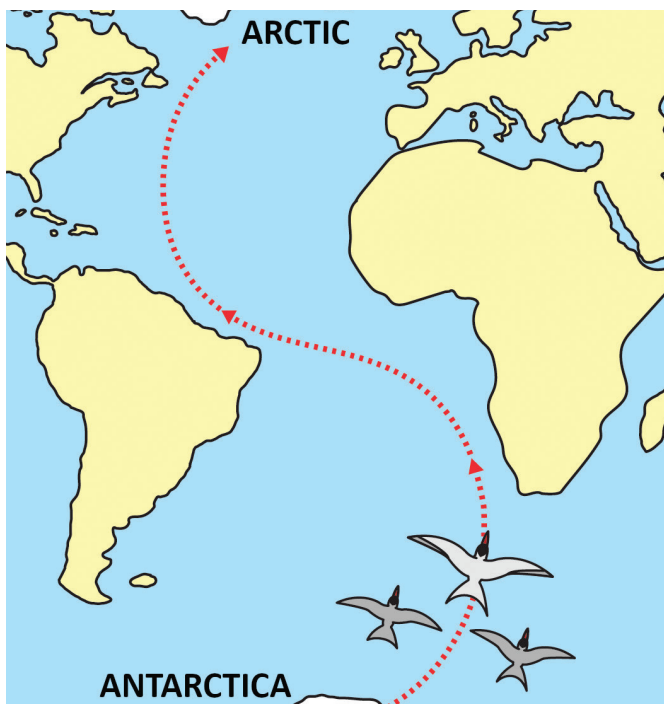


A Busy Journey North with Aiden

Cycle 48

Decodable Reader





The Antarctic summer is ending. It's time to go north.

I am busy getting my family all set for the flight. I have a boy and a girl making the trip with me. When they hear my shrill voice, they do as I say because we must survive.

We'll make a stop or two along the way. Please join us!

Because the trip is long, we stop along the way to eat. If I had a choice, I'd eat cod for every meal. But I don't always find cod—I'm not that spoiled. So, it's a good thing arctic terns enjoy all sorts of seafood.



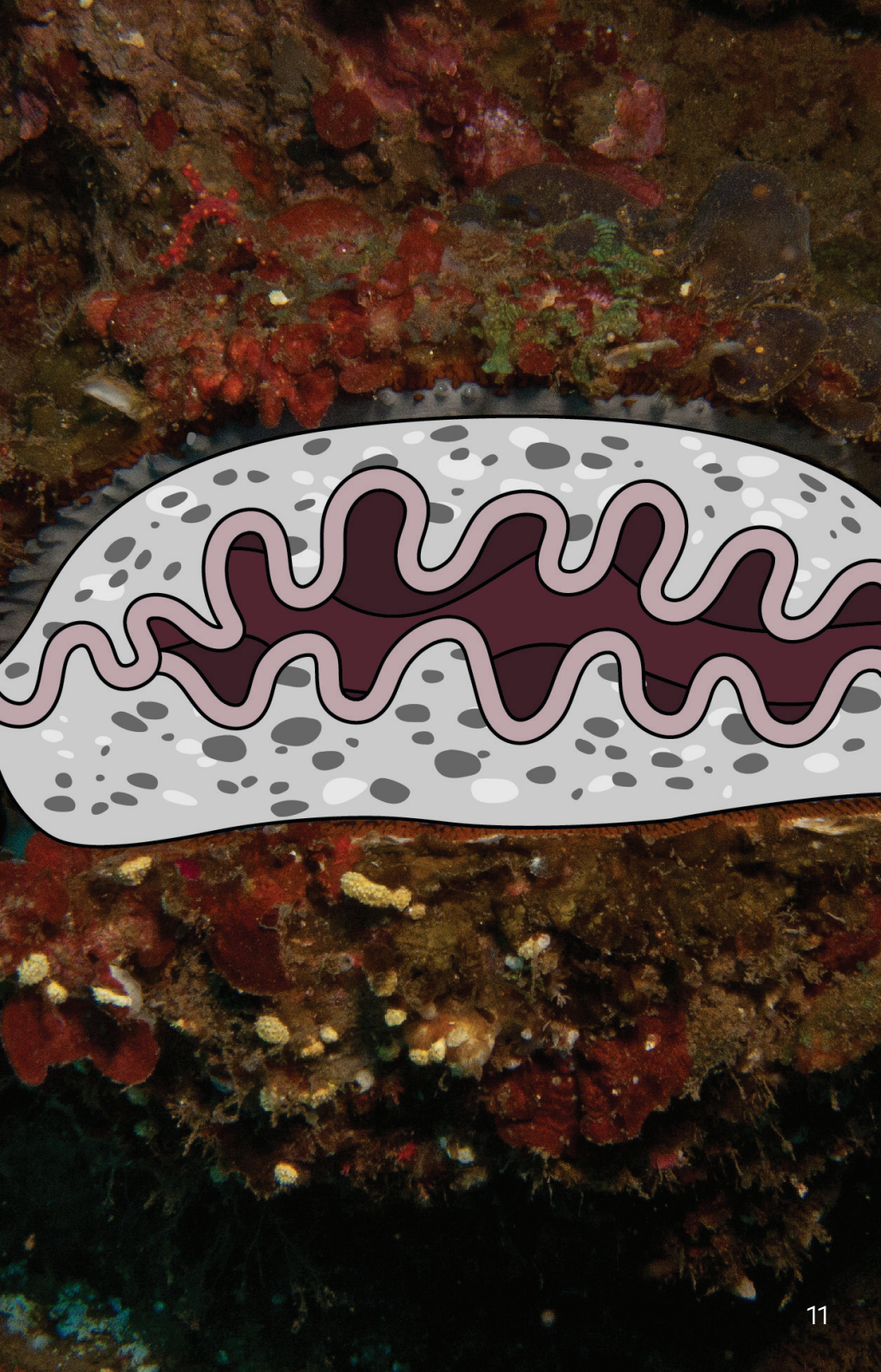


I point to a gull with a fish.
My boy tries to steal it. The
gull makes noise, but he is not
frightened and grabs the fish.
I rejoice with pride.

Below, I see a bed of oysters. Oysters are like royalty in the sea. Their shells grow together, forming rock-like reefs where other animals and plants can live. Without these reefs, there would be no habitat for fish, shrimp, or crabs.



Oysters also filter and clean
the water. Oysters bring joy to
the sea!



Fluency Practice

Words

boy

oysters

toy

enjoy

soil

rejoice

join

joined

joy

destroy

point

joyful

choice

royalty

noise

because*

spoiled

busy*

voice

family*

oil

* High-Frequency Word

Phrases

because of the
busy at the
in my family
boy in the
with a toy
will you join
full of joy and
point to the
enjoy the
in the soil

Sentences

I will go home because of the storm.

She is busy at the beach.

I have two dogs in my family.

Did you see the boy in the park?

I'll play with a toy.

Will you join the game?

The party was full of joy and delight.

The teacher will point to the right choice.

Did you enjoy the meal?

Plant the seeds in the soil.

Think and Talk about It!

1. As the terns migrate back to the Arctic, what food do they enjoy most? What else do terns eat?
2. How do oysters help animals such as fish, shrimp, and crabs?
3. How do oysters help the wider sea?

Write about It!

If they had a choice, an arctic tern would eat cod for every meal. If you were to choose one type of food for every meal, what would it be? Write about why you chose this food.

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