

Smart READING



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Science



Humans are mammals. They raise their babies by feeding them milk. Dogs, cats, and rats are well-known mammals. Monkeys, horses, and lions are mammals too.

Art

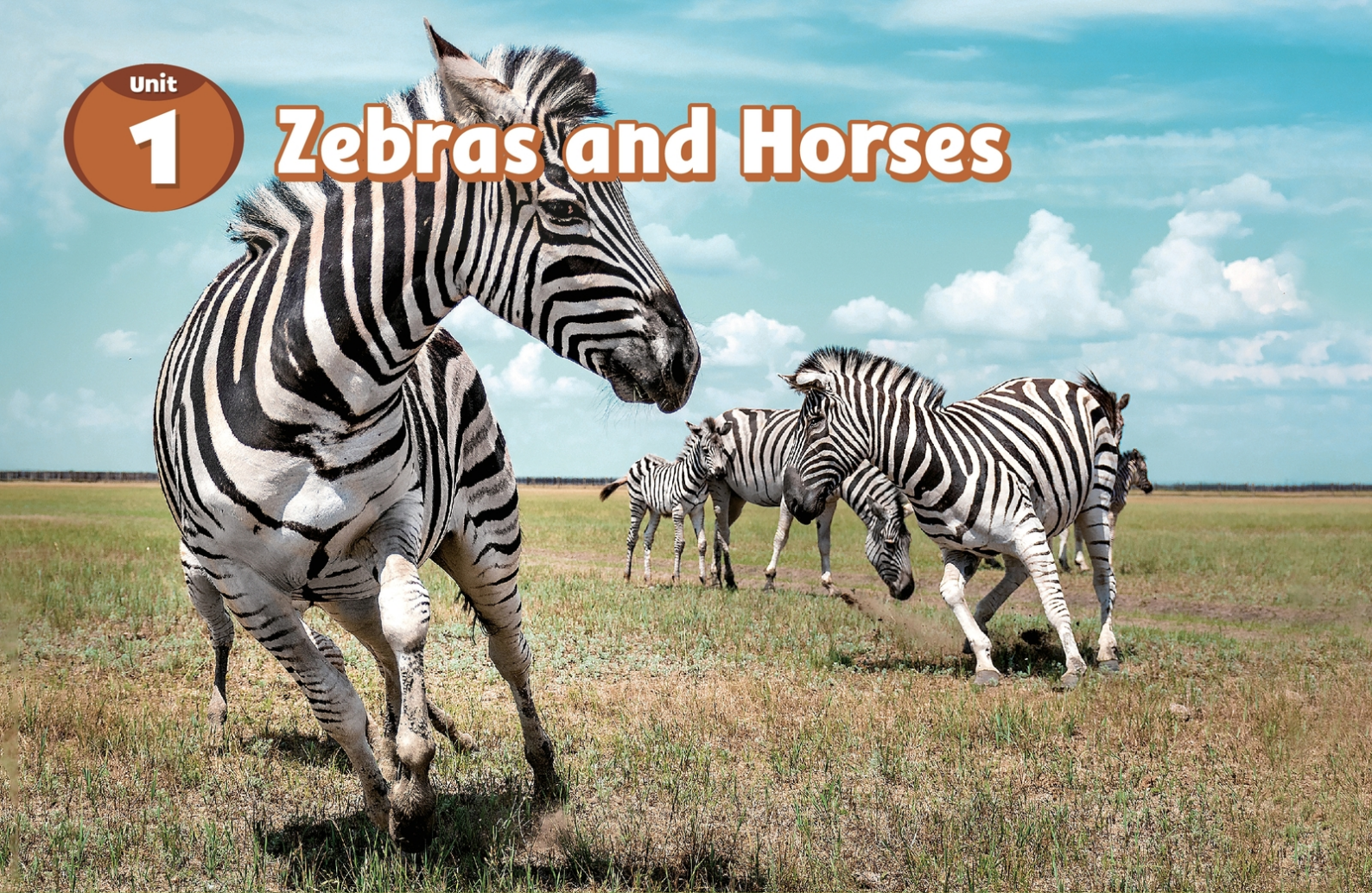


A museum is a place for history and art. Some people visit museums to learn about the past. Others visit to enjoy art and culture.

Unit

1

Zebras and Horses



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How are these two animals different?

Key Words



A Listen and repeat the words.

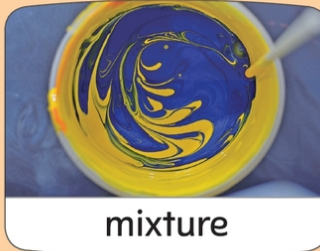


1.



light

2.



mixture

3.



mane

4.



whole

5.



zigzag

6.



avoid

B Choose and write the correct words.

mane

avoid

whole

mixture

light

zigzags

1. The horse has a long black _____.
2. He is making a _____ of blue and yellow paint.
3. Someone drew lines in _____ on the blackboard.
4. The feather is very _____. It floats on water.
5. You should _____ junk food. It is not good for you.
6. You can't eat the _____ watermelon. It is too big.

Zebras and Horses



While You Read

Which are bigger, zebras or horses?



Are zebras just horses with stripes? No, they are not. Zebras and horses are from the same animal family. But they are very different.

Both zebras and horses have large bodies and strong legs. But zebras are smaller and **lighter** than horses. Zebras have black-and-white stripes. Horses can be white, gray, black, brown, or a **mixture** of these colors.



family a group of animals or plants with common features



Horses' ears are small and pointy. But zebras' ears are bigger and rounder. While zebras' **manes** are short and spiky, horses' manes are long. Zebras' tails have short hair only at the end. However, horses have long hair on their **whole** tails.

Horses are faster and can run farther. But zebras are good at sprinting in **zigzags**. They run this way to **avoid** predators. Maybe that is why people ride horses, not zebras.



spiky having a sharp end
sprint to run fast over a short distance

Comprehension Check

● Choose or write the correct answers.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- Ⓐ where zebras and horses live
- Ⓑ why people like zebras and horses
- Ⓒ how zebras and horses are different

2. Zebras' _____ are short and spiky.

Ⓐ



Ⓑ



Ⓒ



3. What is true about horses' tails?

- Ⓐ Horses have long hair on their whole tails.
- Ⓑ Horses have short and round tails.
- Ⓒ Horses have short hair only at the end of their tails.

4. Why do zebras run in zigzags?

➔ They run in zigzags to _____ predators.

BACK TO THE PASSAGE

5. Horses' ears are small, and they have a sharp end.

= Horses' ears are small and _____.

6. Zebras can sprint in zigzags very well.

= Zebras are _____ at sprinting in zigzags.