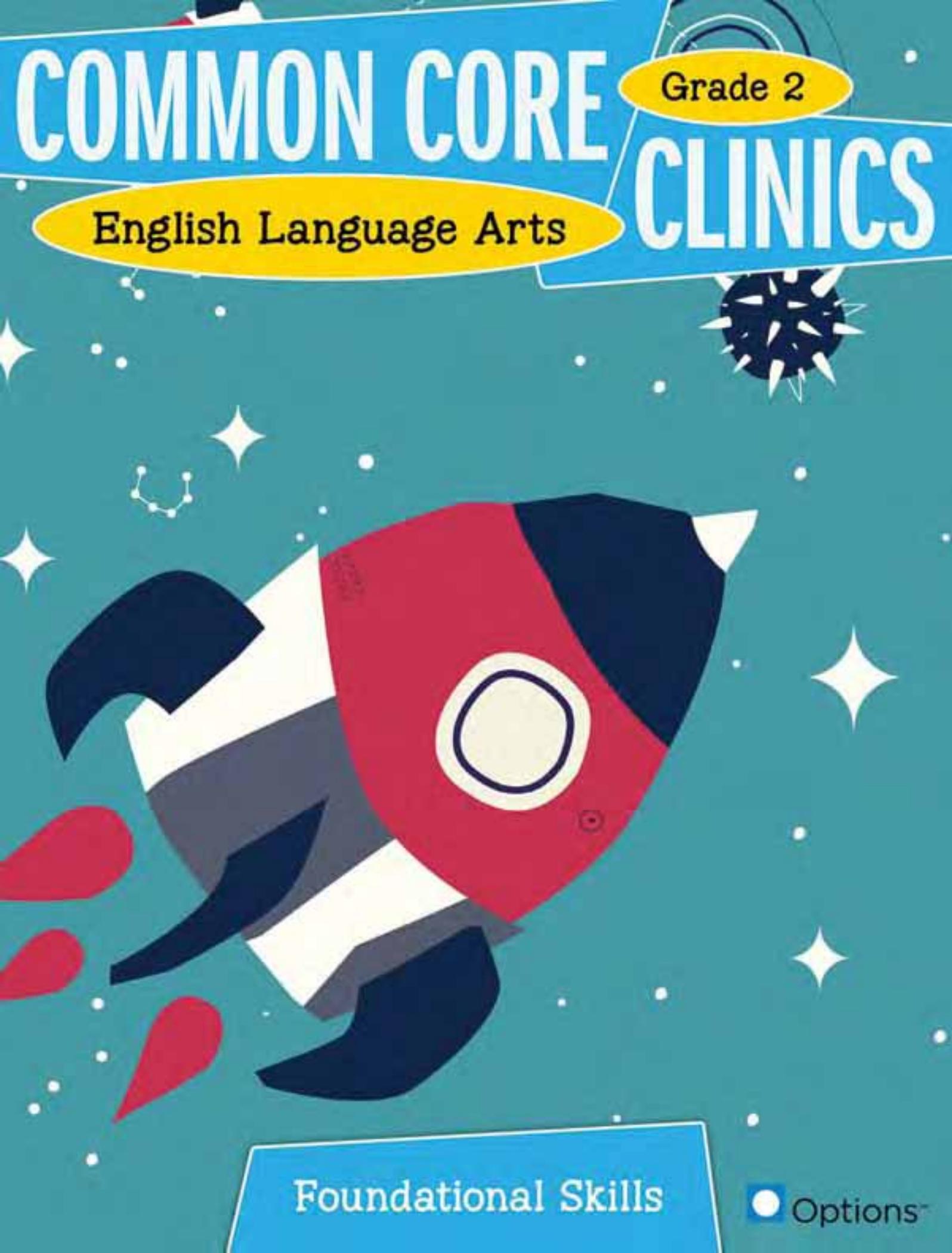


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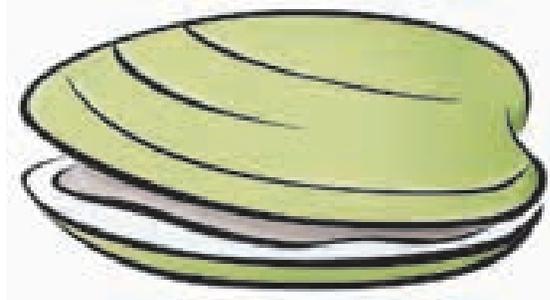
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Lesson 1 Words with Short Vowels

Get the Idea

 A vowel usually makes the **short vowel sound** if there is one vowel in a short word. Short vowels can be spelled a, e, i, o, or u.

a clam



e belt



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Circle the words with short vowel sounds.

crash

cave

flame

flash

shell

cheek

chest

keep

 A short vowel word can be spelled with **consonants** at the beginning and end of the word. The vowel can be in the middle.

i drip



o pot



u brush



Circle the words with short vowel sounds.

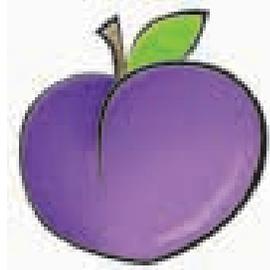
fill file flock code
flute crust thin clog

Think About It

★ Say each word. Listen to the vowel sound.

Draw a line from the short vowel to the matching picture.

a



e



i



o



u



★ Say each word. Listen to the sound between consonants.

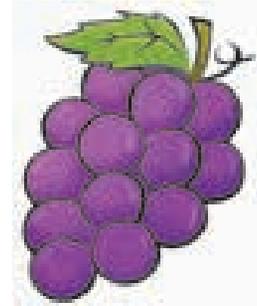
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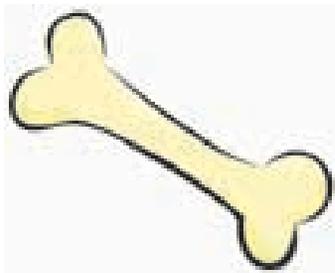
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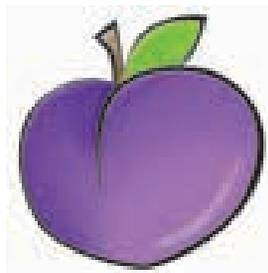
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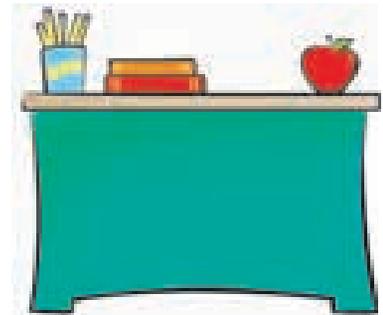
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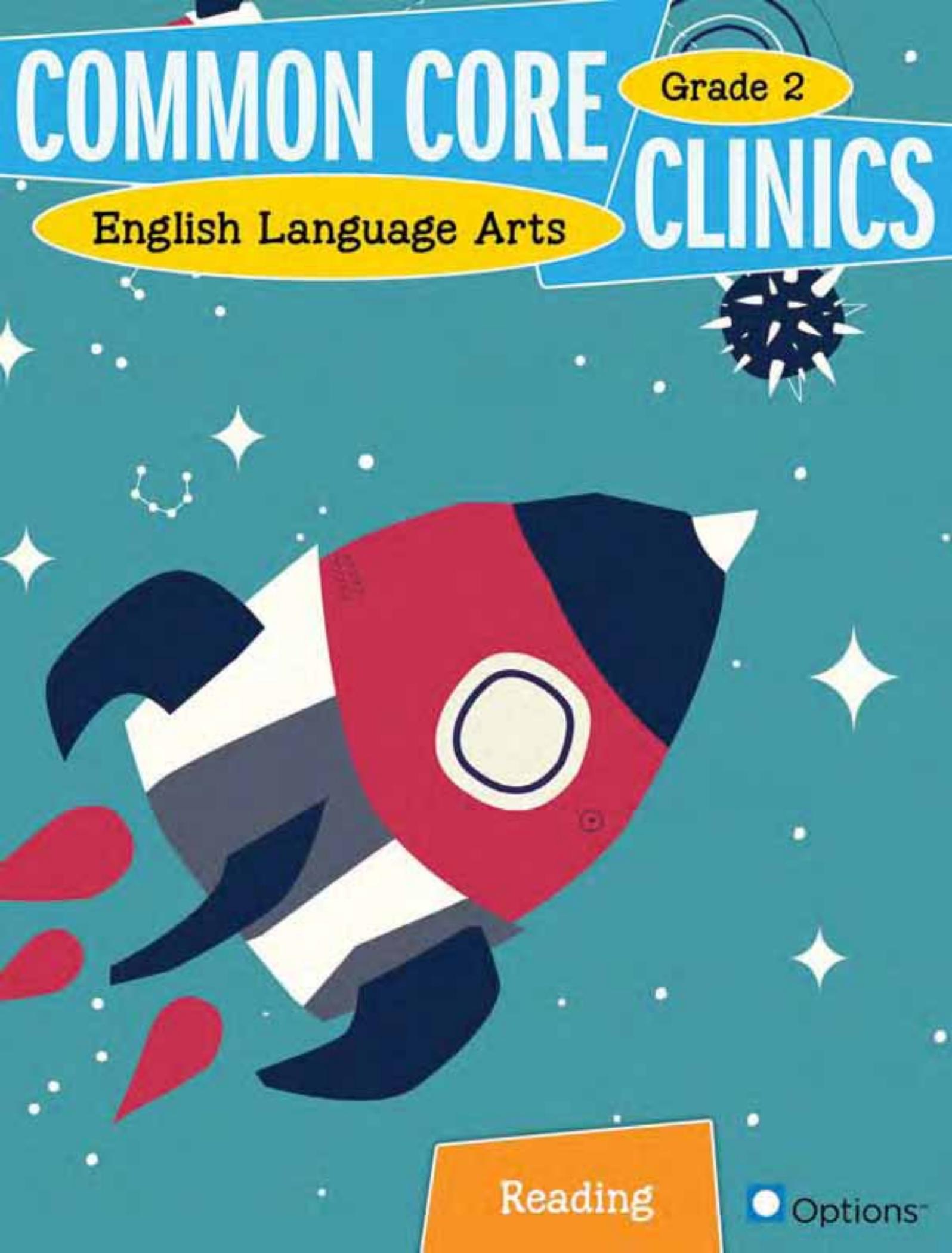
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Lesson 1 Ask and Answer Questions

Get the Idea

 You can better understand a story or passage if you ask yourself questions before and during reading. **Ask and answer questions** that begin with who, what, where, when, why, and how.

Read this story.

“Please sit on the rug and read your books,”
Ms. Murray said. Tito sat quietly. But Li started
whispering to Beth and Rodney.



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Here is a question you can ask about the story.

Who is in the story?

Circle the names you see in the story.

Then Li made funny faces. The other kids laughed. Finally, Li had to sit with Ms. Murray.



Why did Li have to sit with Ms. Murray?

Think About It

Read the passage. Answer the questions on the next page.

A Zebra's Stripes

Zebras have black and white stripes. Their stripes help them blend into the grass. This helps them hide from other animals that may want to eat them. Mother zebras keep their babies near. They teach the babies how to hide in the grass.



★ You can ask who, what, where, when, why, and how before and during reading.

What is the passage about? Circle the answer.

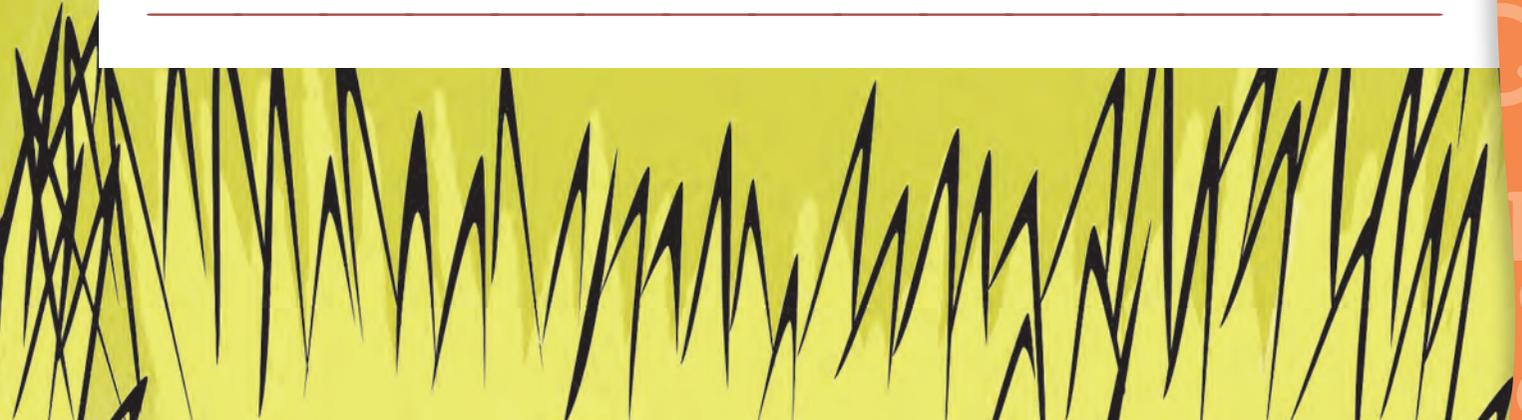
Zebras and their stripes

Zebras and their food

Zebras and their homes

How do a zebra's stripes help to keep it safe?

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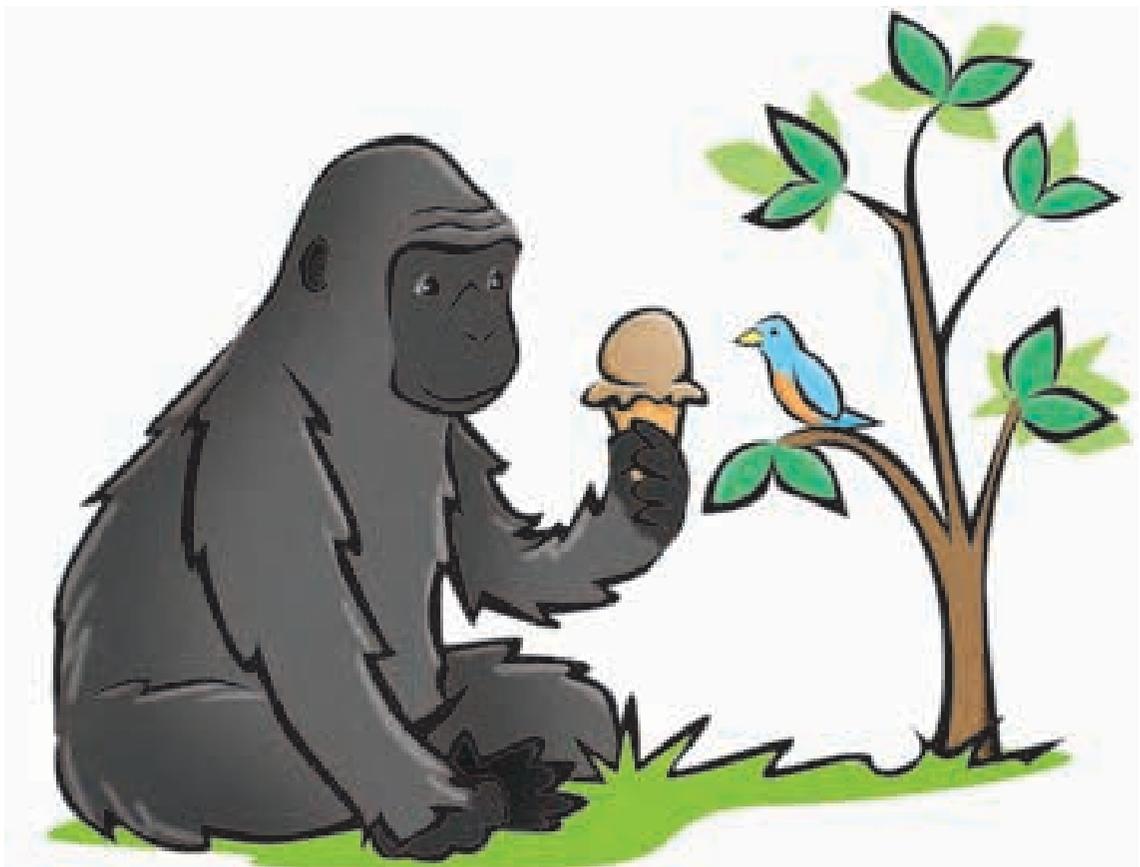
Lesson 1 Write an Opinion

Get the Idea

🍏 When you write an **opinion** piece, you tell what you think, feel, or believe about a topic. Always state your opinion first. Then give reasons that support your opinion. Use linking words, such as and, because, and also to connect your opinion and your reasons. A book review is an example of an opinion piece.

Read this book review.

New Zoo is a great book because it is about animals that talk. Also, the plot is full of surprises. An ape and a bird become friends!



The book review is about a book called New Zoo. The author of the book review likes the book.

Add a sentence to the book review. Give another reason to like the book.

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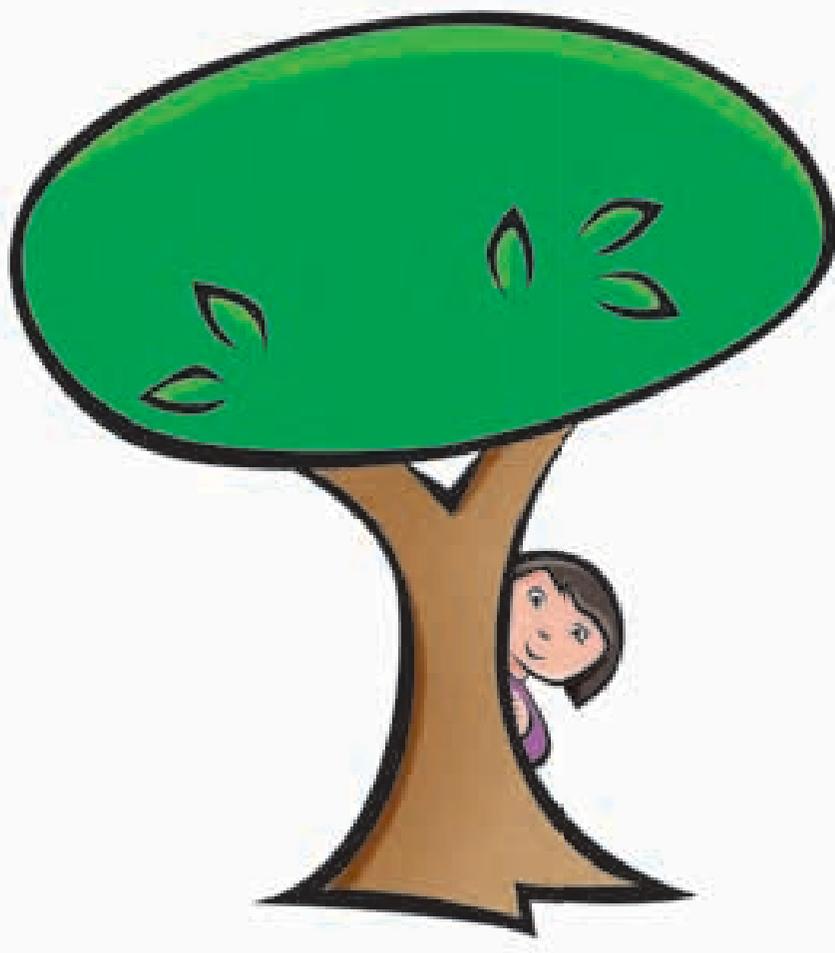
Think About It

Read the passage. Then answer the questions on the next page.

More Recess!

I think recess should be longer. Right now, we eat lunch for twenty minutes. That leaves only fifteen minutes to play. We need more time to run around.

Recess is important because it helps kids stay fit. Also, recess helps us relax. Then we can learn better.



What is the author's opinion?

Handwriting practice lines for the first question. Each line set consists of a solid blue top line, a dashed black middle line, and a solid red bottom line. There are two such sets of lines provided for this question.

What reasons support the author's opinion?

Handwriting practice lines for the second question. Each line set consists of a solid blue top line, a dashed black middle line, and a solid red bottom line. There are four such sets of lines provided for this question.