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Picture words



cheetah



polar bear



leopard



frigate bird



Parson's chameleon



dorado fish



praying mantis



blue whale



Darwin's bark spider

CHAPTER ONE

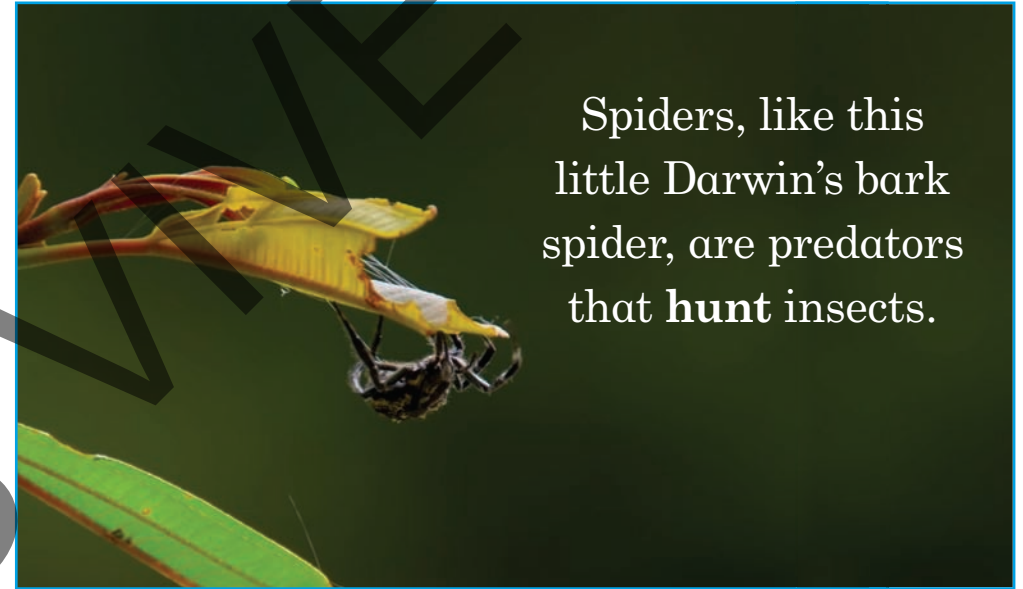
Predators and Prey

All animals need to eat to live. Some animals eat other animals, so they must find and catch their food before they can eat it. They are **predators***, and the animals they eat are their **prey**.

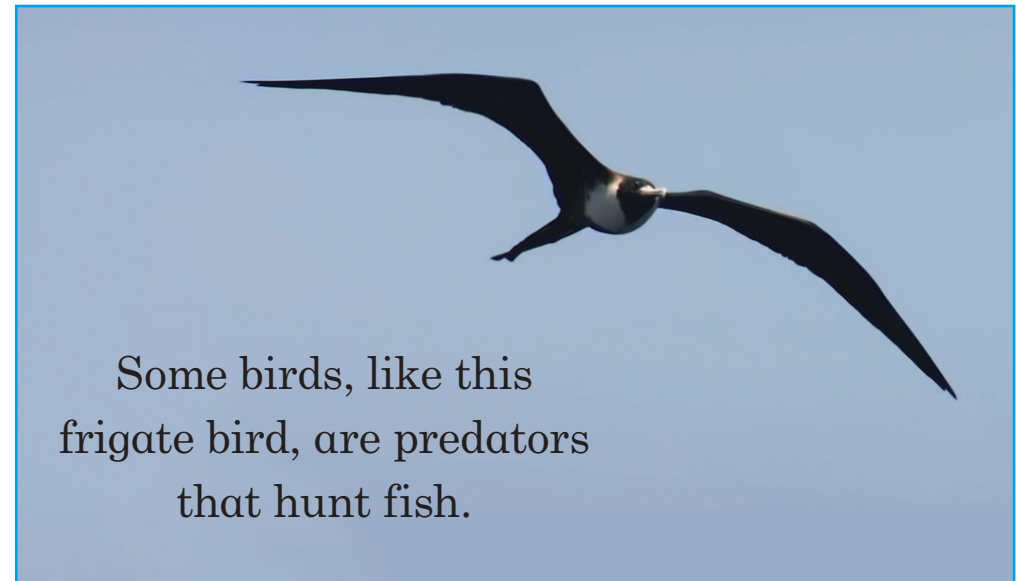


This cheetah is a predator. The gazelle is its prey.

Many different kinds of animals are predators or prey. They can be big or small.



Spiders, like this little Darwin's bark spider, are predators that **hunt** insects.



Some birds, like this frigate bird, are predators that hunt fish.

Predators and their prey live in very different **habitats** all over the world.

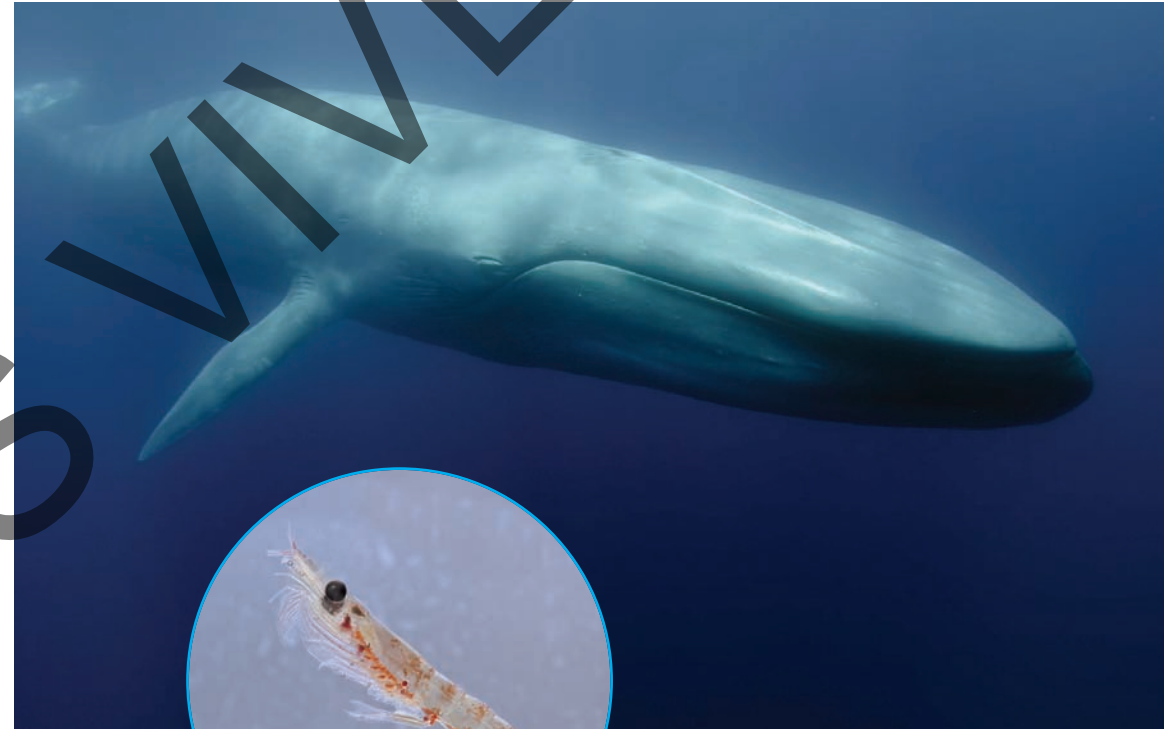
Some habitats, like jungles and rainforests, are very warm. The Parson's chameleon hunts large insects in the forest.



Other habitats, like the **Arctic**, are very cold. Here, polar bears hunt seals on the sea ice.



Not all predators hunt on land. The world's biggest predator is the blue whale, and it hunts its favorite prey, krill, in the sea.









krill

Life is not easy for predators. Their habitats give them different challenges, so they all have different ways to hunt.

Activities

The activities at the back of this book help you to practice the following skills:

-  Spelling and writing
-  Reading
-  Speaking
-  Listening*
-  Critical thinking
-  Preparation for the Cambridge Young Learners exams



*To complete these activities, listen to the audio downloads available at www.ladybirdeducation.co.uk

1 Read the sentences. If a sentence is not correct, write the correct sentence in your notebook.  

- 1 Predators are animals that don't eat other animals.
- 2 The animals that predators eat are called prey.
- 3 Frigate birds are predators that hunt insects.
- 4 Predators live in warm and cold habitats.
- 5 The world's biggest predator is the blue whale.
- 6 Predators all hunt in the same way.

2 Read the definitions from Chapter One. Write the correct words in your notebook.   


- 1 a place where an animal or plant is usually found h . . .
- 2 to follow and catch animals for food h . . .
- 3 an animal that hunts other animals p . . .
- 4 an animal that gets hunted by other animals p . . .
- 5 the part of the world which is furthest north, where it is very cold A . . .

- 3 Match the two parts of the sentences.
Write the full sentences in your notebook.




- 1 Cheetahs hunt and eat large animals,
- 2 On the grasslands, it is difficult for
- 3 Cheetahs stalk their prey, and then
- 4 Cheetahs are excellent at hunting, but

- a they run very fast to catch it.
- b like gazelles and wildebeest.
- c they don't always catch their prey.
- d cheetahs to hide from their prey.


- 4 Read Chapter Two. Then, read the answers below, and write the questions in your notebook. 

- 1 They live on the grasslands of Africa.
- 2 Because they are so heavy and strong.
- 3 At 93 kilometers per hour.
- 4 For only ten seconds.



- 5 Read Chapter Three. Are sentences 1—5 *True* or *False*? If there is not enough information write *Doesn't say*. Write the answers in your notebook. 

- 1 Leopards can run at 93 kilometers per hour.
- 2 A leopard's fur helps it to hide.
- 3 Leopards like to hide behind big trees.
- 4 Leopards catch their prey every time they hunt.
- 5 Leopards can run faster than cheetahs.
- 6 Leopards must move very slowly and quietly when they hunt their prey.

- 6 Talk to a friend about the animals below. How are they the same? How are they different? 



Cheetahs live in the grasslands of Africa. Leopards . . .

Projects

- 23** Look online, or in a library, and find out about another animal that is a predator.



Make a presentation about your predator. Work in a group. Include the information below:

- What is the animal called?
- Where does it live?
- How big is it?
- Which animals does it eat?
- How does it hunt?

- 24** Look online, and find out five interesting things about frigate birds.



Talk to a friend. Say five things about frigate birds that are true, and five things that are not true.

Ask your friend to guess which things are true.

Then, listen to your friend, and guess which of the things they say are true.