



Activity Sheet

Snow Leopards

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In *Snow Leopards*, readers learn about rare and beautiful snow leopards: their habitat, how they've adapted for a cold climate and how they care for and teach their cubs.

Tips to prepare for reading: Play "Is it Real or Make-Believe?" Examples include: A dog can run. Is that real or make-believe? A banana can talk. A snowman can dance. Birds make nests. Tell children there are books about real things and make-believe things and that today you are going to read a book about something real; snow leopards.

Ideas on reading the book: Read the book expressively.

- Point to a photograph of a snow leopard. Tell children that books about real things often have photographs instead of drawings.
- On pages 10, 11, 16, 17, 22 and 23 read and point to the subtext. Ask children the questions posed by the author.
- On page 30, show children the world map. Show them the map key and help them find where snow leopards live. Show them where they live in Asia.

Activities and ideas to use after you read

the book: Give children their copy of *Snow Leopards*. Help them find the last page (page 31). Read page 31. Ask the children if they can find all the listed parts of the snow leopard. Have them point to the parts in their book. After waiting for a short time, point to the part in your book.

Try this at home: Read *Snow Leopards* with your child. Snow leopards roll, tumble, leap and prowl. With your child, pretend you are a snow leopard and have fun rolling, tumbling, leaping and prowling! How far can you leap? Snow leopards are on the endangered species list. Hunters try to trap and kill the adult animals. You and your family can support the work of the Snow Leopard Trust and adopt a snow leopard at <https://shop.snowleopard.org/collections/adoptions>.

More from PBS KIDS: Watch "Stuck in Snow." <http://pbskids.org/video/cat-in-the-hat/2365190557>

Watch "The Harry Show: Leapin' Leopards." <http://pbskids.org/video/cyberchase/1334563909>

Additional books to read: *I Hatched!*, written by Jill Esbaum and illustrated by Jen Corace; and *Apples for Everyone*, by Jill Esbaum.

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