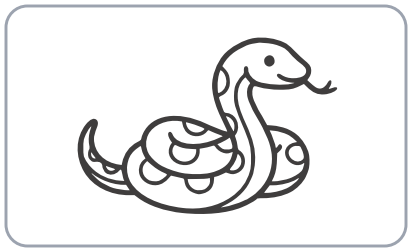
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Point of View

Read the text. What does the author think? What do you think?

Give Snakes a Chance



Many people are afraid of snakes, but I think snakes deserve our respect. Most snakes are not dangerous to people, and most would rather slide away than meet you.

Snakes also help us. Many snakes eat mice and rats, which eat the grain that people store and can carry disease.

Snakes are amazing, too. A snake uses its tongue to smell! It flicks its tongue to collect smells from the air, then carries them to a special spot inside its mouth.

So the next time you see a snake, do not scream. Leave it alone, and let it do its important job.

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1. What does the author think about snakes?

Snakes make good pets.

Snakes are scary.

Snakes deserve our respect.

2. Give one reason the author gives for that view.

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3. What do you think about snakes? Give a reason.

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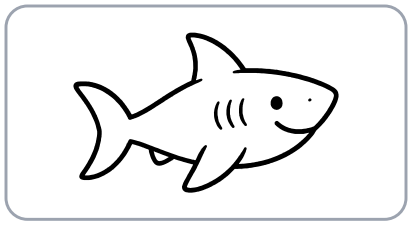
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Sharks Need Our Help



Sharks seem scary, but I think people are a bigger danger to sharks. In a usual year, sharks bite fewer than 100 people around the world. But people catch millions and millions of sharks every year.

Many kinds of sharks grow slowly and have only a few babies. When too many are caught, there are not enough young sharks to take their place.

That is a problem for the whole ocean. Sharks eat sick and weak fish, and this helps keep the other fish healthy. I believe we should protect sharks by catching fewer of them.

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1. Which sentence tells the author's point of view?

I think people are a bigger danger to sharks.

Many kinds of sharks grow slowly.

Sharks eat sick and weak fish.

2. Why is it a problem when too many sharks are caught?

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3. Do you agree with the author? Tell why or why not.

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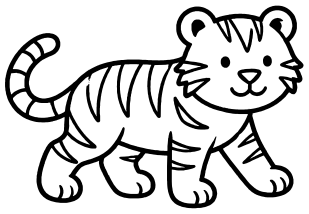
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Paired Texts

Read both texts about tigers. Then answer the questions.

Text 1

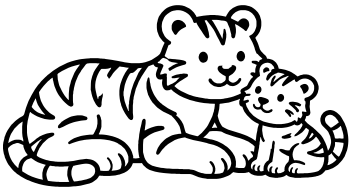
A Tiger's Stripes



The tiger is the biggest wild cat in the world. Its orange coat with black stripes might seem easy to spot, but in tall grass and shadows, the stripes break up the tiger's shape. That helps it sneak up on deer and other animals it hunts. No two tigers have exactly the same stripes. Even a tiger's skin is striped underneath its fur!

Text 2

Saving Tigers



Tigers are the biggest cats on Earth. More than 100 years ago, there may have been 100,000 tigers in the wild. Today only a few thousand are left. People have cut down many of the forests where tigers live. To help, countries have set up parks where tigers are protected. In some places, like India and Nepal, the number of tigers is growing again.

1. Tigers are the biggest cats. **Text 1** **Text 2** **both**

2. Stripes help a tiger hide. **Text 1** **Text 2** **both**

3. Parks protect tigers. **Text 1** **Text 2** **both**

4. What is the most important point of each text?

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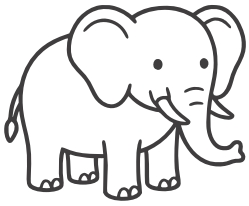
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Paired Texts

Read both texts about elephants. Then answer the questions.

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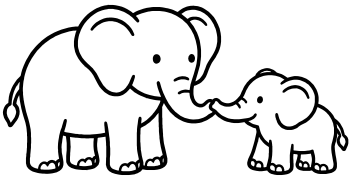
An Elephant's Trunk



An elephant's trunk is its nose and top lip joined together. It has thousands of muscles, so it can do many jobs. An elephant uses its trunk to breathe, smell, drink and grab food. It even uses its trunk to touch and hug its family. When it swims, it can hold its trunk up to breathe like a snorkel.

Text 2

Elephant Families



Elephants live in close family groups. The leader is often the oldest female. She knows where to find water and food, even when it is dry. The whole group helps raise each baby. When two elephants meet, they say hello by touching trunks.

1. Elephants touch each other with their trunks. **Text 1** **Text 2** **both**

2. The oldest female often leads the family. **Text 1** **Text 2** **both**

3. An elephant's trunk has thousands of muscles. **Text 1** **Text 2** **both**

4. How do the two texts help you understand elephants better together?

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Topic Words

Draw a line from each animal word to what it means.

habitat	an animal that is hunted for food
predator	an animal with dry, scaly skin that breathes air
prey	colors or shapes that help an animal hide
camouflage	an animal that hunts other animals
migrate	the place where an animal lives
mammal	to travel far each year to find food or a place to have young
reptile	so few left that the animal could die out
endangered	an animal with hair or fur that feeds its babies milk

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Point of View

Read a nonfiction text. Compare what the author thinks with what you think.

Title

The author thinks

I think

The author's reasons

My reasons

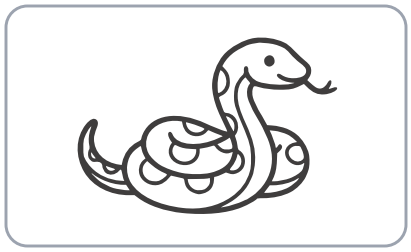
How are our views alike or different?

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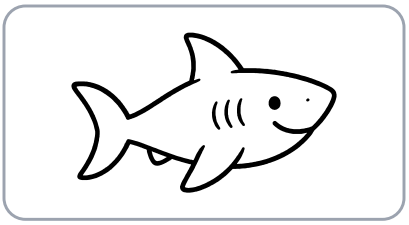
One way: I agree with the author, because snakes help by eating mice and rats.

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1. Which sentence tells the author's point of view?

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2. Why is it a problem when too many sharks are caught?

Sharks have only a few babies, so there are not enough young sharks to take their place.

3. Do you agree with the author? Tell why or why not.

One way: I agree, because sharks keep other fish healthy and people catch too many.

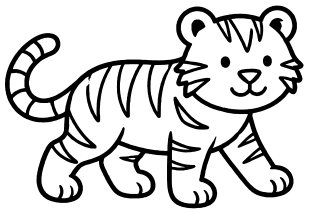
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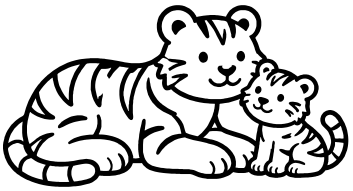
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4. What is the most important point of each text?

Text 1: how a tiger's stripes help it hide. Text 2: how people are working to save tigers.

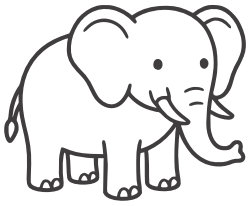
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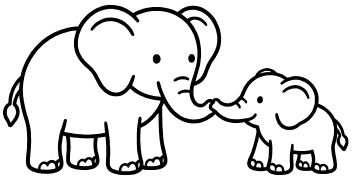
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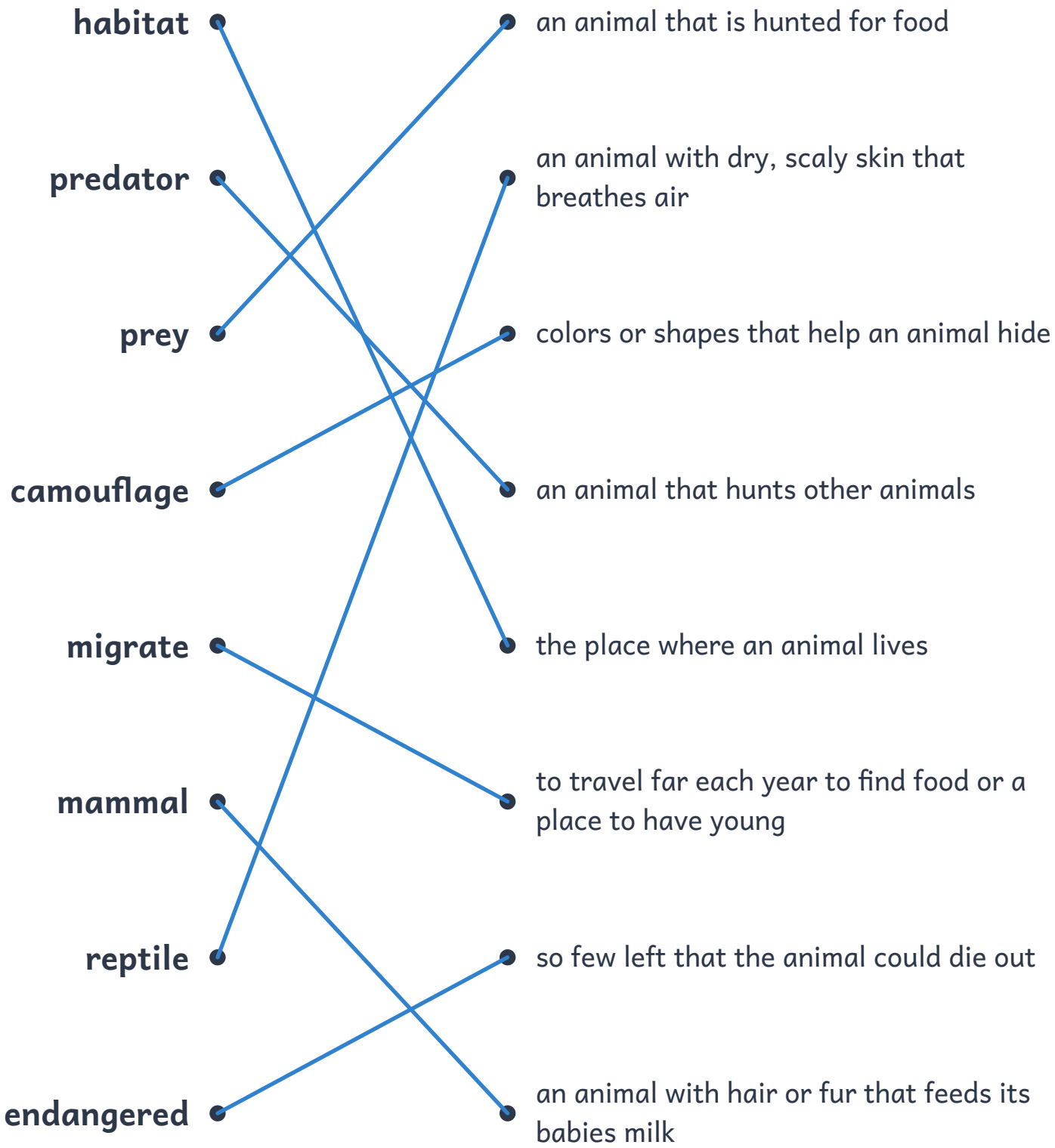
4. How do the two texts help you understand elephants better together?

Text 1 tells what a trunk can do, and Text 2 tells how families live and work together.

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