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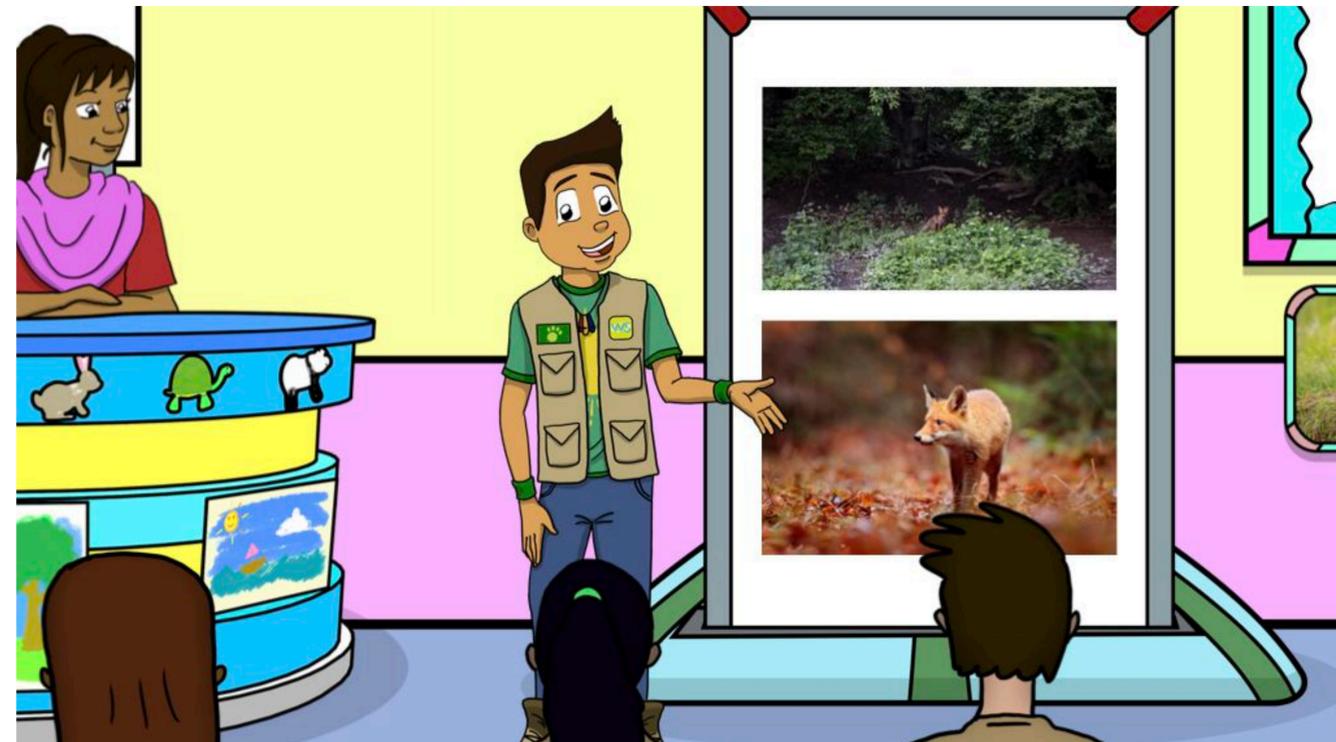
Decodable Word Chart

Long /e/	Short /i/	Short /e/	Short /a/	Short /u/		Short /o/	Schwa /ə/	
								
sleep	thin	red	snapped	hunting	hunt	foxes	again	
seek	kits	sheds	grass	cubs	nuts	fox	the	
eat	digs	get	ran	jumping	up	hot	away	
these	hid	tend	catch	jumped	much		was	
feed		den	bask	sun	running		some	
each		spends	nap				about	
		smelled	fast					
		nest						



The Red fox has to adapt to all seasons. For example, its fur thickens in the fall. When winter comes, the thicker fur keeps the Red fox warm.

What did you find out about how the Red fox adapts for each season of the year?



Tim snapped photos of foxes in their habitats in spring, summer, fall, and winter.



It is spring again. These kits were born at the beginning of spring. Mother fox and father fox are hunting for food to feed their new kits. Soon, the kits will begin to hunt for insects on their own.



First, Tim snapped a photo of a Red fox near its forest habitat in the spring. The Red fox sheds its fur at the beginning of spring.



This thin Red fox is hungry after the long winter. It is out hunting for food for itself and its cubs, also called kits. Where are the kits?



This fox digs for its dinner in the snow. What do you think is hidden under the snow? Maybe the fox is digging up some food it hid in the fall. Or maybe the fox smelled the nest of a small animal.



Tim snapped a photo of a Red fox that was running fast in the snow. Maybe it was trying to catch a rabbit.

Foxes hunt small animals like rabbits and rodents even in the winter. How do you think a fox finds a small animal in the snow?



It is summer and the grasses are very dry. Tim snapped a photo of a fox jumping. It jumped to get the animal that ran away from it. Tim wondered what the fox was trying to catch.



The fox will fatten itself up in the fall because it is hard to find food in the winter. Its fur will get much thicker to protect the fox in the long, cold winter months.



The Red fox likes to bask in the sun on a hot summer day. This fox has a nap after a long night of hunting. Foxes tend to only sleep in their den when they are taking care of their kits. Also, they will seek shelter from a storm in a den.



In the fall, the Red fox spends a lot of time by itself. It has to focus on finding food for the winter. It likes to hunt for small animals, but it will also eat nuts and grasses.