

Mirounga's Pup by Sherry Shahan

Phonemic Awareness	Phonics	Vocabulary	Fluency, Expression, Pace	Comprehension	Reading/Writing Link
		<p>Teach the commonly used words and phrases that signal compare/ contrast kind of writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>alike</li> <li>same as</li> <li>similarly, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Using punctuation to aid fluency and comprehension</p>	<p>Comparing &amp; contrasting new information with what we already know</p> <p>Before reading discuss what students know about how animals care for their young.</p> <p>Setting a purpose for reading</p> <p>After pre-reading discussion: <i>As we read, let's compare how the elephant seal mother raises he pup to the animals you know about.</i></p> <p>After cover &amp; title page (change in baby seal): <i>Keep these inconsistencies in mind as we read.</i></p> <p>Identifying info embedded in narrative text; taking notes</p> <p>At the end of pages 5, 9, 12, and 16, have students summarize what they have learned.</p>	<p>Discuss the author's use of strong verbs and how this creates images in the reader's head. Help students revise their own writing for stronger verbs</p> <p>Write compare/contrast paragraphs describing how elephant seal mothers are alike and different from mother cats and dogs.</p> <p>Brainstorm "I wonder" questions for students to research and publish.</p>

Guided Reading Level: Fluent 4  
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