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## Misunderstood Fish

The gray blobfish spends its whole life in the ocean's dark depths. Its soft bones and squishy body are held together by the tons of water that push in from all sides. But one day a fisherman hauls the unlucky fish up in his big net. The fish oozes out, pink and slimy all over, and dies even before reaching the boat. Everyone who sees the bulging remains calls the fish the ugliest animal in the world!



Sentence by Sentence

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary to Visualize:

**depths:** the deepest parts of the ocean  
**hauls:** pulls or drags with force  
**bulging:** swelling or protruding a lot  
**remains:** a body after death

**1 First Sentence:** The gray blobfish spends its whole life in the ocean's dark depths.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. the fish? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. the fish's color? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. the ocean being dark? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. how deep the fish is? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Second Sentence:** Its soft bones and squishy body are held together by the tons of water that push in from all sides.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. the bones? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. the body? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. the water? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. the water pushing? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 16 Swimming Lessons



Multiple Sentence

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A furry river otter walks to the edge of a calm stream with her four small pups. The otter uses her nose to push one shivering pup into the water. / After three more nudges, the mother slips into the stream. First the pups flail, but as they watch their mom, they start to swish their tails and paddle their little webbed paws. / Then the playful otters swim back to shore and climb up a steep muddy bank. The mother lies on her belly and zips down the smooth muck into the river. / It isn't long until she hears four little splashes right behind her.



## Vocabulary to Visualize:

**nudges:** light pushes or shoves

**flail:** to move arms or legs in an uncontrolled way

**webbed:** having fingers or toes connected by thin skin

**1 First and Second Sentences:** A furry river otter walks to the edge of a calm stream with her four small pups. The otter uses her nose to push one shivering pup into the water.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. the otter? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. the pups? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. the stream? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. the mom pushing? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Third and Fourth Sentences:** After three more nudges, the mother slips into the stream. First the pups flail, but as they watch their mom, they start to swish their tails and paddle their little webbed paws.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. the mother now? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. the pups flailing? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. the pups swishing their tails? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. the pups paddling? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 18 Hercules the Liger



Multiple Sentence

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tawny lions prowl the dry African savanna while fierce tigers roam misty Asian jungles. The animals would never cross paths in the wild. / But curious zookeepers place a bulky male lion and a pretty tigress in the same pen. Months later, the tigress gives birth to a hybrid cub. / But the liger's wary cousins growl and steer clear of him within their tiger habitat. The striped cub grows larger than both his parents and sports a short mane around his neck. / Today, the giant liger wanders his lonely pen, but his keepers visit him for hours each day.



## Vocabulary to Visualize:

**tawny:** a dark yellow color

**prowl:** to hunt quietly

**savanna:** a grassy plain in Africa with few trees

**hybrid:** a combination of two types of animals

**1 First and Second Sentences:** Tawny lions prowl the dry African savanna while fierce tigers roam misty Asian jungles. The animals would never cross paths in the wild.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. the lions? \_\_\_\_\_
2. the savanna? \_\_\_\_\_
3. the tigers? \_\_\_\_\_
4. the jungle? \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Third and Fourth Sentences:** But curious zookeepers place a bulky male lion and a pretty tigress in the same pen. Months later, the tigress gives birth to a hybrid cub.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. the zookeepers? \_\_\_\_\_
2. the male lion? \_\_\_\_\_
3. the tigress? \_\_\_\_\_
4. the hybrid cub? \_\_\_\_\_