

Paul Thurlby's Wildlife

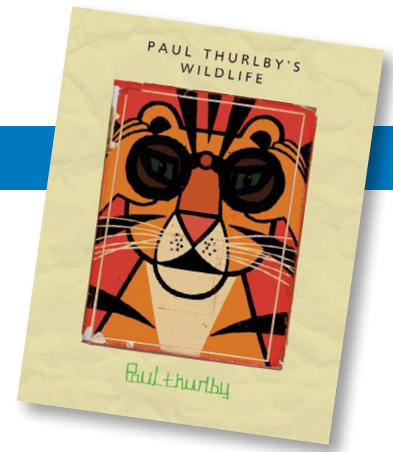
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Animals

Book Brief: Did you know that tigers can hear better than humans? Have you ever wondered where the term “crocodile tears” comes from? *Wildlife* includes these and other fun facts about animals that you may

not have known.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: Why is the tiger on the cover holding binoculars? What do you think the picture means? What other animals do you think will be included in the book based on the title *Wildlife*?

While reading, make connections: Which animal facts remind you of something you might also do?

Which animal facts would be impossible for humans to perform? Can you think of other animals that might share some of the same characteristics as the ones in this book?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which fact was most surprising to you?
- ◆ Which animals seemed the most like humans?
- ◆ What does each animal fact tell us about the *adaptations* animals have made in order to survive in their habitats?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MONKEY POPS

Ingredients: bananas, semi-sweet chocolate chips, chopped nuts or sprinkles, small popsicle sticks, wax paper, plate, bowl, knife

Peel bananas from the bottom up and cut in half. Insert stick into cut end, place on plate, and freeze for 1 hour. Melt chocolate chips in microwave, stirring until smooth. Dip frozen banana half in melted chocolate and roll in nuts or sprinkles. Place on waxed paper and let chocolate set. After about 5 minutes, eat and enjoy!

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Penguins come in many sizes. The King Penguin at 3' is the second largest penguin next to the Emperor Penguin, which can be up to 4' tall! Pick 4 different

kinds of penguins to look up online. Find the average height of each and, using a ruler or yardstick, mark it on a long piece of paper. What is the difference between the tallest and the shortest penguin? Now mark your height. How does your height compare to that of the 4 penguins you found?

BEE SPEAK

Honeybees do a special dance to show their fellow workers where to find the honey. Watch this short video at <http://video.pbs.org/video/2300846183/>. Have some family members or friends play the waggle dance with you. Hide a small object or snack in a room. By moving like a honeybee, give clues to the rest of the group about the location of the object. Can they find the treat? Were you able to communicate by dancing?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Numbers (2014)
Alphabet (2011)



Reading Is
Fundamental