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Lesson Plan

Fox Facts

Lesson Plan for *Foxes*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students explore how the chapter titles in a table of contents provide clues about the information each chapter contains.

Things Needed

- *Foxes* book
- Whiteboard

Before the Activity

Divide students into four groups.

Activity

A book's table of contents helps students find information quickly. Read the table of contents from the *Foxes* book aloud to students. Ask groups to brainstorm together what information they think each chapter will have. Ask groups to share their ideas with the class. Record students' answers on the whiteboard.

Sample Answers:

- Chapter 1: "Digging Dens" will be about where foxes live.
- Chapter 2: "Bushy Tails" will be about what foxes look like.
- Chapter 3: "On the Hunt" will be about what foxes eat and how they find food.
- Chapter 4: "Safe and Warm" will be about how foxes stay warm in the winter.

Next, read *Foxes* aloud. After reading the book, ask students to work in their groups to write one or two sentences that describe the main ideas of that chapter. Once again, invite groups to share their answers with the class.



Sample Answers:

- Chapter 1: Foxes live all around the world. Foxes live in underground homes called dens.
- Chapter 2: Foxes have thick fur. Their fur comes in many colors and helps them blend in with where they live.
- Chapter 3: Foxes eat both plants and animals. Foxes use their good eyesight and hearing to hunt.
- Chapter 4: Dens have many rooms. Foxes raise their babies in a den.

Then, discuss the following questions as a class:

- Were our guesses about the information in each chapter correct?
- How does each chapter's title fit the actual information?

Use the following sample answers to help students answer the second question:

- Chapter 1 ("Digging Dens"): This chapter explains where foxes live, and its title tells the kind of homes they make.
- Chapter 2 ("Bushy Tails"): This chapter talks about what foxes look like. Its title mentions one of their most famous features: their big, fluffy tails.
- Chapter 3 ("On the Hunt"): This chapter tells what foxes eat and how they get their food. Its title reflects the way foxes get food: by hunting.
- Chapter 4 ("Safe and Warm"): This chapter describes how foxes raise babies in a den, and the den keeps the baby foxes safe and warm.

Evaluation

Could students predict the information each chapter would contain based on its title? After reading the book, could they describe how each chapter's title reflected the information it contained?

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.5).

