

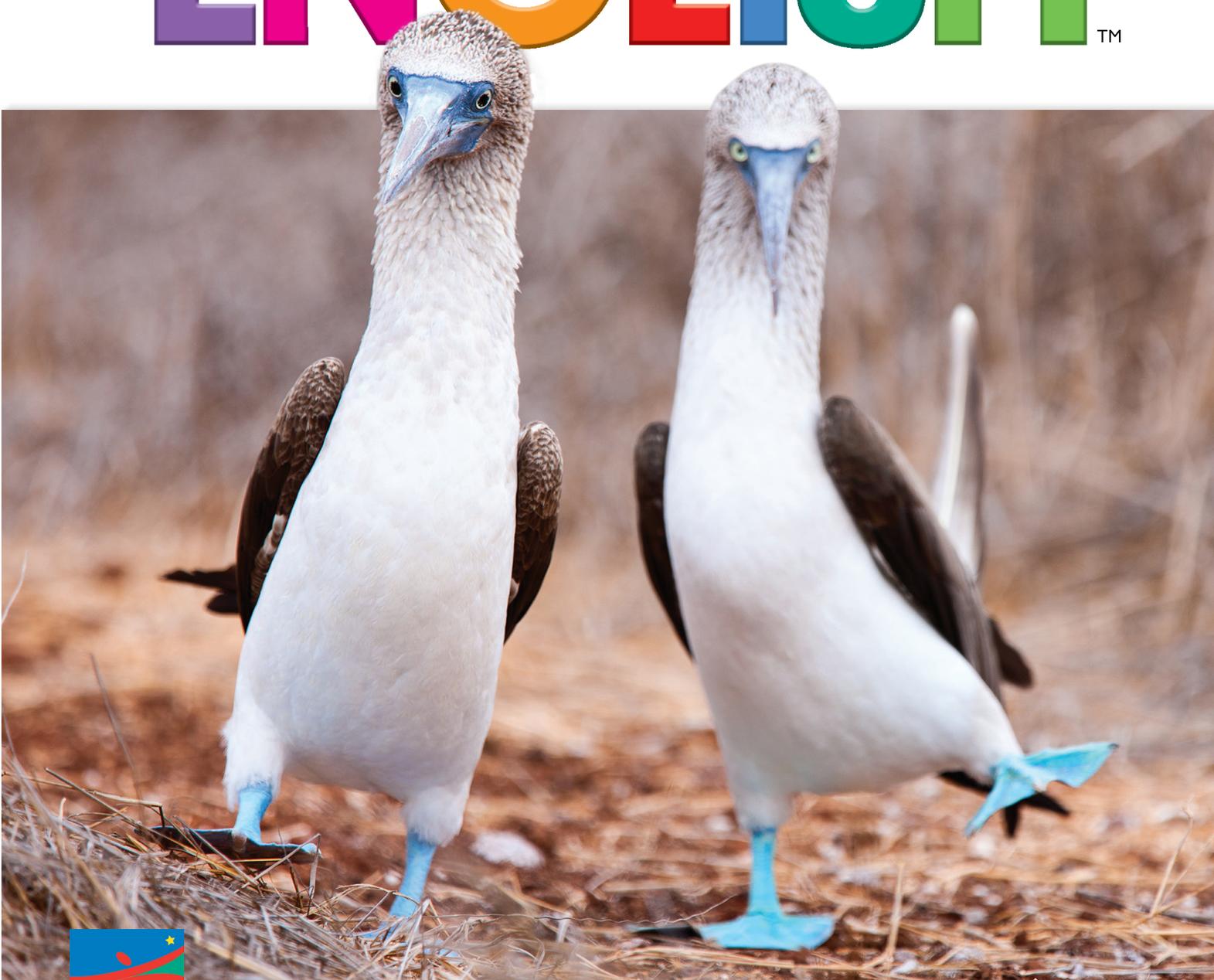
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Introduction

Get Ready

This section introduces the content of the unit with a related picture and a question to stimulate learners' interest.

Big Idea

This section introduces the core concepts or prior knowledge relevant to the topic of the unit.

Key Words

This section introduces the unit's Key Words and helps learners understand and practice them.

Focus

This question helps learners know what to focus on while reading the passage.

Reading Passage

The reading passage presents various fiction and nonfiction texts with illustrations and pictures.

Check

Learners can quickly check their understanding before moving on to Reading Comprehension.

Literature
1 **The SHA* Club**
Southern Hemisphere Animals

Get Ready
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Key Words

A Listen and read the words.

pleasant, starve, meeting, continent, climate, Southern Hemisphere, habitat, ruin

B Write the correct words for the definitions.

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- _____ : v. to destroy or damage
- _____ : v. to die or suffer from a lack of food
- _____ : n. the general weather conditions in an area
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Reaching Agreements
BIG IDEA
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The SHA* Club
Southern Hemisphere Animals

Focus What animals live in the Southern Hemisphere? 329 words

Koala: The Southern Hemisphere Animals' Club has been meeting online for several years, but it's getting hard to conduct our business on computers. I think we should meet in person once a year.

Iguana: Where shall we hold our meeting?

Penguin: How will we decide where to meet?

Iguana: How about taking a trip around the Southern Hemisphere? Let's see whose habitat is the best.

So all the animals bought plane tickets. A few days later, they arrived in Antarctica.

Koala: Look at all the snow and ice. Does it cover the whole continent?

Penguin: Most of it is ice. The snow that does fall turns to ice.

Giraffe: There aren't any flowers or trees I can eat. I'll starve here!

Penguin: Moss is the only plant life here. We have beautiful ice formations, though.

Koala: Let's move to Australia. Perhaps we can hold our meeting there.

Everyone hopped on the next plane to Australia.

Koala: Did you know Australia is both a country and a continent? It has rainforests, grasslands, plains, mountains, farmlands, and deserts.

Meerkat: Deserts? In Australia?

Koala: Yes. We call the inner part of Australia the Outback. It's a desert.

Giraffe: Australia looks interesting.

Koala: It is. And don't you think the temperature is pleasant? Not too hot and not too cold.

Penguin: Maybe that's okay if you like mild climates.

Check What place is both a country and a continent?

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More Words

More Words presents words other than the Key Words that are related to the topic.

Reading Comprehension

Koala: There are many humans nearby. Humans are destroying our habitats to build houses and roads.
Meerkat: I can't go to any meetings so close to humans. We must pick another place.
 The group flew to the Galapagos Islands, where many unusual plants and animals live.
Iguana: I'm so glad you could visit. We have no natural predators here, so we're not afraid of other animals or even of people.
Koala: It seems like the perfect place for our meeting.
Iguana: A perfect meeting place means lots of animals will attend, but all the new animals could **ruin** our environment.
Penguin: Then where shall we have our meeting?
Sloth: Let's hold it in a different place each time.
Koala: Super ideal! No place is perfect for everyone.

Reading Time: _____ m _____ s

What does a perfect meeting place mean?

More Words: hop on unusual predator desert environment

A Choose the correct answers.

- What is the story mainly about?
 - Which animals live in the Southern Hemisphere
 - Where the animals can hold a meeting in the Southern Hemisphere
 - What country in the Southern Hemisphere has the best climate
- What is true about Antarctica?
 - Snow and ice cover half of the continent.
 - It has a good habitat for many animals.
 - The only plant that grows there is moss.
- Why does Meerkat NOT want to meet in Australia?
 - It does not have any grasslands.
 - There are too many humans living there.
 - The temperature there is not too hot or cold.

B Check True or False.

	True	False
1. The animals travel around the Southern Hemisphere.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. People in Australia are causing damage to animals' habitats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Many natural predators live on the Galapagos Islands.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C Answer the questions.

- What do the animals do to decide on a meeting place?
- What types of habitats are there in Australia?

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Reading Comprehension

This section provides various reading comprehension questions. Learners can check how well they understand the passage by solving multiple-choice, true-false, and open-ended questions.

Summary

Learners can summarize the passage by filling in the blanks with phrases.

Reading Skill

This section helps learners outline the passage by using various reading skills.

Reading Skills: Drawing Conclusions

Complete the table with the correct phrases.

Where to Meet		
Antarctica	Australia	The Galapagos Islands
There is nothing I can eat. I'll _____.	I can't go to any meetings. _____.	A perfect meeting place means _____. However, all the new animals could cause damage to the environment.
Conclusion: The animals will hold their meeting _____.	lots of animals will attend _____.	so close to humans _____.
_____	_____	_____

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Build Language

Don't you ...?
Read the sentences and fill in the blanks.

Don't you think the temperature is pleasant?

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1. _____ think you should be quiet in the library?
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Build Language

This section presents the main sentence pattern in the passage. Learners can practice their reading and writing skills with the questions provided.

Connect Your Ideas

This section allows learners to connect personally with the unit's topic by making them think about their own experiences.

Workbook

The workbook enables learners to review the entire unit through three sections.

- **Vocabulary Practice:** Learners can review the Key Words and the More Words in the unit.
- **Sentence Practice:** Learners can practice reading and writing sentences from the passage.
- **Reading Practice:** Learners can check how well they understand the passage.

Scope and Sequence

Reaching Agreements 	Unit	Title	Subject	Genre
	1	The SHA* Club *Southern Hemisphere Animals	Literature	Fiction
	2	We Need a Class Constitution	Social Studies	Nonfiction
	3	We Need to Play! We Need to Park!	Social Studies	Nonfiction

Plants We Use 	Unit	Title	Subject	Genre
	4	Chamomile Saves the Day	Literature	Fiction
	5	Plants for Food	Science	Nonfiction
	6	Useful Plants	Science	Nonfiction

Power and Energy 	Unit	Title	Subject	Genre
	7	Electricity Makes the World Better	Social Studies	Nonfiction
	8	Problems with Fossil Fuels	Science	Nonfiction
	9	Renewable Energy	Science	Nonfiction

Economics 	Unit	Title	Subject	Genre
	10	Shopping at a Small Business	Social Studies	Nonfiction
	11	Shopping at a Chain Store	Social Studies	Nonfiction
	12	Shopping Online	Social Studies	Nonfiction

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climate, continent, habitat, meeting, pleasant, ruin, Southern Hemisphere, starve	Drawing Conclusions	Don't you think the temperature is pleasant?	6
constitution, fair, government, messy, monitor, organize, role, solution	Problem and Solution	Our class can sometimes be noisy.	14
anger, cause, enough, far away, hold, parking lot, playground, receive	Opinion and Supporting Details	It takes a lot of time to find a place.	22

Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page
alone, bank, hurry, mad, medicine, search for, stomachache, wander	Making Inferences	We had better hurry.	30
diet, farming, grain, herb, population, processed, staple food, wheat	Classify and Categorize	Herbs and spices are used to flavor food.	38
bark, chip, durable, fabric, fiber, flatten, perfume, raw material	Classify and Categorize	Chemically treating plant parts can produce products that neither look nor feel like plants.	46

Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page
candle, charge, fill with, fireplace, freeze, fresh, machine, microwave oven	Fact and Opinion	People have used electricity in their homes since 1882.	54
drought, emission, flooding, fossil fuel, harmful, pollute, power plant, sea level	Author's Point of View	Burning fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide.	62
blade, convert, energy resource, renew, solar panel, steam, take advantage of, underground	Compare and Contrast	The turbines spin generators that produce electricity.	70

Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page
additional, available, customer, customize, employee, item, purchase, unique	Theme	People enjoy shopping at small stores because they sell unique items.	78
budget, chain store, compare, convenience, flyer, location, popular, sales associate	Author's Purpose	Alicia sees two other skateboards. One is the Zip Board, and the other is the Soul Skate.	86
exchange, free shipping, offer, option, order, return, review, select	Drawing Conclusions	Rafael decides to buy a skateboard on the Internet.	94



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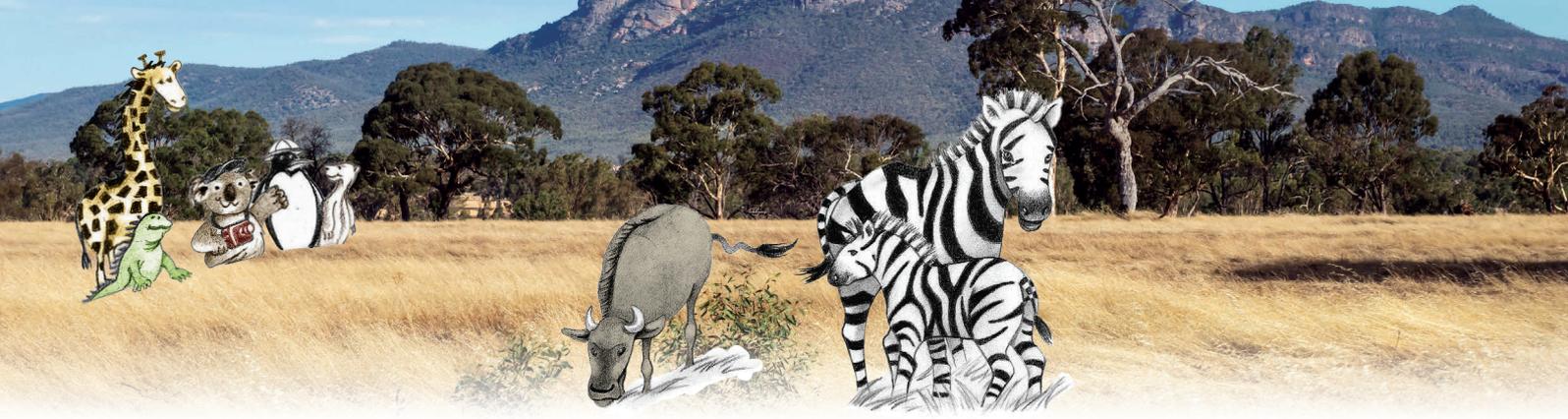
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