

Back to the Top of the World with Aiden

Cycle 50

Decodable Reader

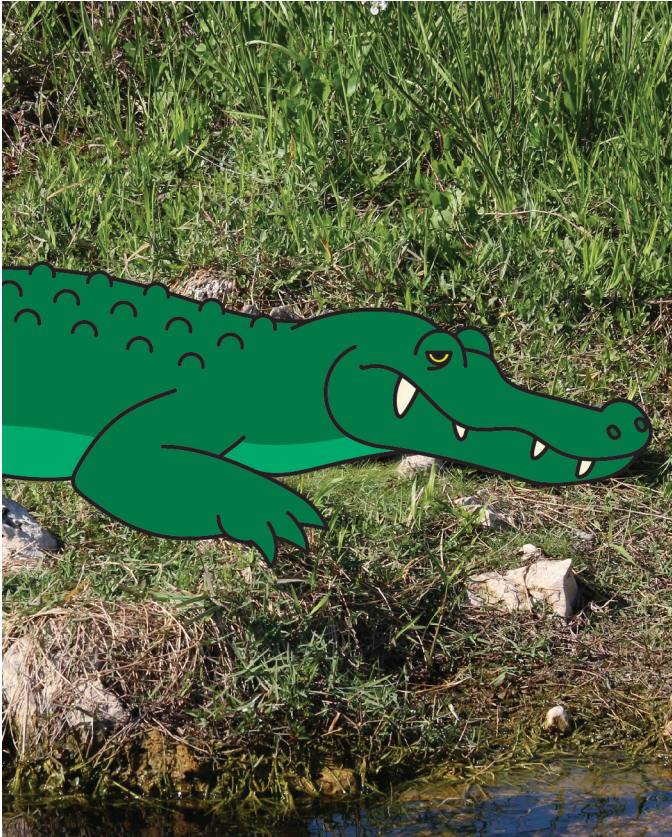




My loyal colony and I will
make a stop in North America
instead of flying all the way
home from South America. I
have one more animal friend
to tell you about.



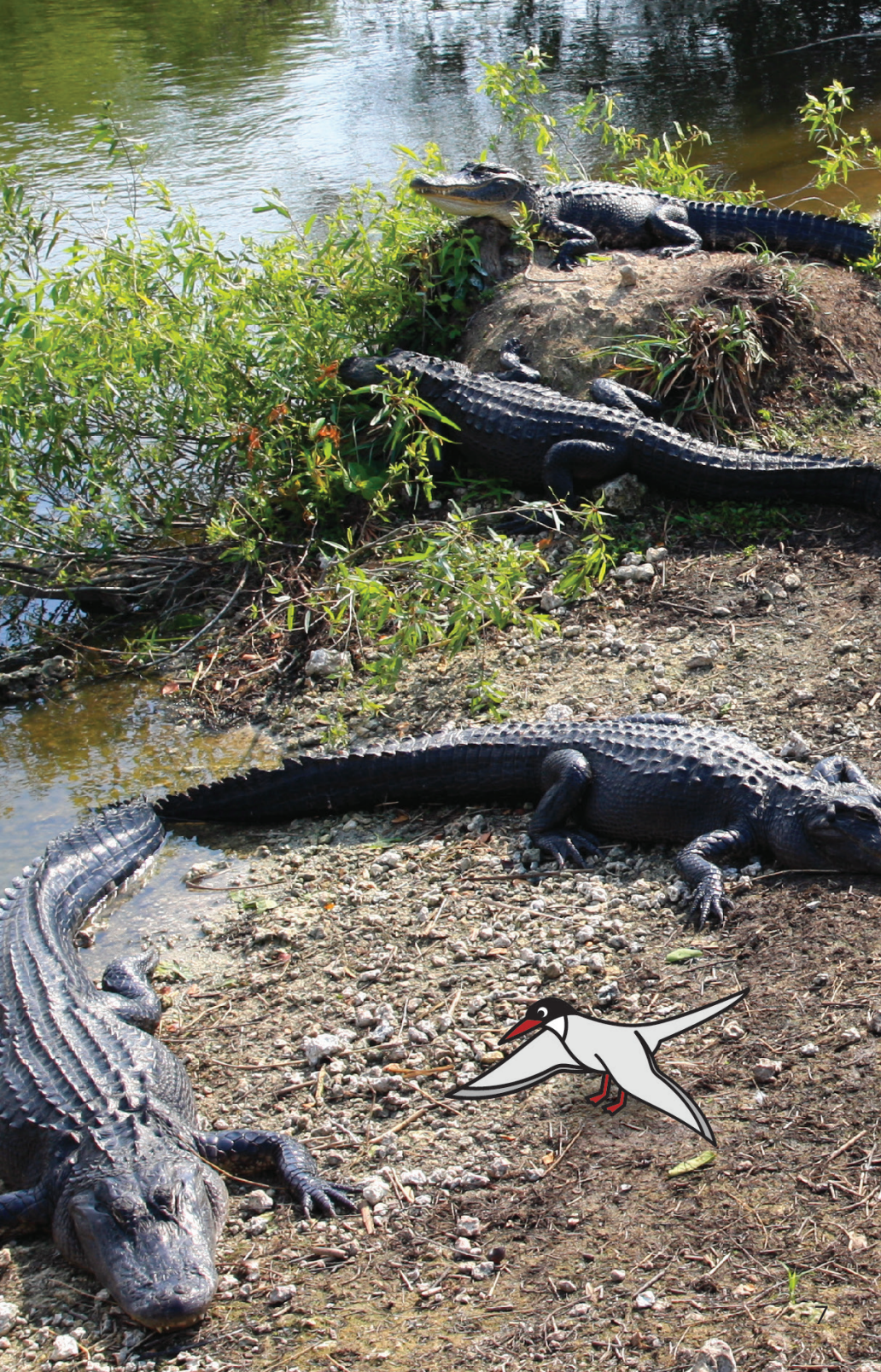
When you see him, you may
feel afraid, but you'll soon
agree there's no reason to
fret.



Follow me and you'll get
to see a sleeping American
alligator!

Alligators shelter in burrows in the lowlands around rivers and lakes.

It is hard to explain how long alligators have been around. We can repeat the saying that they are "living fossils."





Let's let them sleep and hit
the road one last time.

As we glide over the North
Atlantic Ocean this early
spring morning, I am feeling
ready to get home. My wings
feel heavy, and I will be glad
to nest again.

Thank you for joining us as we migrated. I hope you enjoyed meeting some of the wonderful animals that we meet as we fly from the top of the world to the bottom—and back again!



Fluency Practice

Words

sail	repeat
toy	reason
way	sleepy
soak	lightning
flies	playful
pies	saying
flow	explain
feel	joining
flight	loyal
night	enjoy
soil	ready*
raincoat	heavy*
lowlands	instead*
sleeping	early*

* High-Frequency Word

Phrases

ready for the
are so heavy
instead of
early in the
way to the
a reason for the
soak in the
at night
in the lowlands
enjoy the

Sentences

I am ready for the big night!

Those pies are so heavy!

Can I have this toy instead of that one?

The birds sing early in the morning.

Do you know the way to the sea?

What was the reason for the fight?

The dishes need to soak in the sink.

The bat flies at night.

I wish to hike in the lowlands.

I hope the children enjoy sleeping.

Think and Talk about It!

1. Describe the habitat of the American alligator.
2. Why is the American alligator often called a "living fossil"?

Write about It!

You have learned a lot about the arctic tern! Write down three questions or wonders you still have about the tern that you would like to research.

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