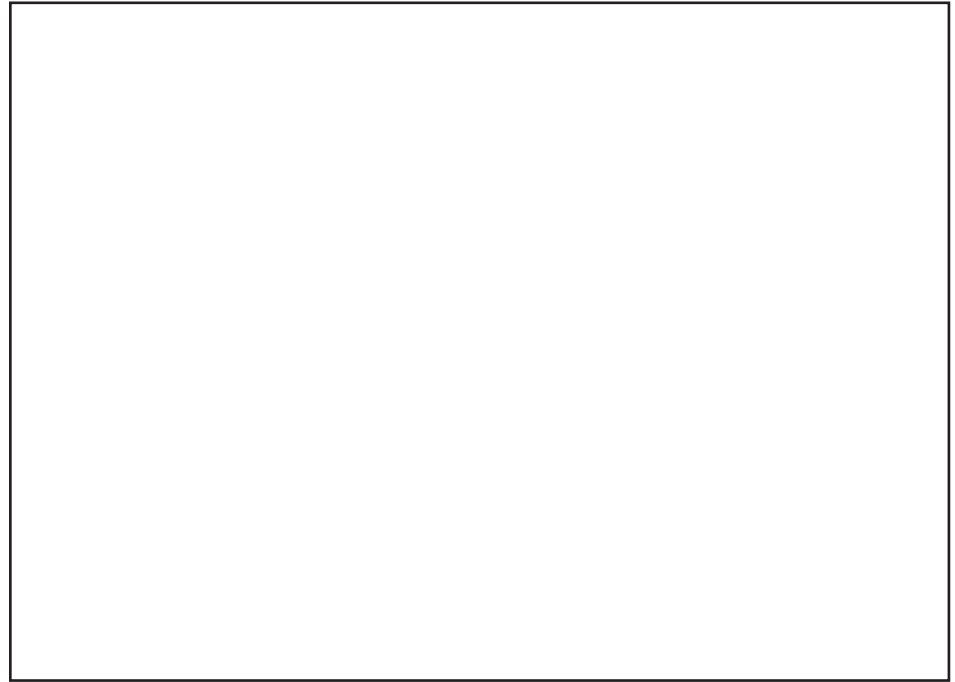
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Most dolphins live in saltwater seas and oceans, but some dolphins have adapted to live in freshwater rivers.



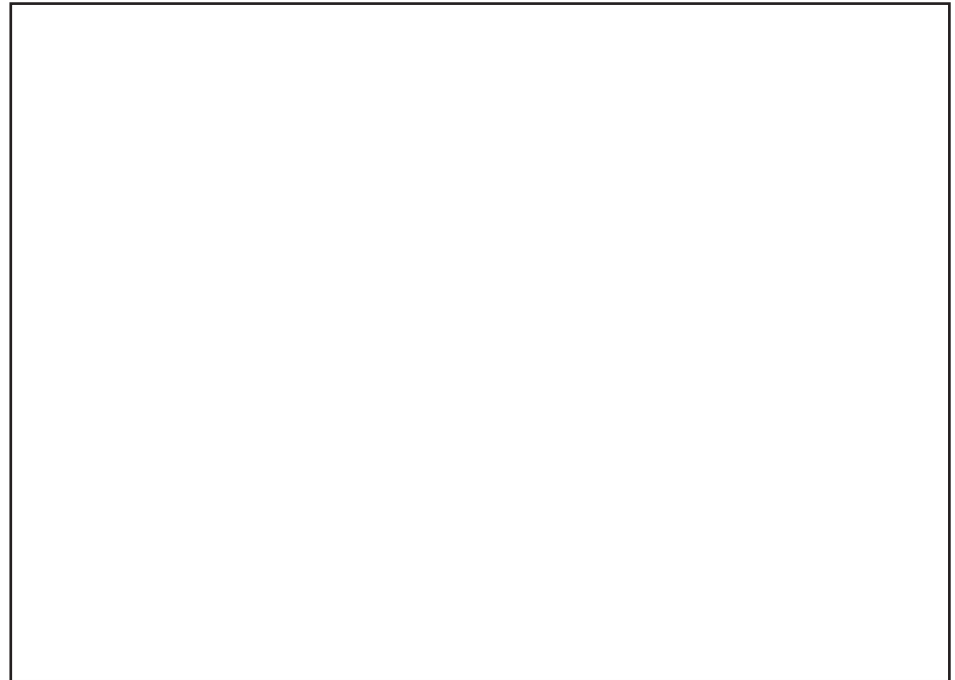
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Dolphins are super smart mammals!



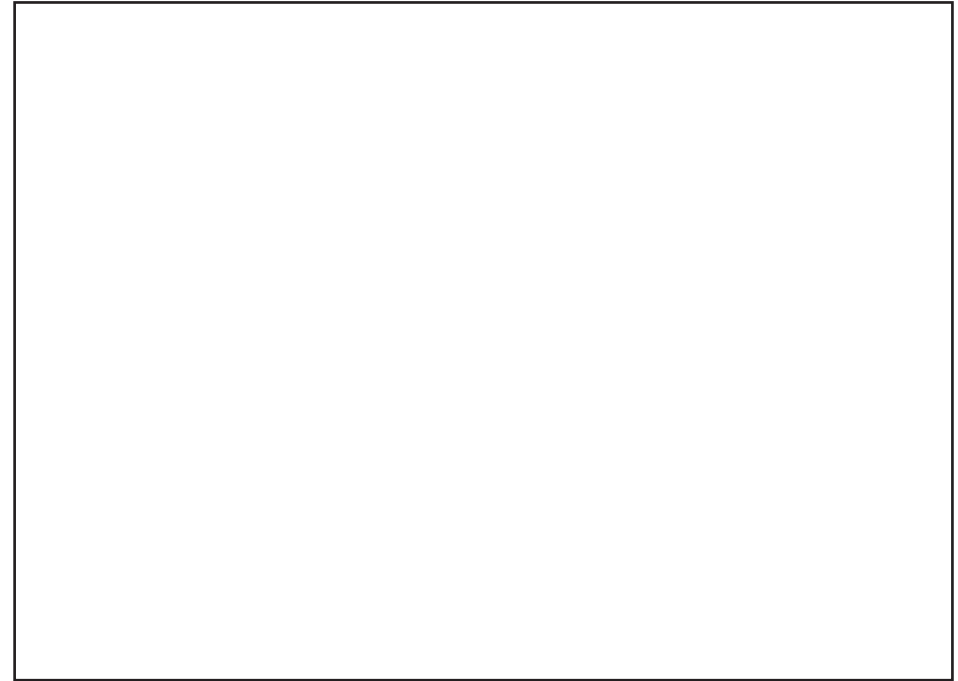
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Each dolphin has its own high-pitched whistle. Dolphins can tell which dolphin is which, just by the distinct whistle it makes.



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A river dolphin may use its pointed snout to dig and find food in the riverbed. Some rivers are shallow, so a dolphin will bend, flex, and angle its nimble body to slip between tree roots and low branches.



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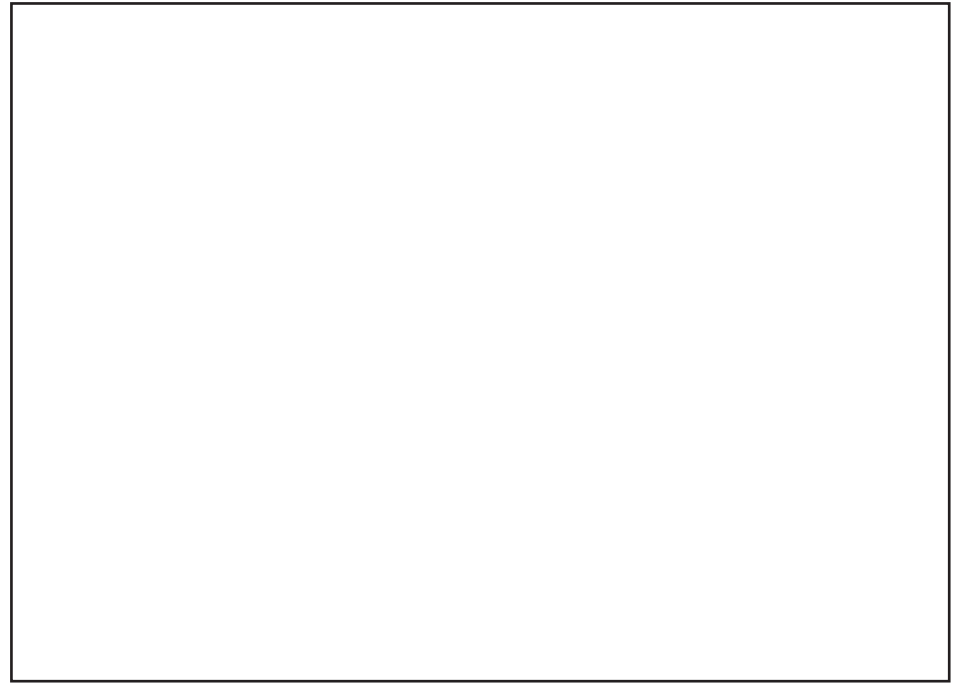
Play time is the best if you are a dolphin. Dolphins love to leap, tumble, and blow bubbles, just for fun. You might even find them enjoying a good game of tag!



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A dolphin is able to use sound to find its way. It will make a clicking sound, and then track how long it takes for the sound to bounce back. This helps the dolphin “look at” the things around it.

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Some dolphins are even able to use simple items as tools! This photo shows a dolphin holding a shell. It traps little fish in the shell, then scoops them up to eat!

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