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THE MARCH OF
THE ANTS



UNIT 6 REPRESENTATION



English Unit 6 Stage 1- First A (first year)

Task...

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Look at the text. Use sticky notes to write information about how the ants are represented.

The ant army set out.

The ants can carry things with their 'arms'.

They marched and marched for days and nights.

They live with other ants.

The ants have 2 large eyes.

They walk in a line.

They have 6 legs.

They have 3 main parts to their bodies.

They black bodies.



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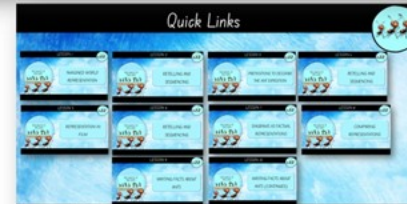


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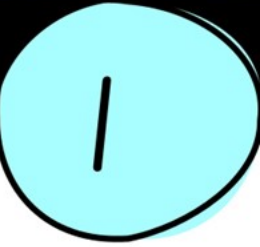
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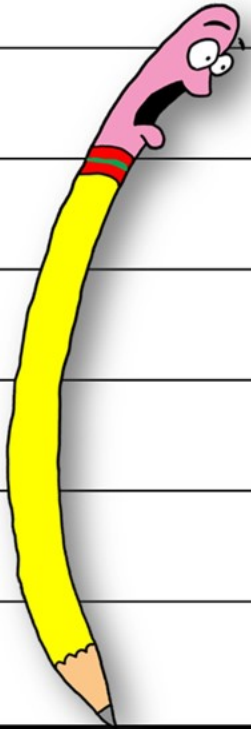


English Unit 6 Stage 1- First Year

Vocabulary...



Help me to write a sentence using the word expedition.



expedition-use it
in a sentence



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Learning Intention



We are learning how real and imagined characters can be represented.

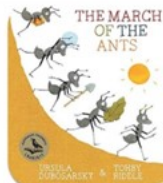


Visual Representation...Teacher Notes

Provide students with paper and drawing materials to create an 'imagined world' illustration of an ant in the same style as the illustrator Toby Riddle. Encourage students to consider human characteristics such as how the ant's emotions are represented, as well as features that are typical of ants in the 'real world'.



Predict...



What do you think this story may be about?
Use the pictures, the title and the illustrations to help you?
What do you already know about ants?



Vocabulary...

The ants were heading off on a very important *expedition*.

An expedition is like a grand adventure—a journey taken for a specific purpose. Imagine a group of scientists venturing into the rainforest to explore its secrets or a team embarking on a voyage to discover new lands. These brave explorers are on an expedition!

expedition—say the word.

Task...

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Year A

Vocabulary...

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expedition—use it in a sentence.

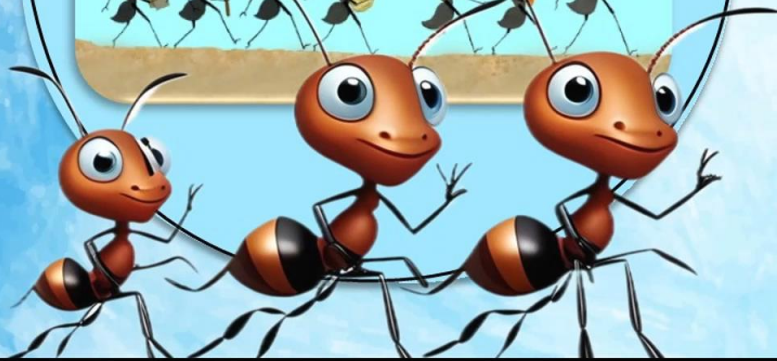
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Sequencing words...

2



Storyboard - The March of the Ants

Page	Scene 1	Scene 2	Scene 3	Scene 4
Write your scene here				

Prepositions...

1

Where is the ant?
Using a picture of an ant, a rolled-up pair of socks or stockings shaped like an ant, place the ant in different positions and have students verbalise the position. e.g. the ant is sitting near the door.



Model...

4

The ants marched past termite mounds and through the dusty sand.
They trudged up hills and walked down the other side.
They built bridges and jumped over crevices; on and on they marched.



Share...

6

We will share our writing together.
• You can share in small groups
• With a partner
• Read to the class



Imagine...

4

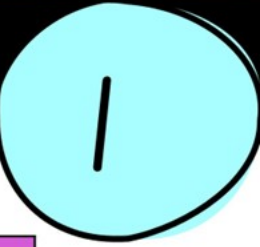
Imagine that you are an ant in the story.
What special item would you take on the expedition?
How and why would it be useful?
I would bring a torch because it would help me see at night.

I would bring _____ because _____



Year A

Vocabulary...



Word	Meaning	Use it in a sentence
destination		
determined		
dismayed		



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Task...

6

I am bringing a torch.
It will help me see at night.



Publish...

8/9

1. Share your story with a small group or partner.
2. Publish your final copy and illustrate your writing.

Checklist

- ☐ Use prepositional phrases
- ☐ Use correct punctuation
- ☐ Use quotation marks
- ☐ Make sure your story is sequenced and makes sense



Representation...

1

How has the author made the ants seem human in the text?



The ants can read.



The ants can talk.

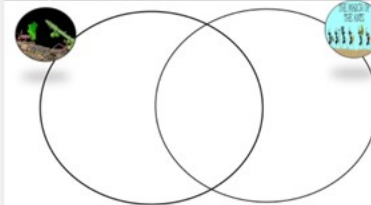


The ants used tools.



Compare and contrast...

1



Brainstorm...

4

What might happen next?

Brainstorm



Ant Facts...

2



- ☐ This is a children's website.
- ☐ Its purpose is to inform.
- ☐ The text is factual.
- ☐ The ants are creatures that live in the 'real world'.

Year A

Sequencing words...

2

until

after

one night

finally

soon

at last

after that

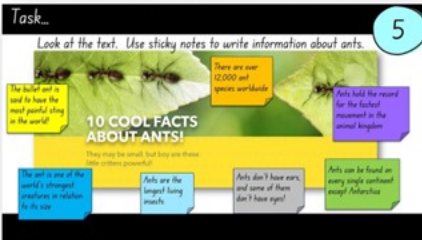
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Task... 5

Look at the text. Use sticky notes to write information about ants.



10 COOL FACTS ABOUT ANTS!

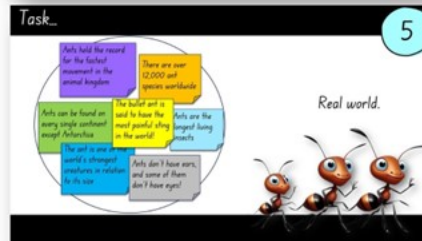
- The bullet ant is said to have the most painful sting in the world!
- There are over 12,000 ant species worldwide!
- Ants hold the record for the fastest movement in the animal kingdom.
- Ants can be found on every single continent except Antarctica.
- Ants don't have ears, and some of them don't have eyes!
- Ants are the longest living insects.
- The ant is one of the world's strongest creatures in relation to its size.

Vocabulary... 8

Word	Meaning	Use it in a sentence
species	a group of living things that naturally produce young with other members of the same group but not with those of other groups.	A hound and a poodle belong to the same species.

Task... 5

Real world.



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Year A

Discuss... 2

What text features were used in this video.
We will write our ideas in the sticky notes below.

Title or heading at the beginning	Photographs	Narrator gave facts about ants (spoken)	Close up camera shots show fine grain details about ants	A map shows where ants live
Key facts were written				

Task... 3-4

You will be creating your own 'Ant Fun Facts' information.
You can use your information from everything we have looked at so far.
This will be an information text for your class to inform and entertain.

You may work in pairs or small groups to complete this task.




Task...

5

Look at the text. Use sticky notes to write information about ants.



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Ants hold the record for the fastest movement in the animal kingdom

10 COOL FACTS ABOUT ANTS!

They may be small, but boy are these little critters powerful!

The ant is one of the world's strongest creatures in relation to its size

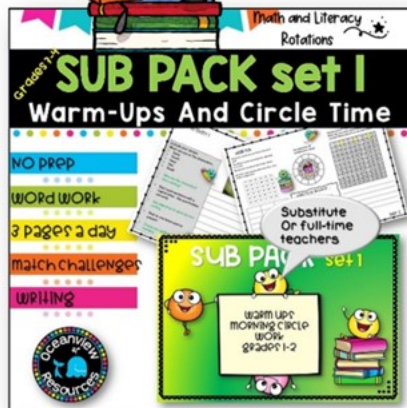
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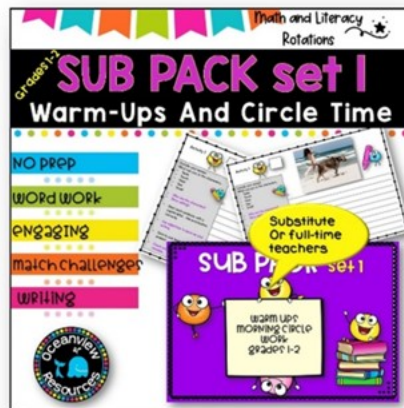
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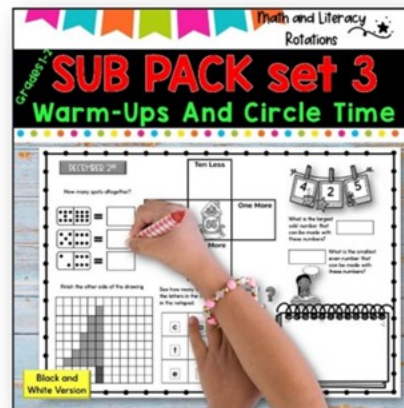
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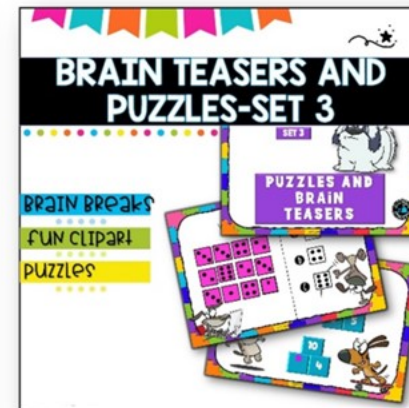
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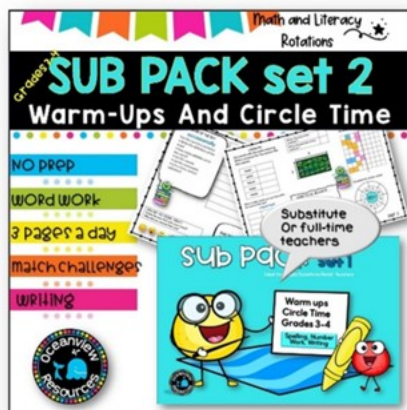
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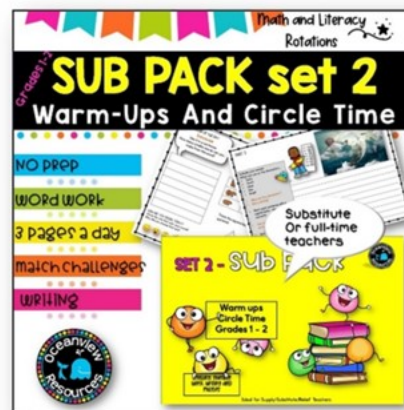
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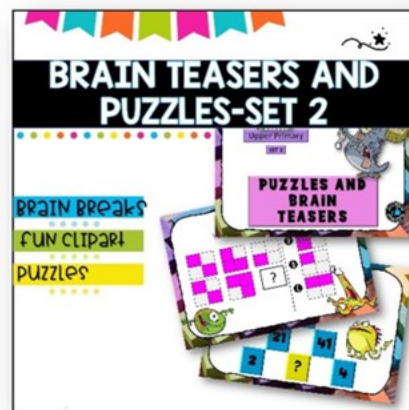
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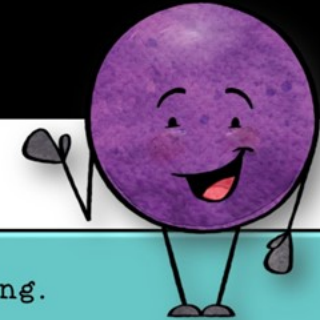
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