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# Introduction

## Get Ready

This section introduces the content of the unit with a related picture and a question to stimulate learners' interest.

## Key Words

This section introduces the unit's Key Words and helps learners understand and practice them.

**1 Albert's Nest**

**Key Words**

1. Listen and repeat the words.

nest, find, rock, pick up, heavy, wood

2. Check and write the correct words.

1.  nest  nest  rock  leaves

2.  warm  heavy  wood  grass

3. What is in the nest?  
 Birds  Eggs  Grass

4. What is wrong with the wood?  
 It is too big.  It is too small.  It is too heavy.

## Focus

This question helps learners know what to focus on while reading the passage.

## Reading Passage

The reading passage presents various fiction and nonfiction texts with illustrations and pictures.

## Check

Learners can quickly check their understanding before moving on to Reading Comprehension.

**Albert's Nest**

How does Albert solve his problem?

Albert does not like his **nest**. His nest is too **small**. "I will make a **new** nest," says Albert. "My nest will be big and warm!"

First, Albert **finds** some **rocks**. But Albert can't **pick up** the rocks. They are too **heavy**.

Next, Albert finds some **leaves**. But Albert can't get the leaves. The leaves keep blowing around and around.

Then, Albert finds some **wood**. But the wood is too big, and Albert is too small. "Now what am I going to do?" asks Albert.

What is wrong with the wood?

## More Words

More Words presents words other than the Key Words that are related to the topic.

**More Words**

Albert makes his new nest out of grass. It is big and warm! It is the best!

What does Albert think of the grass nest?

**Reading Comprehension**

1. Choose the correct answers.

1. What is the story mainly about?  
 Finding food  
 Making a nest  
 Becoming warm

2. What does Albert make his nest out of?  
 Grass  
 Leaves  
 Wood

3. Why can't Albert pick up the rocks?  
 They are too hot.  
 They are too small.  
 They are too heavy.

4. Check T for true or F for false.

1. Albert wants to make a big and warm nest.  T  F  
 2. The grass is very heavy.  T  F

5. Choose the correct words.

1. The (rocks / leaves) blow around.  
 2. The (grass / nest) is too big for Albert.

## Reading Comprehension

This section provides various reading comprehension questions. Learners can check how well they understand the passage by solving multiple-choice and yes-no questions.

## Retell

Learners can retell the passage by putting sentences in order, matching pictures with sentences, and making a dialogue.

## Build Language

This section presents the main sentence pattern in the passage. Learners can practice their reading and writing skills with the questions provided.

## Connect Your Ideas

This section allows learners to connect personally with the passage by making them think about their own experiences.

## Reading Skill

This section helps learners outline and summarize the passage by using various reading skills.

**Reading Skill: Problem and Solution**

Write the correct words to complete the problems and the solutions.

Problem	Solution
Albert's nest is too _____.	He decides to make a new nest.
Albert cannot pick up the _____.	He looks for something different.
Albert cannot get the leaves. The _____ is too big, and Albert is too small.	He makes a nest out of grass.

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**Build Language**

Read and complete the sentences.

The wood is big, and Albert is small.  
 My nest is warm, and it is the best.

1. The boy finds some rocks, \_\_\_\_\_ he picks them up.  
 2. I sing a song \_\_\_\_\_ my grandpa plays the guitar.  
 3. Amy has a cat, \_\_\_\_\_ she also has a dog.

**Check Your Understanding**

Albert wants to build for the things he wants. How about you? What do you want? Check and talk.

He is good at math  He is a good friend  
 He is a big boy  He is a big girl

I want to \_\_\_\_\_


## Workbook


The workbook enables learners to review the entire unit through three sections.


- Vocabulary Practice: Learners can review the Key Words and the More Words in the unit.
- Sentence Practice: Learners can practice reading and writing sentences from the passage.
- Reading Practice: Learners can check how well they understand the passage.


# Scope and Sequence

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Unit	Title	Subject	Genre	Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page	
<b>Animal Homes</b> 	1	Albert's Nest	Science	Fiction	find, heavy, nest, pick up, rock, wood	Problem and Solution	The wood is big, and Albert is small.	6
	2	Who Lives in This Cave?	Science	Fiction	cave, coyote, hill, sigh, spider, tiny	Analyzing Story Elements	Bat cannot find her cave.	14
	3	Caves	Science	Nonfiction	beneath, ceiling, hang, hole, lava, run out	Cause and Effect	There are no plants in caves because plants need light to grow.	22

Unit	Title	Subject	Genre	Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page	
<b>School Life</b> 	4	The School Day	Social Studies	Nonfiction	begin, cafeteria, learn, math, story, student	Sequencing	I play basketball. He plays the drum.	30
	5	Let's Vote!	Social Studies	Fiction	choose, clap, excited, favorite, hermit crab, win	Compare and Contrast	We can choose between a rabbit and a hermit crab.	38
	6	Our Classroom Rules	Social Studies	Nonfiction	act, classroom, follow, hear, information, wait	Theme	We do not speak when someone else is talking.	46

Unit	Title	Subject	Genre	Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page	
<b>Growing Plants</b> 	7	Every Tree Has a Life Cycle	Science	Nonfiction	become, branch, cycle, ground, life, seedling	Author's Purpose	Roots grow from the seed. The seeds will fall to the ground.	54
	8	Andre and the Seeds	Science	Fiction	aunt, garden, plant, pot, sunshine, thirsty	Drawing Conclusions	You have to water the seeds every day.	62
	9	Susie the Sunflower	Literature	Fiction	bright, feet, forest, reach, sunflower, sunlight	Main Idea and Key Details	Could you move over, please?	70

Unit	Title	Subject	Genre	Key Words	Reading Skill	Build Language	Page	
<b>Music</b> 	10	Carlos and the Drum	Social Studies	Fiction	band, bandleader, loudly, practice, shout, softly	Making Inferences	I play the drum loudly.	78
	11	The Band	Social Studies	Fiction	arrive, audition, form, quietly, shy, singer	Opinion and Supporting Details	My friend, Victor, wants to form a band. We have a band: The V's!	86
	12	Around the World with Music	Music	Nonfiction	instrument, pluck, squeeze, stick, string, wire	Classify and Categorize	A person uses a piece of wire to pluck the strings.	94



Science

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# Albert's Nest

## Key Words



A Listen and repeat the words.



nest



find

rock



pick up



heavy

wood



• What is in the nest?

- Birds    Eggs    Grass

### Get Ready

Where do animals build nests?

B Check and write the correct words.

1.



- best  
 nest

2.



- rock  
 leaves

3.



- warm  
 heavy

4.



- wood  
 grass

# Albert's Nest



102 words

**Focus** How does Albert solve his problem?

Albert does not like his **nest**.

His nest is too **small**!

"I will make a **new** nest," says Albert.

"My nest will be big and warm!"



First, Albert **finds** some **rocks**.  
But Albert can't **pick up** the  
rocks. They are too **heavy**.



Next, Albert finds some **leaves**.  
But Albert can't  
get the leaves. The  
leaves keep blowing  
around and around.

Then, Albert finds some **wood**.  
But the wood is too  
big, and Albert is too small.  
"Now what am I going to  
do?" asks Albert.



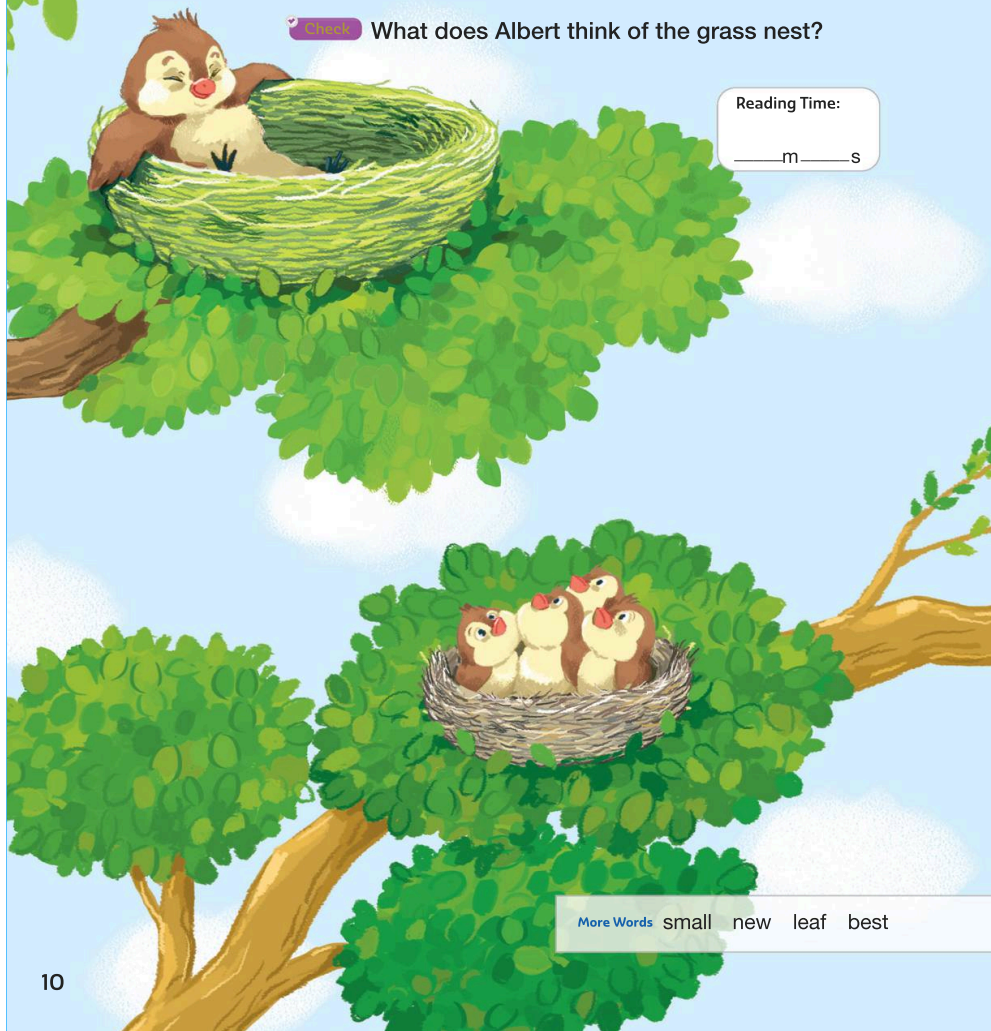
**Check** What is wrong with the wood?

Albert makes his new nest out of grass.  
It is big and warm! It is the **best!**

**Check** What does Albert think of the grass nest?

Reading Time:

\_\_\_\_m\_\_\_\_s



More Words small new leaf best

**A Choose the correct answers.**

1. What is the story mainly about?

- a Finding food
- b Making a nest
- c Becoming warm

2. What does Albert make his nest out of?



3. Why can't Albert pick up the rocks?

- a They are too hot.
- b They are too small.
- c They are too heavy.

**B Check T for true or F for false.**

- 1. Albert wants to make a big and warm nest.
- 2. The grass is very heavy.

T  F  
 T  F

**C Choose the correct words.**

- 1. The (rocks / leaves) blow around.
- 2. The (grass / wood) is too big for Albert.

Write the correct words to complete the problems and the solutions.

Problem

Solution

Albert's nest is too \_\_\_\_\_.



He decides to make a new nest.

Albert cannot pick up the \_\_\_\_\_.



He looks for something different. He makes a nest out of grass.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is too big, and Albert is too small.

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Retell

Number the sentences in the correct order and retell the story.

Then, the wood is too big for Albert.

First, Albert cannot pick up the rocks.

Albert wants to make a new nest.  1

Albert makes his new nest out of grass.

Next, Albert cannot get the leaves.

and



Read and complete the sentences.

The wood is big, **and** Albert is small.

My nest is warm, **and** it is the best.

1. The boy finds some rocks, \_\_\_\_\_ he picks them up.



2. I sing a song, \_\_\_\_\_ my grandpa plays the guitar.



3. Amy has a cat, \_\_\_\_\_ she also has a dog.



CONNECT Your Ideas

Albert works hard for the things he wants. How about you? What do you want? Check and talk.

be good at math

be a good friend

ride a bike well

\_\_\_\_\_



I want to \_\_\_\_\_.