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Animals and Plants

Unit 1 **Animal Protection** Nonfiction

Unit 2 **Plant Protection** Nonfiction

Travel

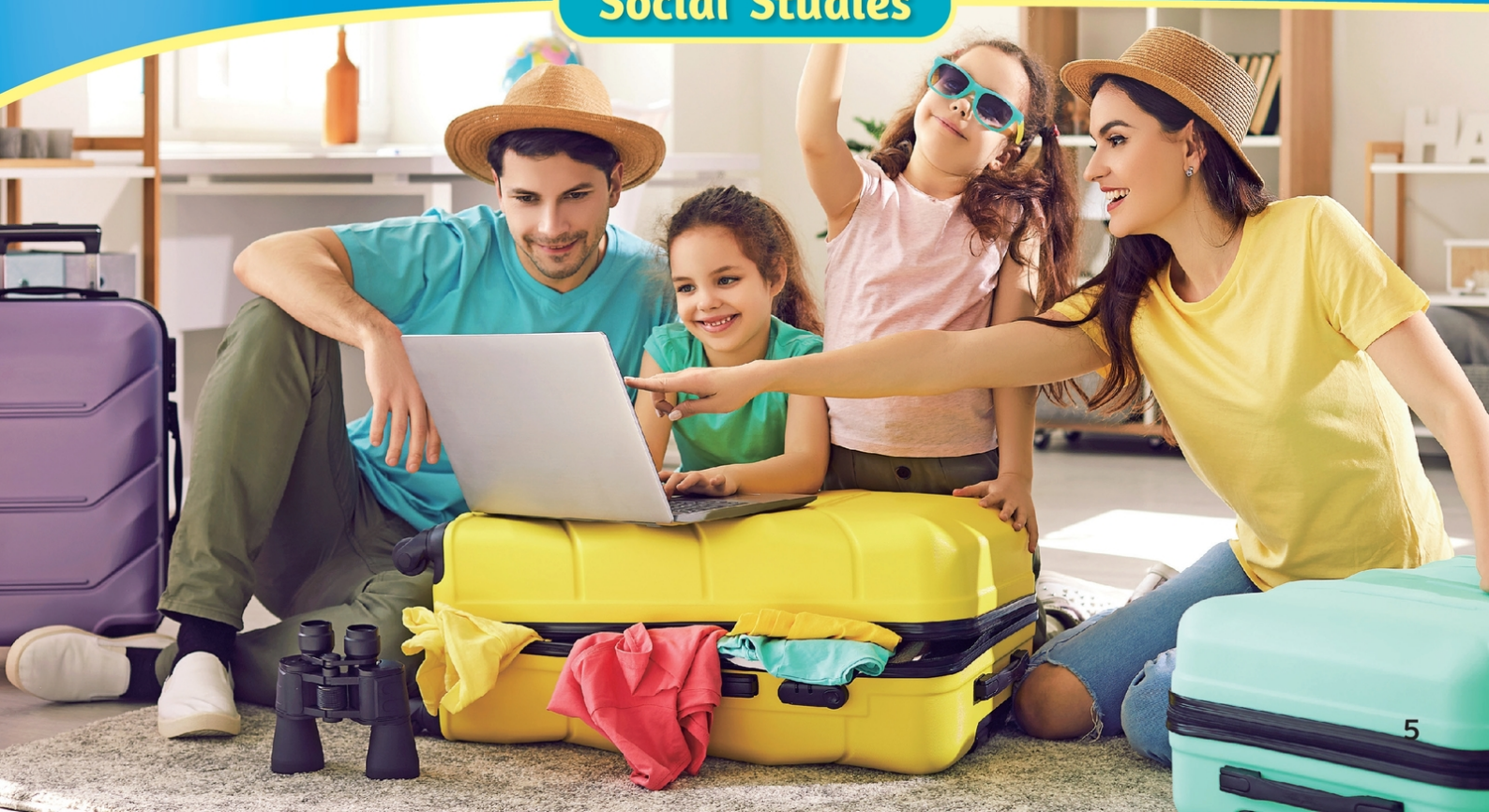
Unit 3 **Our Last Day in Paris** Fiction

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Science



Social Studies



Animal Protection

**Q**

How do turtles and chameleons protect themselves?

Key Words



- Listen and repeat. Then match and write.

02

1.



stamp

Knights wear _____ for protection.

2.



lift

The dart _____s into the target.

3.



armor

The boy _____s his feet in the puddle.

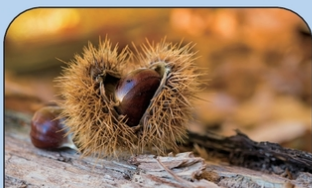
4.



curl up

Chestnuts have _____ on their shells.

5.



spikes

The dog _____s _____ into a ball.

6.



stick

He _____s his cat high in the air.

Animal Protection

While You Read

How do skunks keep predators away?

03

Do you get scared sometimes? Do you run or hide? Animals do that too. But some animals stay safe in other ways.

Skunks use a stinky smell to keep predators away. It is called musk. They **stamp** their feet, **lift** their tail, and spray the musk. The smell can stay for days.



Armadillos use **armor** to keep predators away. Armadillos are the only mammals with hard shells. But some parts of their armor can move. That is how they **curl up** into a ball.



Porcupines use **spikes** to keep predators away. They are called quills. Porcupines can lift their sharp quills. The quills **stick** into predators. And then they are hard to take out. Ouch!



Comprehension Check

- Choose the correct answers.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- Ⓐ how some animals fight each other
- Ⓑ how some animals protect themselves

2. How long does a skunk's smell stay?

- Ⓐ for days
- Ⓑ for hours

3. Armadillos are the only mammals with hard _____.

Ⓐ



Ⓑ



4. How do porcupines keep predators away?

- Ⓐ They use stinky smells.
- Ⓑ They use sharp spikes.

BACK TO THE PASSAGE

- Read and write the correct words.

5. A stinky smell makes skunks' predators stay away.

= Skunks _____ a stinky smell to keep predators away.

6. The quills go into predators.

= The quills _____ predators.