

**Expository Thinking Guide**  
Content-Based Topic

**Title of the Selection**    Animal Teams

Grade 1

Genre: Nonfiction

Topic of Selection	Animal Teams
Main Idea of Selection	Animals work together and help each other in lots of ways
Main Idea of Each Paragraph	1. <b>Introduction</b> to animal teams (116-117)
	<b>Birds and big animals</b>
	2. Birds eat bugs off the animal's skin (118)
	3. Big animals keep the birds safe and provide birds with yummy bugs. (119)
	<b>Goby Fish and blind shrimp</b>
	4. The goby fish helps the blind shrimp look out for danger (120)
	5. The shrimp lets the goby hide in its hole until it is safe. (121)
	<b>Zebras and Wildebeests</b>
	6. Zebras and wildebeests stay together to help each other find fresh grass to eat. (122)
	7. Zebras and wildebeests also help each other spot danger. (123)
	<b>Clown Fish and sea anemone</b>
	8. The sea anemone gives the clown fish a safe home. (124)
	9. The clown fish chases away big fish that might hurt the anemone. (125)
	<b>Caterpillar and ants</b>

	10. The caterpillar needs a safe place to grow so ants take it to a safe place. (126)
	11. The ants like the taste of liquid on the caterpillar's skin. (127)
	<b>Cleaner fish and big fish</b>
	12. A little cleaner fish eats the pests off of other fish when it cleans them. (128)
	13. Big fish want to be clean. (129)
	14. <b>Conclusion:</b> When animals team up, they do what is best for both of them. (130-131)

### Recalling Details:

1. How does the goby fish help blind shrimp?  
Sample answer: The goby helps the shrimp look out for danger; shrimp is blind.
2. What does the sea anemone do for the clown fish?  
Sample answer: It gives the clown fish a safe home.

### Linking Details:

3. Why do fish line up and wait in line for the cleaner fish?  
Sample answer: They want the cleaner fish to clean them.
4. Where can you find the goby fish when it is in danger?  
Sample answer: It hides with the shrimp in a hole.

### Inferring meaning:

5. How does a pet dog help its owner?  
Sample answer: A dog can protect its owner from danger.

### Inferring word meaning:

6. When the story says the cleaner fish, "gets a free meal when it cleans," what does the word *meal*/mean?

## Main Idea Activity Map: Animal Teams



Birds eat bugs off the animal's skin
Big animals keep the birds safe and provide birds with yummy bugs.
The goby fish helps the blind shrimp look out for danger
The shrimp lets the goby hide in its hole until it is safe.
Zebras and wildebeests stay together to help each other find fresh grass to eat.
Zebras and wildebeests also help each other spot danger.
The sea anemone gives the clown fish a safe home.
The clown fish chases away big fish that might hurt the anemone.
The caterpillar needs a safe place to grow so ants take it to a safe place.
The ants like the taste of liquid on the caterpillar's skin.
A little cleaner fish eats the pests off of other fish when it cleans them.
Big fish want to be clean.

**Animal teams work together and  
help each other in lots of ways**

**Birds and Big Animals**

**Goby Fish and Blind Shrimp**

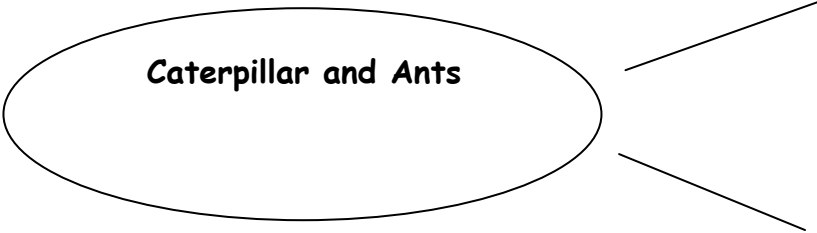
**Zebras and Wildebeests**



**Clown Fish and Sea Anemone**



**Caterpillar and Ants**



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**Cleaner Fish and Big Fish**



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