

Following Aiden to South America

Cycle 49

Decodable Reader





After we've all eaten, we glide over the sea until the weaker terns start to complain. Then we know it's time for a rest in South America. We are ahead on our timeline for returning to the Arctic, so we take a look around.



We won't find many peacocks, beavers, or eagles, but there are lots of animals that act as decoys. There are animals that look dainty but attack with lightning speed.



To me, the most interesting animals in South America are frogs and toads. There are about 2,500 types of frogs and toads here!

The biggest can be as big as a soccer ball, and the smallest is smaller than a dime! Some are the brightest of colors and some are clear! The diversity is delightful!





Many of these frogs and toads contain poison. If you wish to stay safe, don't go near their domain.

The reason frogs and toads thrive here is because they need a moist, mild habitat, and the Amazon rainforest is just that.

Arctic terns prefer colder
habitats, so it's time for us to
fly away!



Fluency Practice

Words

eaten	delightful
weaker	contain
complain	domain
timeline	reason
returning	rainforest
peacock	daylight
eagles	weekend
beaver	rainbow
decoys	waiting
dainty	around*
lightning	away*
brightest	ahead*

* High-Frequency Word

Phrases

goes around the
away from the
ahead of the
complain about the
returning to the
the lightning flashed
the brightest of the
waiting for the

Sentences

The car goes around the track.

We got away from the rain.

She ran ahead of the other kids.

Please don't complain about the test.

She was returning to the rainforest.

The lightning flashed in the dark night.

I saw the brightest star.

She is waiting for the weekend.

Think and Talk about It!

1. After leaving Antarctica, what continent is the next stop for the arctic tern?

2. How many different species of frogs and toads live on this continent?
3. Why do frogs and toads thrive in the Amazon rainforest?

Write about It!

Of the stops the arctic tern makes during its migration (Europe, Africa, Antarctica, South America, North America, and the Arctic), which place would you like to visit? Tell the reasons why.

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