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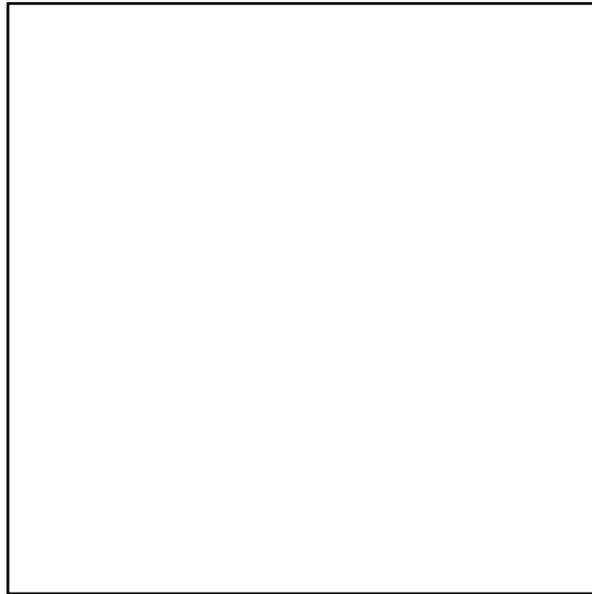


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Teaching Notes



A class reading/comprehension activity.

1. Read the article to students
2. Display the article on the EWB
3. Ask students to read the article (1 sentence each)
4. Identify unknown words / new vocabulary
 - Food sources
 - Camouflage
 - Consume
 - Environment
 - Prey
 - Avoid
 - Aggressive behaviours
5. Present the following questions to the class. Students find answers in their text and circle the answer. This will need explicit instruction, with students following each step.

- When does a Bengal Tiger hunt its prey? (Find and circle in red).
- The markings on a tiger's coat serve as a camouflage. What does the tiger do when he sees his prey? (Find and circle in green)
- The tiger springs at which part of its prey? (Elaborate on which part of the animal. Try different wording if necessary). (Find and circle in blue).
- Tigers do sometimes attack humans. Why? (Find and circle in yellow).