

On the Road South with Aiden

Cycle 45

Decodable Reader





Aiden here. I'm glad you're
coming on the long road
South with me!

The snow is blowing harder
here in the Arctic. My colony is
at the coast, quietly waiting
to go. Grab your coat and let's
hit the road!

Follow the trail to the first stop in Europe. Our goal is to stay far from people and roam until we find some fellow migrators.

It's not the crows we are looking for; it's the swallowtail butterflies.





You'll know a swallowtail
if you find a butterfly with
yellow wings. The wings have
a dark tail at the bottom that
looks like that of a swallow,
which is a bird like me.



Like most butterflies,
swallowtails seem to float
on air.



Look! There's one above that oak tree! It seems to be glowing in the morning sun.

Swallowtails are known for being look-alikes of butterflies that taste bad to predators. This is how they protect themselves.

Unless we terns are nesting,
we have no predators. Not to
boast, but nothing can stop us
when we're on the move. So
let's move on!



Fluency Practice

Words

road

show

snow

roam

coast

mow

crows

loaf

float

glowing

oak

follow

known

yellow

boast

swallow

goal

nothing*

slow

above*

coach

people*

* High-Frequency Word

Phrases

nothing to do
above the
people like to
down the road
in the snow
to follow the
a very slow
on the coast
is known for

Sentences

They had nothing to do on a rainy day.

Hang the painting above the shelf.

Most people like to swim.

She was driving down the road.

Let's play in the snow!

She said to follow the path.

He was a very slow runner.

The birds have nests on the coast.

She is known for her funny jokes.

Think and Talk about It!

1. What continent is the first stop after the arctic terns leave the Arctic?
2. How do swallowtails protect themselves?
3. Do terns have predators?

Write about It!

Pretend you have a choice. Would you rather spend a day as an arctic tern or a swallowtail butterfly? Write about your choice and tell what your day would be like.

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