The White Oryx

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About Easystarts

Easystarts are Penguin Readers written to the lowest level in the Penguin Readers series. They are specially written originals, using 200 headwords and the simplest grammatical structures.

There are more than twenty titles to choose from across a range of styles and subject matter. All titles are in full colour, with carefully selected photos and/or artwork which helps to guide early learners of English. There is one page of activities at the back of each book.

Penguin Readers Easystarts provide pleasurable reading for all tastes at an appropriate level of difficulty.

Summary

The White Oryx is a fictional story about an Australian girl called Mandy Brown, who has come to the Arabian desert to take photos of the oryx there. She is writing a book. Her guide is Abdullah, an oryx ranger. As they are looking at some oryx, Abdullah receives a radio message saying there are poachers in the area. (Poachers are people who steal and kill wild animals because they can be valuable. The oryx are usually poached for their skin and their horns.) Mandy and Abdullah leave to find the poachers.

Abdullah and Mandy follow tracks in the sand until they find a dead mother oryx. The baby is missing. The two get in the jeep and follow the poachers. They get very close and the poachers start shooting at them. Abdullah radios for help and before the poachers can hurt them a police helicopter arrives. The poachers run from their truck but they cannot get away. The police catch them.

In the back of the truck Abdullah and Mandy find the baby oryx. It is young but it isn’t a baby so it will be ok. The police take the poachers away. Mandy takes lots of pictures – of the oryx, the police, their helicopter and of the poachers. Maybe she can write a new book – not just about the oryx in the desert but about her adventure and the problems of poachers.

Greed – the poachers do not think about the beauty of the oryx, they only think about money. They are happy to kill animals to make money.

Poaching – this is a very big problem today. Many wildlife rangers must deal with the problem of poaching. In many different countries poachers try to harm endangered species to make money for themselves. They don’t think, or care, that once the animals have disappeared they can never be brought back. They are gone forever and all the poachers have is money.

Justice – the poachers do a terrible thing. They kill a mother oryx and steal the baby. They are greedy but at the end of the story justice prevails and they get what they deserve.

Communicative activities

The following teacher-led activities cover the same sections of text as the exercises at the back of the Reader.

BEFORE YOU READ

1 Ask your students the following questions:
   a) What are oryx?
   b) Where do they live – in the mountains or in the desert?
   c) Which country do they come from?

2 Ask students: What is a poacher? What do poachers do? Why are they bad?

AFTER YOU READ

1 Students look closely at the illustrations on the following pages. What are the characters thinking in each picture and why?
   • Abdullah, page 1
   • Mandy, page 3
   • Mandy, page 5
   • Abdullah, page 6
   • Abdullah and Mandy, page 9
   • Mandy, page 13

2 Many animals are in danger because of poachers. Ask students to think of three other animals that are in danger. Also, what other dangers are there for animals living in the wild?

Extra words

There are twenty extra words, in addition to the 200 headwords, used in each Easystart title. The extra words used in this title are highlighted in question 1 at the back of the Reader. They are:

baby blood climb cloud desert follow gun helicopter help hole loud neck oryx poacher ranger sand sell shoot track truck
ACTIVITIES BEFORE READING THE BOOK

1. Look at the picture on page 2. Where is this place? What are the animals? Write three or four short sentences about the picture.

ACTIVITIES WHILE READING THE BOOK

Pages 1–3

1. Write the correct word in the sentences below:
poacher ranger oryx desert help
(a) A______ is a very big, hot place.
(b) I am an animal _______ I work with animals in the desert.
(c) You are tired. I can ______ you.
(d) The _______ of Arabia are very beautiful animals.
(e) A______ is a person who takes animals to make money.

2. Answer the questions:
(a) Where is Mandy Brown from?
(b) What is Abdullah’s job?
(c) How does Abdullah find the oryx?
(d) Where is there a problem?
(e) Does Mandy want to go with Abdullah?

Pages 4–7

1. Write the correct word in the sentences below:
baby blood hole neck sell clouds
(a) My head is on my ______.
(b) There are many ______ in the sky.
(c) ______ is red.
(d) My new brother is two weeks old. He is a ______.
(e) There is a ______ in the oryx’s neck.
(f) I need some money. I will ______ my television.

2. Answer the questions:
(a) What three things do the poachers do?
(i) Shoot the oryx
(ii) Help the oryx
(iii) Sell the oryx
(iv) Catch the young oryx and sell them.
(b) Where do Mandy and Abdullah look for tracks?
(c) What do they see in the sand by the tracks?
(d) The mother oryx is dead. What is the problem now?
(e) How do they drive across the desert?
(f) Mandy is watching the tracks. What is Abdullah doing?

Pages 8–11

1. Put the sentences together:
(a) Suddenly they come to a road
(b) Now they can’t see the tracks
(c) Mandy can see a small cloud
(d) Suddenly there is a loud noise
(e) Abdullah drives into some small trees
(f) Abdullah gets his gun

(i) of the truck.
(ii) in the car.
(iii) and stops the car.
(iv) in the desert.
(v) of sand.
(vi) and talks on the radio.

2. Are the sentences right or wrong?
(a) Mandy climbs up a tree to see the poachers.
(b) She can see a small cloud of sand on the right.
(c) The poachers are driving a truck.
(d) The poachers shoot a hole in the window.
(e) The poachers have guns.
(f) The police helicopter is green and yellow.

Pages 12–15

1. Look at the sentences below. Some of the words are wrong. Write the right words.
(a) The police helicopter comes down near the trees. The poachers quickly put their books on the sand and put up their legs.
(b) The young dog is in the back of the truck. There is no water, but it isn’t sad.
(c) Mandy takes photos of Abdullah and the old woman. Then she takes photos of the trees and their fruit. She takes pictures of the sand, too.
(d) ‘It’s a bad day for me too,’ Mandy says. ‘I’ve got some bad pictures for my book about the clouds of the sky.’

2. Answer the questions:
(a) Where is the young oryx?
(b) Why does Mandy ask, ‘Is it dead?’
(c) Why can the young oryx live?
(d) Mandy takes photos of five things. What are they?
(e) Who says, ‘Not a bad day,‘?
(f) What can Mandy write a new book about?

ACTIVITIES AFTER READING THE BOOK

1. Look at the pictures in the book. Do not read the words. Use the pictures and make the story again.

2. You are Mandy Brown. When you go home to Australia you want to write a story about your time in the desert. Write a list of the things you see in Arabia. What things will you put in the story when you get home?

3. Work in pairs. You are animal rangers. You have a big problem with poachers. What can you and your partner do to stop the poachers?
At White Sands National Park, the oryx is one such species. To reduce the impact this animal has on the White Sands National Park ecosystem, certain measures have been implemented to keep oryx out the park. Between 1969 and 1977, 95 oryx were released on White Sands Missile Range and the surrounding areas. Wild oryx were brought from the Kalahari Desert in Africa to an experimental range at Red Rock, New Mexico. Oryx is a genus consisting of four large antelope species called oryxes. Three of them are native to arid parts of Africa, and the fourth to the Arabian Peninsula. Their fur is pale with contrasting dark markings in the face and on the legs, and their long horns are almost straight. The exception is the scimitar oryx, which lacks dark markings on the legs, only has faint dark markings on the head, has an ochre neck, and horns that are clearly decurved. The White Oryx book. Read reviews from worldâ€™s largest community for readers. Mandy Brown is in the desert with Abdullah, and an oryx ranger. But there a...Â Let us know whatâ€™s wrong with this preview of The White Oryx by Bernard Smith. Problem: Itâ€™s the wrong book Itâ€™s the wrong edition Other. The White Oryx is a passive mob that spawns exclusively in the Gulf of Harad, usually in small groups. It closely resembles the Gemsbok however it is predominately white, with black markings, and black horns, and varying levels of gray and orange coloring on it's back. The White Oryx is a passive mob that does not retaliate when attacked, but will run away. They can be coaxed to follow you with wheat and will breed if you give two adult White Oryx wheat. White Oryx currently only drop leather and venison. White Oryx Thai Restaurant, invites guests to enjoy authentic flavors from South East Asia to Middle Eastern in the heart of The Pearl â€“ Qatar at Tower 30. We are open from 6:00 pm to 12:00pm. Book your table now!