

Meet Aiden the Arctic Tern

Cycle 44

Decodable Reader

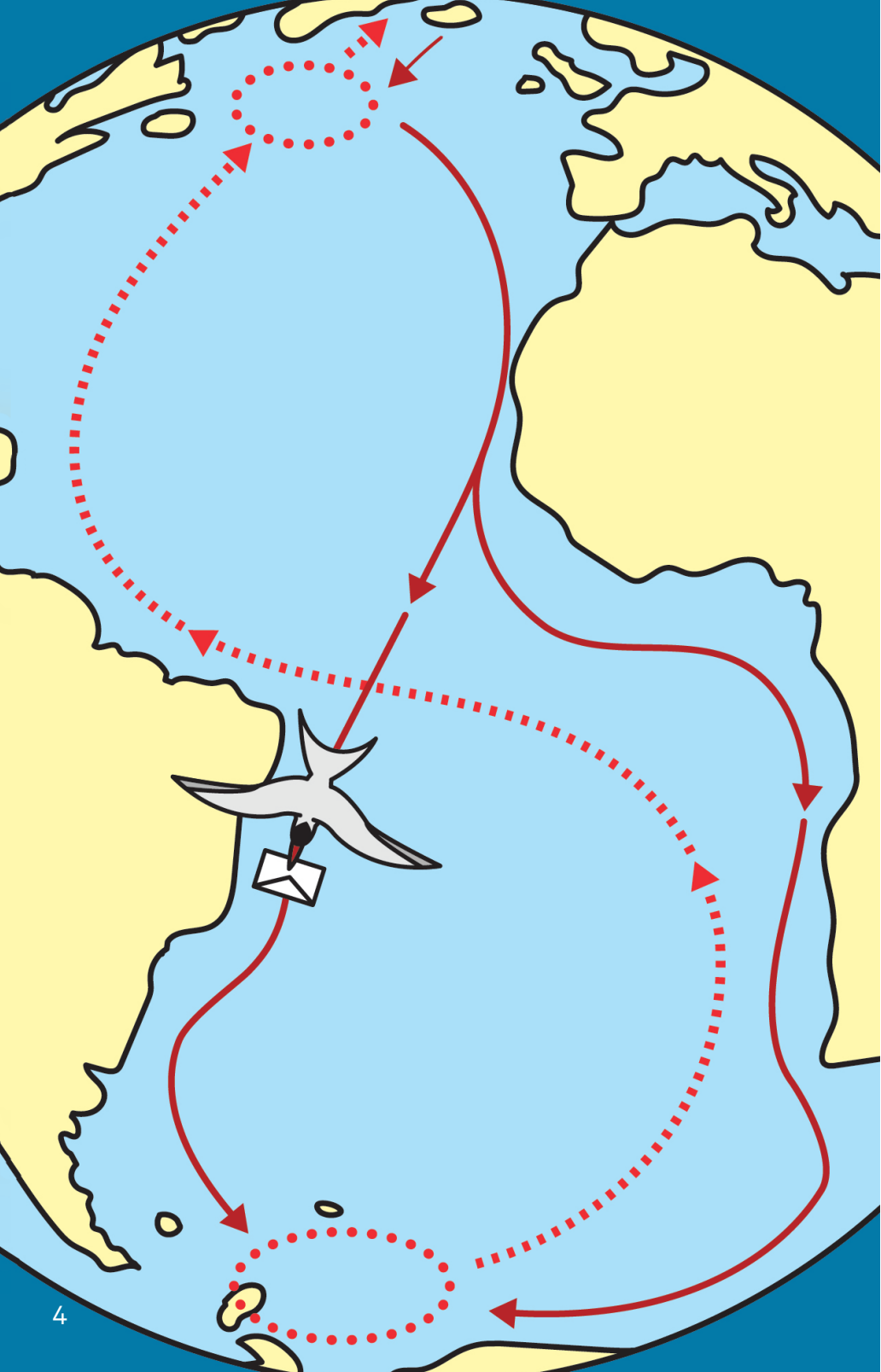




Hi! I'm Aiden. I am an arctic tern. That's a kind of bird, like a jay or quail.



When it comes to migrating a long way, arctic terns are the best. I can sail straight over the sea. I can fly against the wind all day.



If you line up eight crayons
like a train, that's how long my
wings are. These great wings
take me all over the world.

If you sent mail from the top
of the world to the bottom,
I could take it for you.

In fact, why don't you migrate with me? We can stop to meet some of my animal friends along the way.

We'll start here in the Arctic. This is where we terns have our nesting grounds. Each May, my mate lays two eggs.





When the eggs break open,
we raise our baby terns in the
rays of the Arctic summer sun.



Soon, the day will come
to start our long trail to
Antarctica, where we'll stay
for its summer.

What do you say? Come
along!



Fluency Practice

Words

way

chain

jay

brain

sail

tray

quail

play

mail

ray

May

pail

lays

eight*

trail

break*

stay

great*

say

against*

* High-Frequency Word

Phrases

I have eight
break off the
was a great
against the wall
play with the
the way to
stay here
in the mail
on the trail
on the tray

Sentences

I have eight gray pails.
I will break off the tab from the
can.
It was a great game.
Push the bed against the wall.

She will play with her braids.

Do you know the way to the
park?

I will stay here.

I put the letter in the mail.

We walk on the trail in May.

The drinks are on the tray.

Think and Talk about It!

1. How long are the wings of an arctic tern?
2. Where do the male and female arctic terns have their nesting grounds?
3. When do they lay their eggs?
4. Where will the arctic terns end their migration?

Write about It!

1. Arctic terns migrate from the Arctic to Antarctica. They spend different seasons in different places. If you could travel to another place to spend a season, where would you want to go? Why?
2. Arctic terns stay where it's summer—in the Arctic and in Antarctica. What is your favorite season? Write about the activities you enjoy doing in that season and what makes it special for you.

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