## Lesson 2 Skills at a Glance

#### **Phonics**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

#### **Phonological Awareness & Phonics**

Review Vowel Sounds and Spellings: u\_e

#### **Academic Vocabulary**

### **OBJECTIVE**

#### Vocabulary

Acquire and Use Academic Vocabulary

#### Reading Strategy

# OBJECTIVE Reading Strategy

Ask Questions

### Think and Respond

### Reread and Compare and Contrast

#### **OBJECTIVES**

#### **Comprehension and Literary Analysis**

- Analyze Genre: Humorous Story
- Analyze Setting
- Recognize Literary Elements: Plot

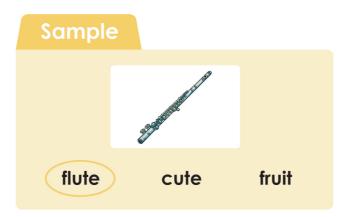
#### Writing

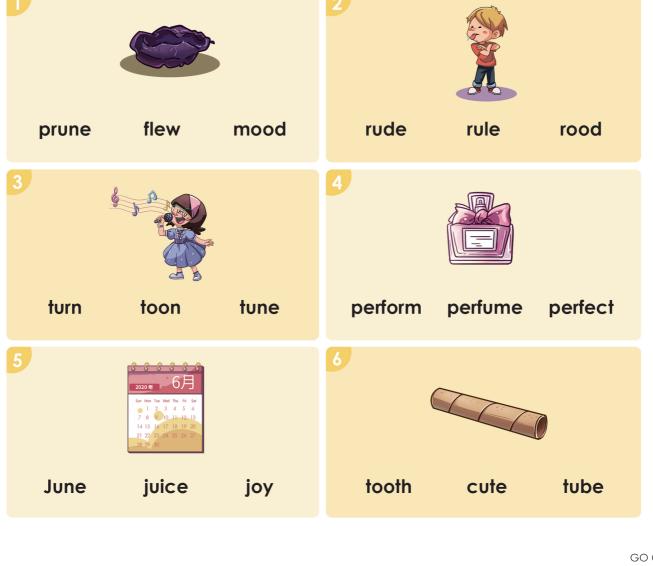
Write About Ecological Balance

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# **Lesson 2 Phonics**

Read each word. Then **circle** the word that names the picture.





G3A

# **Lesson 2 Academic Vocabulary**



Read Linda's fable. Then use words from the **Word Bank** to complete it.



## The Gopher and the Squirrel

One day Squirrel met Gopher in a garden. She wasn't sure how to <a>1</a> with a gopher. So she spoke politely. "Good day," she said. "May I collect the acorns in this garden?" "No! Go away!" said Gopher.

This was a rude way to 2 to a polite request. But Squirrel tried again. "You see, the trees didn't get enough rain this year. Nature is out of 3 . Acorns are 4 ."

"I can't <u>5</u> the weather," said Gopher. "But I control this garden, and all the acorns are mine."

"But you have roots to eat," Squirrel protested.

"So what? The acorns are mine, too!" Gopher replied.

Then Squirrel asked, "Is that little wire shed near the fence yours, too?"

"What little wire shed?" asked Gopher. He came out of his hole to take a look. The shed was just the right size for a gopher. A few carrots were on the floor.

Gopher ran inside to get the carrots. Slam! Down

fell the cage door. He was trapped.

Squirrel laughed, "Looks like I'm in control now!"

**Moral:** If you are selfish, you might lose everything.

### **Word Bank**

interact

balance

control

react

scarce

GO ON -

# **Lesson 2 Reading**

Complete the **Venn Diagram** to **compare and contrast** the visitor and the boy in the story *It's All in the Balance*. Then use the **sentence frames** to express your opinions.

# **Venn Diagram** The Visitor The Boy Both ·lsn't as ·Is as he thinks he is /Like · Doesn't listen to the | · Do something to · Has effective boy's \_\_\_\_\_\_ \the \_\_\_\_ advice · Brings the garden · Makes the garden They are alike because \_\_\_\_\_ The visitor \_\_\_\_\_ but the boy \_\_\_\_\_

**Words for Reference** 

garden smart back to balance not beautiful advice

# **Lesson 2 Writing**

Choose a picture from page 163 and paste it in the box. What is happening? What would make the nature or communities out of balance? How would people react? **Write two sentences** to show your ideas about it. Use at least one word from the

Word Bank.

Word	Bank
amount	balance
behavior	control
decrease	interact
increase	react
supply	scarce

### Sample



When a snowstorm comes, things get difficult to reach.

People build up an emergency food supply in case groceries get scarce.

### **Your Turn**

Paste your picture here.

When \_\_\_\_\_

People \_\_\_\_

Notes	
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