

Prairie Patterns

Academic

Vocabulary

similar adjective that means one thing that is like something else

Comprehension

Use Text Features

The picture and caption are text features.

A prairie is a large place with tall grass. Many plants, animals, and insects live there. It is also a great place to play. It is **similar** to a playground. There is a lot of room to run, just like a playground. It is fun to run through the tall grass!

Not all prairies are the same. Some prairies are near home. Others are very far away. Some prairies have hot weather, while others get cold weather. It doesn't rain much on prairies. Sometimes, it can snow!



These animals hide in the tall grasses and in holes in the ground.

Prairie grasses can be short, tall, or both. Insects like grasshoppers jump in the tall, dry grasses on prairies. They eat leaves, plants, and flowers.

There is **evidence** that animals live on the prairie. People have seen coyotes and rabbits in the tall grass. There are pictures of animals in the day and at night. The animals look for food and try to stay safe. They don't want to become another animal's dinner!

Meadowlarks walk and fly around on the prairie. They look for seeds and insects to eat. They have a bright yellow-and-black pattern. If you listen closely, you may be able to hear the sweet sound of their bird song.

Phonics
Vowel Digraphs
ai, ay, ea
leaves



Meadowlark

Unlock the Meaning of the Text

Use Text Features Look at the photograph of the rabbit. How does the sentence next to the photograph help you understand prairies? Does it give you more information?

Academic Vocabulary Reread paragraph four. What words or sentences help you understand the word *evidence*?