

Discover the World of Gray Wolves!

GRADE LEVELS 2ND – 4TH

GRAY WOLF

ARTICLES AND ACTIVITIES



KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **Two versions of a nonfiction bat article** (color + B&W)
- **Vocabulary word list and cut-and-paste activity**
- **Note-taking sheets and graphic organizers**
- **Comprehension questions and cloze reading activity**
- **Fact sort activity and writing pages**
- **Answer key**
- **QR codes and safe research links**
- **Google Slides version available**



a group of animals that live together like a family



pack



alpha

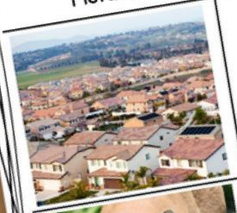
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VOCABULARY CARDS

Name: _____

Gray Wolf Vocabulary Activity

Cut out the words and definitions. Match them with the pictures.

Picture	Word	Definition
		
		
		
		

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population	**pack**	an animal that eats meat	na environ plant
threat	**carnivore**	animals that hunt at night and sleep during the day	some cause an
habitat	**alpha**	a group of animals that live together like a family	an
nocturnal	**offspring**	the leader of a pack of animals	al

Name: _____

Gray Wolf Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the matrix for each word.

Definition

Characteristics

Examples

population

Non-Examples

Definition

Characteristics

Examples

pack

Non-Examples

VOCABULARY ACTIVITIES

WITHOUT PHOTOS

WITH PHOTOS

Gray Wolf



The gray wolf is the largest wild relative of the dog. Once, it was found all over North America, Europe, and Asia. Few are left in Europe and Asia today. Most gray wolves live in Alaska and Canada. Some live in the United States and northern Mexico. The gray wolf can live in many habitats, including tundra, forests, and grasslands.

Appearance

Although it is called a gray wolf, it can have a fur coat that is white, brown, gray, or black. Usually, it has a silvery brown-gray back with a cream-colored underbelly and legs. It has a bushy tail, pointed ears, and a long, pointed muzzle.

The gray wolf can reach a height of up to 32 inches, a length of up to 6.5 feet, and a weight of up to 110 pounds. Males are usually larger than females.

Diet and Feeding

The gray wolf is a carnivore, which means it eats meat. Its favorite foods are elk, moose, deer, caribou, bison, goats, and oxen. It will also eat smaller animals like rabbits, beavers, or anything it can catch. The gray wolf can eat as much as 20-30 pounds of meat in one meal. If it needs to, it can go without eating for up to 2 weeks.

The gray wolf hunts in packs of 4-7 wolves. With the help of other wolves, it can hunt animals much larger than itself. Usually, the wolf is nocturnal: it hunts at night and sleeps during the day.

Offspring

A pack of wolves does more than just hunt together. They are a family, too. Usually, the pack is led by a male and female alpha. The rest of the pack includes the children of the alphas and sometimes unrelated wolves.

The female gray wolf chooses her mate and they usually mate for life. She gives birth to 4-6 baby wolves called pups. The pups are born deaf and blind. The parents care for them until they are 10 months old. At that age, the pups will either stay with the pack, join another pack, or start their own.

Threats and Predators

The biggest threats to the gray wolf are people. Gray wolves once lived in more countries of the world than any other land animal. Hunting and habitat loss have reduced their population to only a third of what it used to be. With the help of animal protection groups, the gray wolf's population has started to grow again.





While You're Reac

Mark with Symbols	
!	when you find something interesting
?	when you are unsure or confused by something
*	when you find something important that you want to remember

Highlight with Colors	
yellow	vocabulary words or key words
green	key phrases or definitions

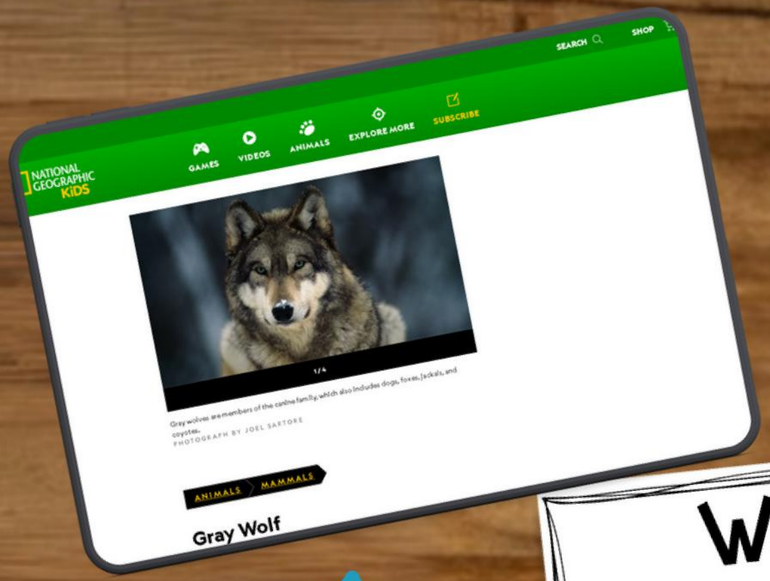
Make Your Own Notations

symbol or color	meaning

CLOSE READING BOOKMARK PAGE

INFORMATIONAL ARTICLE

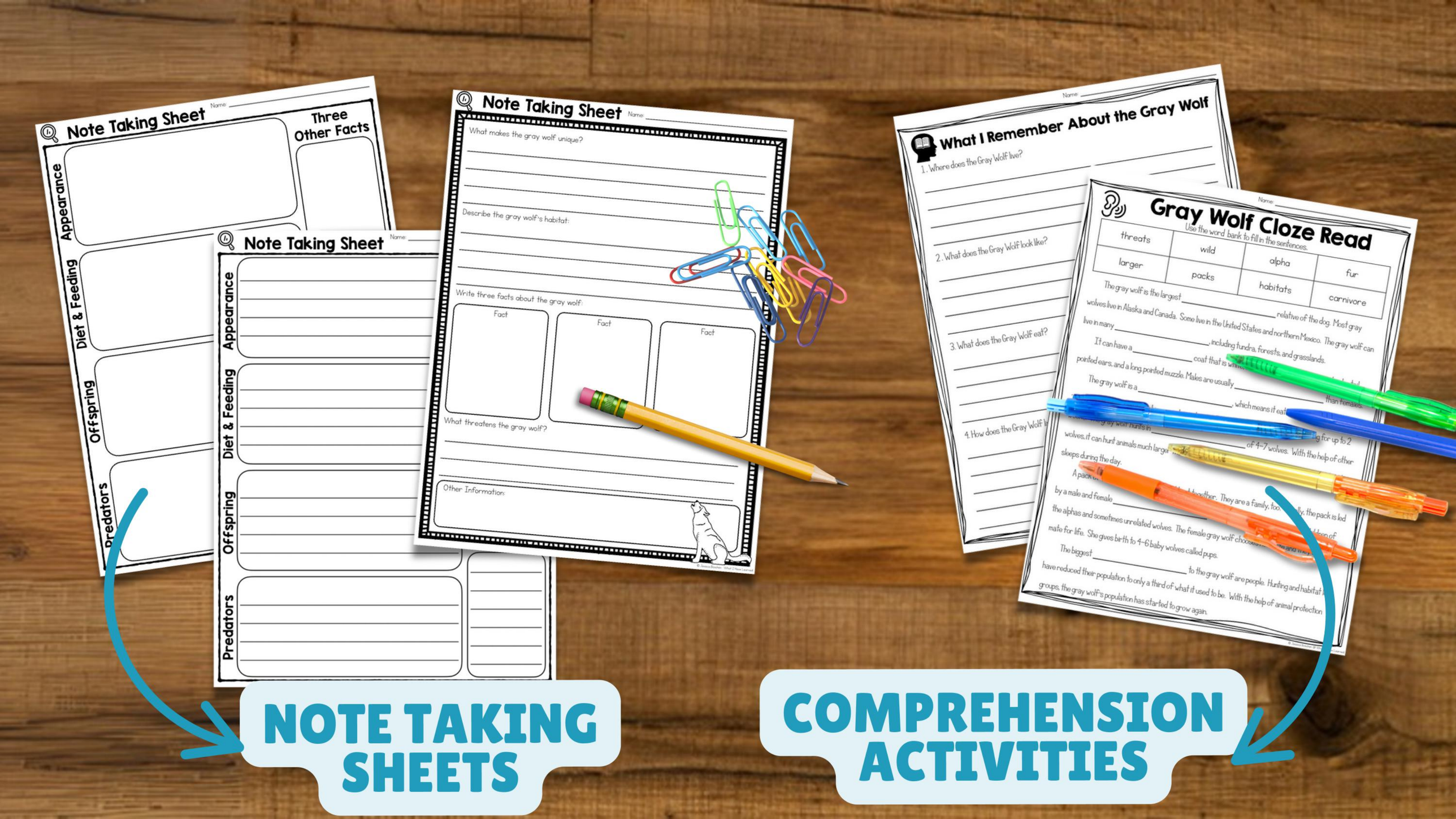
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Gray Wolf


Websites
This animal article comes with a Google Site that students can use for further research. The Google Site contains the same URLs as the QR Codes.
Google Site: https://sites.google.com/whatihavelearnedteaching.com/aa-boreal-graywolf or: http://bit.ly/GrayWolfGS
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olf | Amazing Animals
They are socially advanced animals that travel in packs.
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Note Taking Sheet
Name:
Three Other Facts
Appearance
Diet & Feeding
Offspring
Predators
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Offspring
Predators
Note Taking Sheet
Name:
What makes the gray wolf unique?
Describe the gray wolf's habitat:
Write three facts about the gray wolf:
Fact
Fact
Fact
What threatens the gray wolf?
Other Information:
Name:
What I Remember About the Gray Wolf
1. Where does the Gray Wolf live?
2. What does the Gray Wolf look like?
3. What does the Gray Wolf eat?
4. How does the Gray Wolf
Gray Wolf Cloze Read
Use the word bank to fill in the sentences.
threats
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alpha
fur
larger
packs
habitats
carnivore
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NOTE TAKING SHEETS
COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES

Directions: Cut apart the labels and each fact. Sort each fact into the best category or do an open sort and create your own categories.

Attributes
looks, has, is

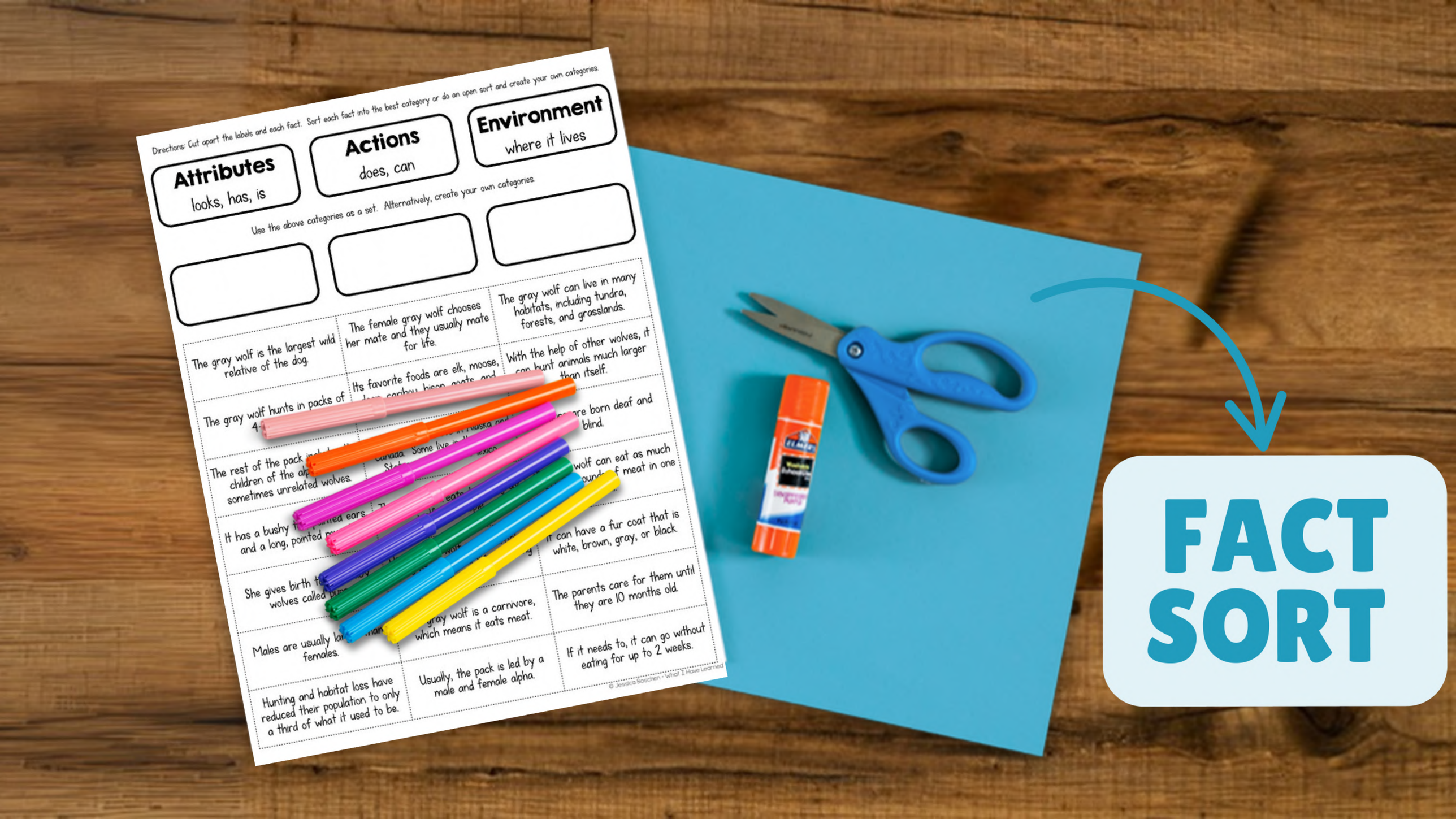
Actions
does, can

Environment
where it lives

Use the above categories as a set. Alternatively, create your own categories.

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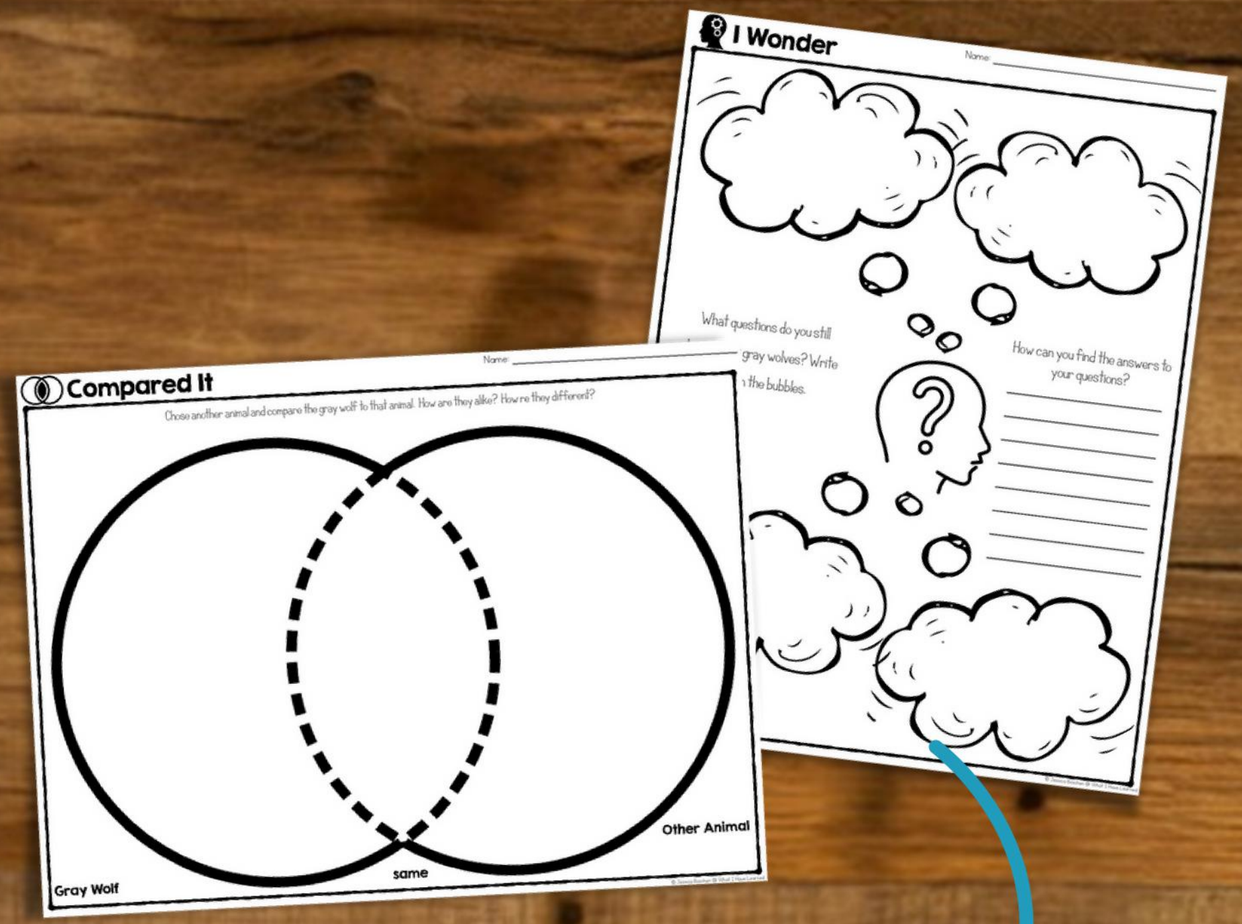
FACT SORT

SAMPLE PROJECT FOR FACT SORT

While this is for a differnet animal, it gives you an idea of how students can do the fact sort.







SUMMARY PAGE AND WRITING PAGES

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

HOW TO USE IT IN THE CLASSROOM

- **Read & Explore** – Read the article, watch videos, scan QR codes
- **Build Vocabulary** – Use word cards, match-ups, and Frayer models
- **Comprehend & Sort** – Answer questions, do cloze reading, sort facts
- **Take Notes** – Fill graphic organizers with gathered research
- **Write a Report** – Draft reports using printables or digital slides



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TEACHERS LOVE IT!

I love this resource and the kids loved it as well! Thanks for a very user student friendly resource.

Diana E.

This was a great addition to our novel study on A Wolf Called Wander.

Brooke W.





My passion is making learning accessible to all students. I love scaffolding learning. Breaking down the concepts and building them up so that students can see the connections. I love figuring out the small components that build up to the big ideas and helping students see it all.



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