


TEXAS LITERACY INITIATIVE

Think-Aloud (Step 5)



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Questions Which Support the Comprehension Informational Text

- What person, idea, thing, or event is being described or explained?
- How is the topic being described or explained? (Descriptive text)
- What are the major events? (Sequential text)
- What features, characteristics, or events are important to remember or understand about the topic being described?



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Climbing Trees to Save Furry Animals

High in the branches of a tree, a koala quietly eats a eucalyptus leaf. Suddenly, she hears flapping near her head. Is it a bird? A rope **gently loops** around her neck. It **pulls taut** against her fur.

Don't worry, the koala is not being harmed. She is being saved. On Kangaroo Island, Australia, there are too many koalas. The animals are running out of food. A group called Koala Rescue is moving the koalas so they will not go hungry.

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Q: Why would someone put a rope around a koala's neck? Is it hurting the koala?

Rescuers on Kangaroo Island use poles to get the koalas safely down from their tree homes.

A koala eats only eucalyptus leaves.

This koala is getting weighed. Rescuers hope to keep track of the koalas over the next few years.

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El traslado de los koalas

En la copa de un árbol, un koala devora en silencio una rama de eucalipto. De pronto escucha un alboroto. ¿Es un pájaro? Un lazo lo rodea y se ajusta con cuidado alrededor de su cuello.

No hay nada que temer; el koala estará a salvo. En la isla Kangaroo, de Australia, hay demasiados koalas. Tanto, que estos animales se están quedando sin comida. Un grupo llamado Koala Rescue, está llevando estos animales a otro lugar para que no pasen hambre.

Los rescataadores de la isla Kangaroo usan varas para bajar los koalas de sus hogares arbores, sin causarle daño alguno.

Los koalas sólo comen hojas de eucalipto.

Un investigador pesa un koala. Los científicos quieren investigar a los koalas en los próximos años.

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A HELPING HAND FOR KOALAS

During the 1920s, some people feared that Australia's koalas were disappearing. They wanted to help keep koalas safe. So 18 koalas were moved to Kangaroo Island. **People thought** the koalas might **survive** on the island, which had plenty of eucalyptus trees.

Since then, the number of koalas on Kangaroo Island has reached 5,000! That is good news. There is also bad news.

We Do

Q: What is the right number of koalas to have on the island?

Q: I wonder why they only moved 18 koalas?

CREATURES WITH SHARP CLAWS

To solve the problem, Koala Rescue first gets the koalas down from their tree homes. "It's not easy," says Drew Laidlett of Koala Rescue. "They don't like being captured out of their trees."

SAVING A LOS KOALAS

Durante la década de 1920, algunas personas temían que los koalas de Australia desaparecieran. Querían salvarlos. Por eso, trasladaron 18 koalas a la isla Kangaroo. Pensaron que esta isla llena de eucalipto sería un buen hogar para los koalas.

Desde entonces, el número de koalas ha aumentado a 5,000. Los koalas sólo comen hojas de eucalipto. Cuando hay muchos koalas concentrados, se comen todas las hojas. Entonces los árboles mueren, y sin árboles los koalas también morirían de hambre.

CREATURAS CON GARRAS AFILADAS

El primer paso para resolver este problema es bajar a los koalas de sus hogares. "No es una tarea fácil," dice Drew Laidlett de Koala Rescue. "No les gusta que los atrapen."

Los rescataadores deben ser muy cautos. "Los koalas son animales salvajes," dice Laidlett. Tienen garras grandes y afiladas.

¿Qué? Digan "eucalipto". Cinco koalas poseen para una foto. Aunque parecen muy tímidos, estos animales son criaturas salvajes con garras afiladas.

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How might this type of instruction support student learning in your classroom?

Think

How might this strategy help students in other content areas?

Turn

Talk

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