

Unit 2: Animals Surviving and Thriving

WEEK 4 Day 5

Vocabulary & Language
Carousel Brainstorm

Weekly Question	How do animals survive in their habitats?
Language Objective	I can talk with my classmates about important vocabulary from our unit texts and big ideas. (SL.1.1)
Vocabulary	rain forest: a rich, warm forest with lots of rainfall and a wide variety of plants and animals tundra: a large, flat area where the ground underneath is permanently frozen desert: a dry area of land with very few plants, usually covered by sand forest: a large area covered mostly with trees and undergrowth pond: a small body of still water ocean: the sea; a saltwater habitat
Materials and Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● chart paper, 4 pieces, with one of the Weekly Words in the center of each, set out around the classroom● markers, one for each child● timer or stopwatch
Opening	<i>This week as we move through the Carousel Brainstorm, we'll think about our Weekly Words as we continue our learning about how animals survive in their habitats.</i>
Key Activity	Show the vocabulary cards and review definitions for all of the Weekly Words, highlighting those selected for the Carousel Brainstorm. Talk briefly about some possibilities for recording understanding about one of the words. Direct each group to a particular paper and then begin the timer.

	Circulate as children work, noting their use and representation of each word.
Closing	In the whole group, share the work from the papers, highlighting different ways of demonstrating word knowledge.
Standards	SL.1.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about Grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
Ongoing assessment	<p>As children work, circulate and take notes on the Carousel Brainstorm Assessment Tool to record children’s understanding, misconception, and use of vocabulary words. Use these to plan for reteaching and reinforcement.</p> <p>Listen to children’s conversations as they circulate. How do children participate?</p> <p>Review each sheet of chart paper. Do children’s drawings and writing reflect an understanding of the vocabulary words?</p>

Notes