

National Geographic Readers: Tigers

First Reading: Illustrations

Tigers is set up like a textbook, complete with a Table of Contents and a glossary. Discussing the connection between the chapter title and the amazing National Geographic photographs will provide the basis for rich initial discussions about tigers. Focusing on the details in the photographs will lay the foundation for a deeper understanding of the text and the new vocabulary during the Second Reading.

Only read the chapter title and captions before you discuss the photographs. My grandson loves the humorous riddles that are added to some of the photos!

The pages are already numbered.

*Remember in this reading you ask the questions as you are looking at the illustrations.

*Try to keep your storytime to 20 minutes. If you are not done with the reading pick it up again another night.

Pages 4 – 5:

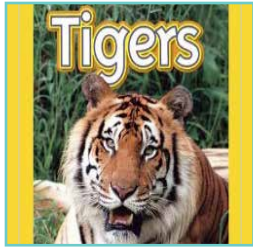
- Using the photograph and the chapter title, discuss what you already know about tigers.
- Discuss the humorous spelling of “purr-fectly”. Do you think tigers purr?
- What might this Bengal Tiger be thinking?

Pages 6 – 7:

- What do these three photos tell you about where tigers live?

Pages 8 – 9:

- How might each of these body parts help a tiger to be a good hunter?



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Pages 10 – 11:

- Referring to the body parts shown on pages 8 and 9, pick two of the tiger's body parts that you think were most helpful in catching this deer.

Page 13:

- What does the tiger seem to be doing?

Pages 17 – 19:

- What do you think the mother tiger is doing in these pictures? What other animals might behave as the mother tiger does?

Pages 20 – 21:

- talents:** special natural abilities. Looking at the chapter title and the photographs, what **talents** do you think a tiger might have?

Pages 22 – 23:

- Would you rather be an orange tiger or a white tiger? Explain your choice.

Pages 24 – 25:

- Discuss the information shown on the map.
- Using the information on the map, why might tigers be in trouble?

Page 27:

- What might this tiger be thinking?

Page 28:

- Tigers are so fierce and powerful. How could we be of help to a tiger?