

# WHERE CREATURES SLEEP

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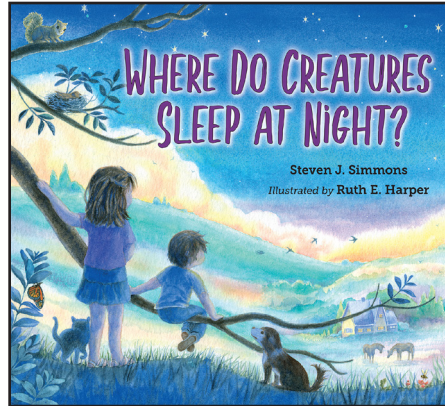
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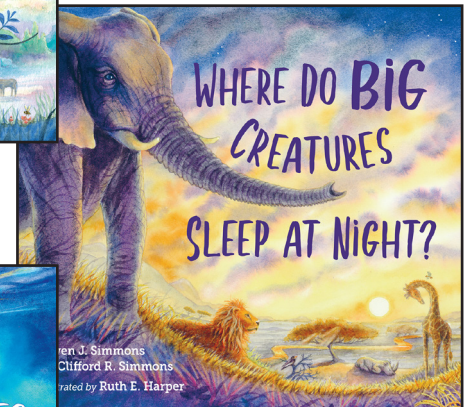
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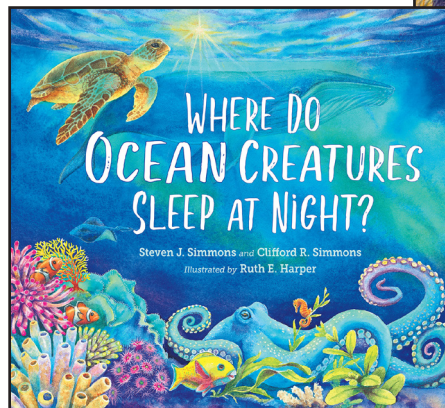
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## Discussion Questions

It's never too early to start with STEM! Use these conversation starters to get kids thinking and learning.

### ***Where Do Creatures Sleep at Night?***

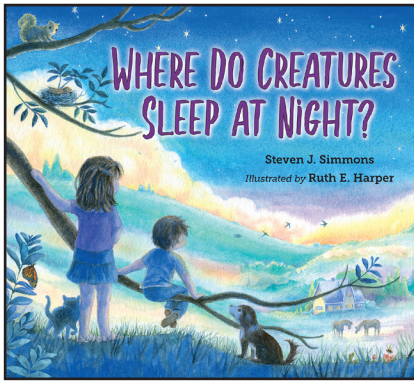
1. What is your favorite creature in this book?
2. What is a "creature"? Is it a land animal? An insect? A bird?
3. What was the most surprising thing you learned in this book?
4. If you could choose to swap sleeping places with a creature in this book, which would you choose?
5. Can you think of a creature not included in this book? How does that creature sleep? Where can you go to find out?

### ***Where Do Big Creatures Sleep at Night?***

1. Where do the creatures in this book live?
2. What "big" creatures live in the wild near your home?
3. What is an "adaptation"? How have these animals adapted to sleep in a certain way? Why do you think they sleep like that?
4. What are the risks of each animal's sleeping place? What are the rewards?
5. Which animal in this book sleeps most like a human? Which animal sleeps least like a human?

### ***Where Do Ocean Creatures Sleep at Night?***

1. Oceans cover a large portion of our planet. What part of the ocean does each creature in this book call home?
2. Read the author's note at the end. Why is sleep important? What happens when you don't get enough sleep?
3. Where can you go to learn more about oceans and ocean creatures?
4. What is mucus? Why do you think the parrotfish uses mucus to stay safe when sleeping?
5. Why do you think octopuses change colors when they sleep?

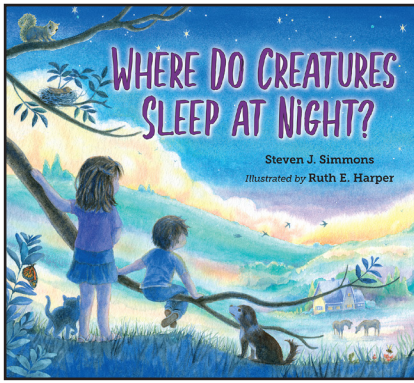


# Drawing Page

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What do YOU do when the day is through?



## Word Search

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E N M V U P O R  
T S B A L C A T  
B I R D D Z B B  
E H A U H H T D  
E R B C S O E O  
A D B K F R O G  
O L I F I S H L  
I U T C N E N G

BEE

DUCK

RABBIT

FROG

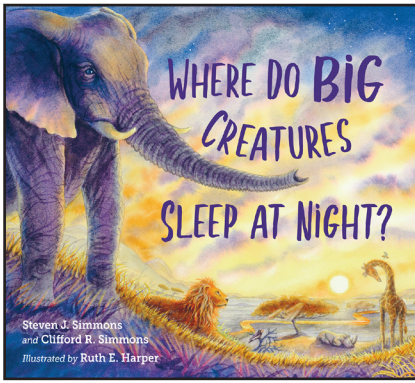
BIRD

CAT

FISH

HORSE

DOG

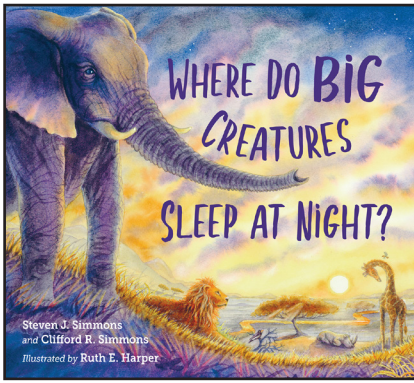


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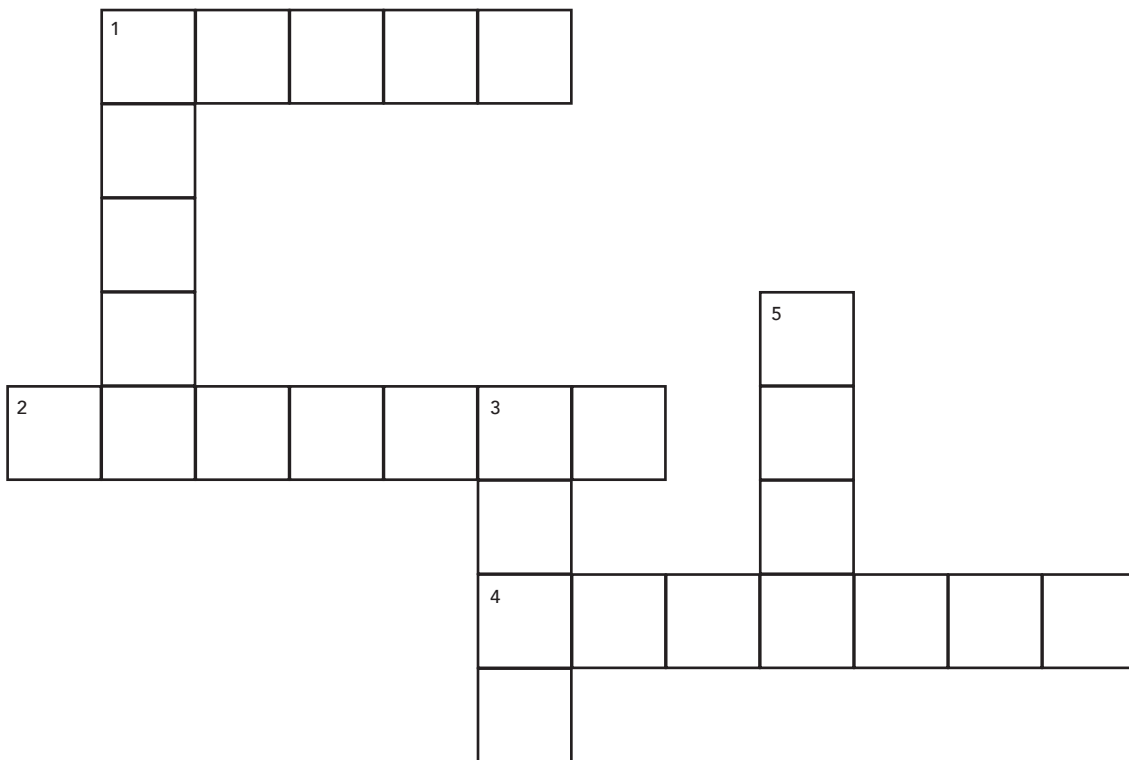
Draw your favorite big creature awake and asleep!



# Crossword

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

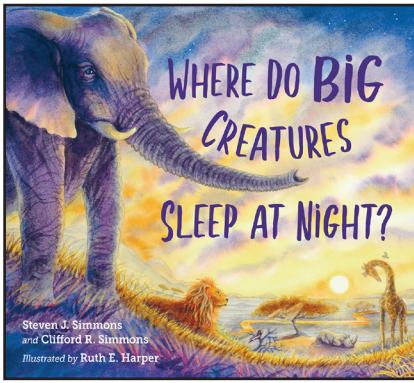


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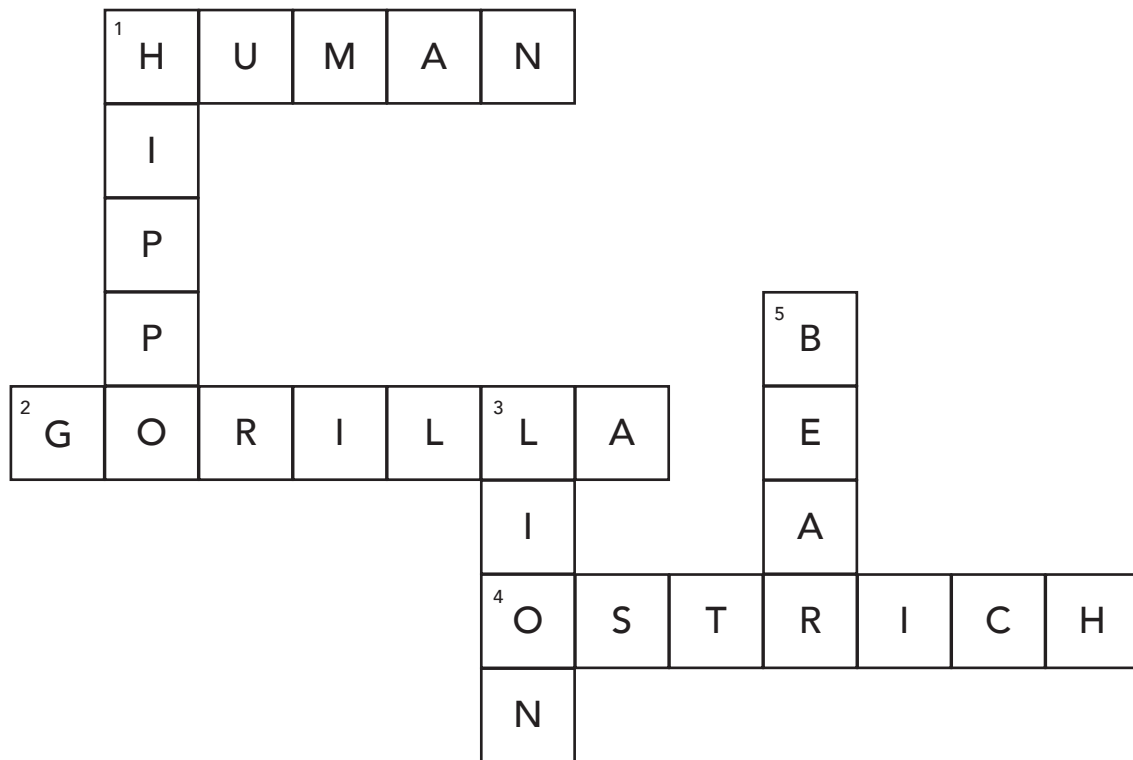
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3. A creature that sleeps up to eighteen hours a day
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# Crossword Answer Key



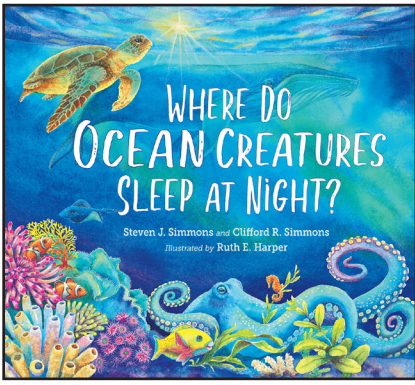
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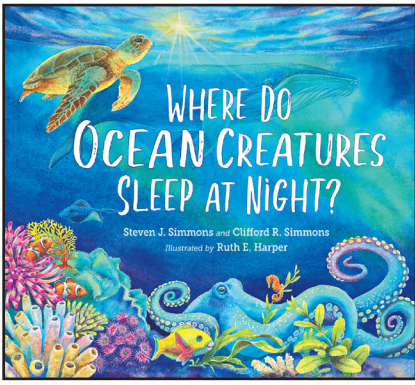


# Drawing Page

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw your favorite ocean creature awake and asleep!



# Maze

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Help the seahorse find a coral to hold onto while it sleeps!

