

## CLOSE READING LESSON

### ARTICLE WITH A SIDEBAR | At the Water Hole

#### TEACHER PREPARATION

##### ANCHOR ACTIVITY

- On the board or chart paper, write the heading **Animals of Africa**.
- Prepare to show the video, **Life at the Waterhole**.

##### APPLY ACTIVITY

On the board or chart paper write the following questions:

- Why do animals go to a water hole?
- Why is a water hole a dangerous place?
- Many countries in Africa have water holes. Can you name one of these countries?

#### ANCHOR



##### ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

*Today, we are going to review the video about Life at the Waterhole. Watch and listen to remember what animals go to the waterhole. Be ready to name the animals after the video.*

Watch the video, **Life at the Waterhole**. Point to the heading **Animals of Africa**.

*What animals went to the water hole?*

Pause for student responses. List students' responses (i.e. giraffes, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses, baboons, elephants, flamingos, antelope, lions, crocodiles, zebras, wildebeests).

*Nice work! You remembered lots of animals that go to the water hole.*

##### PURPOSE STATEMENT

*Today, we will read to learn more about a water hole. We will learn more about the animals that go to the water hole. Let's read to answer these questions:*

- *Why do animals go to the water hole?*
- *Why is the water hole a dangerous place?*
- *Many countries in Africa have water holes. Can you name one of these countries?*

Pass out **Articles**.

**ARTICLES**

Article with a Sidebar Lesson **E** L1+2

**At the Water Hole**  
These animals go to a water hole. A water hole can be dangerous! There might be lions there!

This water hole is in Tanzania.

Thirsty animals find water here.

Hungry animals find food here.

Article with a Sidebar Lesson **T** L3+4

**At the Water Hole**  
Where do you go for a drink of water? These animals in Africa go to a water hole. Some water holes are huge, like a lake. A water hole can be dangerous! Sometimes, there are lions there. They want to drink the water. They also want to eat an animal.

This water hole is in Tanzania.

Thirsty animals find water here.

Hungry animals find food here.

Article with a Sidebar Lesson **C** L5

**At the Water Hole**  
If you are thirsty, you go to a sink or a drinking fountain. These animals in Africa go to a water hole. A water hole is a busy place! Why is it so busy? The animals all get thirsty. Sooner or later, they all come for a drink. Sometimes, animals must wait a long way to get there. Some water holes are huge, like a lake. Animals can play in the water. They can take a bath. The water hole can be a fun place. But the water hole can also be a dangerous place. Lions also know about the water hole. They can hide and wait for something good to eat. Watch out, baby zebra!

This water hole is in Tanzania, in Africa.

Thirsty animals look for water here.

Hungry animals hunt for food here.

**READ**

As a whole group, read the **Article with a Sidebar**. Have student volunteers read words or labels where possible. Support students in reading.

**APPLY**



*We learned more about animals that go to a water hole. What animals did we hear about? Is a water hole safe or dangerous? Would you want to visit a water hole to see the animals? Take your article home so you can talk about it with your family or friends!*