Essential Question
Where do animals live together?

Comprehension Strategy
reread

Comprehension Skill
main topic and key details

Writing Traits
ideas

Grammar
possessive nouns

Structural Analysis
inflectional ending -ing

Mechanics
apostrophes with possessive nouns

Vocabulary

habitat - place where an animal lives in nature
depend - rely on for things you need
hibernate - spend the winter sleeping in a shelter
tranquil - calm and peaceful
tolerate - put up with something unpleasant

High Frequency Words
eat, no, of, under, who

Oral Vocabulary Words
habitat, depend, hibernate, tranquil, tolerate
"Liz can mix the eggs," says Mr. Hill.
"That's her job."
"I don't think I can," she says.
"Yes you can," says Bob.
"Here is some water," says Nell.
"I'll get the pan," says Beth.
Mr. Hill makes it.
"Oh!" says Liz.
Rapid Word Chart Lesson 2.3

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Wednesday's time ________________________________

Thursday's time ________________________________
Long ago, both Heron and Hummingbird ate fish. Hummingbird, who was tiny and fast, ate tiny fish. Heron, who was big and slow, ate big fish.

One day, Hummingbird shared with Heron what he had been thinking,

"There may not always be enough fish for all the birds like us," said Hummingbird.

"There may not be," agreed Heron.

"Perhaps only one of us should eat fish," Heron suggested.

"Shall we have a race to decide who that will be?" asked Hummingbird.

"That seems fair," said Heron.

They decided they would race to a tree they both knew.

"It's a long way from here, though" said big, slow Heron.
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Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____
How Skunk Got His Stripes

Skunk did not always have white stripes. Long ago, he was pitch black from the tip of his shiny nose to the end of his tail. At nighttime, this was a terrible problem for the other animals in the forest because they could not see Skunk coming. The other animals could not hear him, either, because he walked very softly.

"We've got to find some way to resolve this!" growled Bobcat, who had been sprayed just the night before.

"It is not my fault," pleaded Skunk. "You animals come crashing through my habitat in the middle of the night and frighten me half to death. What do you expect me to do?"

"I have an idea," said Fawn shyly, and everyone turned to the youngster in surprise. "If Skunk had white spots like mine, he would be visible in the dark."

Even Skunk thought that this was a brilliant solution. So, Bobcat borrowed a bucket of white wash from a farmer's barn, and Squirrel volunteered to paint spots on Skunk. As Squirrel highlighted Skunk's back, he realized that Skunk's bushy tail was too thick for polka dots. To solve this problem, they all concluded that stripes would work just as well.

And to this day, they have.

1. What was the problem that the animals had to solve?
2. How did the animals solve the problem?