

NewsRoom Daily Activity Plan

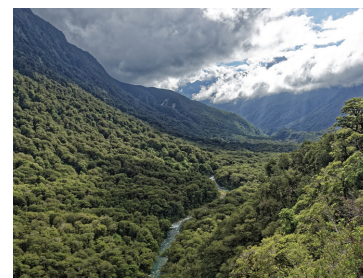


It's never been more important to share positive news stories with our children! Stories about good news, interesting news or even strange news can be a great way to help your child explore the world around them.

Our suggested structure is here to help your child engage with good news stories and practise their key learning skills. By using the tasks, your child will be able to learn about positive things happening across the world at this time, as well as practices their reading, writing and investigation skills.

Look at the picture in the news story. What could this story be about? Why do you think the editor chose that picture? Read the headline – What might have happened? Why is it in the news?

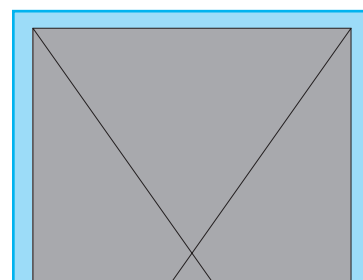
(2-3 minutes)



Read the news story. As you read, think about the 5 Ws:

- What has happened?
- Who is the news story about?
- Where did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- Why did it happen? Why is this story in the news?

(5 minutes)



Look at the reading questions. Read the news story again and answer the questions. Remember to read one question at a time and look for evidence in the news story to answer it. If you can't answer a question, put a star next to it and come back to it later.

(10 minutes)

Forest at the South Pole 90 Million Years Ago

Questions

1. 'It seems that 90 million years ago, things were a world away from what they are today.' The phrase 'a world away' suggests that...
 - ☐ Antarctica was on another planet.
 - ☐ It's almost the complete opposite.
 - ☐ It's very similar.
 - ☐ There were no humans on Antarctica then.
2. How did the scientists get the evidence to find out more about Antarctica 90 million years ago?

3. 'This shed light on the climate at the South Pole long ago.' Tick the phrase that is closest in meaning to the 'shed light'.
 - ☐ Described in detail
 - ☐ Discussed deeply
 - ☐ Revealed more
 - ☐ Replaced a bulb

Finally, it's time to look at the exploration tasks on the sheet or website. These come with three activities:

- Explore. This is a great chance to dive deeper into the news. It could also be an opportunity to get the Internet and books out and do some research!
- Write. This writing prompt is a great way to get your child writing about something relevant and linked to the good news story.
- Investigate. This is a chance for your child to find something out for themselves! it could be a puzzle to solve, an experiment to conduct or something else entirely !

The image activity sheet also has a range of activities you can try with your child.

