

Classify Questions by Purpose

Meet the Meerkat - Grade K - Short lesson

TIME

OBJECTIVE

15 minutes Collect the questions this book asks and say what kind of thing each one wants to know.

Essential question: What does this book want to find out?

Materials

Text to mark

PRODUCT

Rows for each question, with a box for the kind of thing it asks about

- The book, on a screen the whole class can see The • Passage 1 - a meerkat's face filling the page against clouds questions copied on one sheet
- Passage 8 - meerkats asleep in a burrow, the moon through the
- Prepared passages: Passage 1, Passage 8 entrance

Lesson sequence

1 The first question - 4 min

Focus:	A question that supplies the name for the rest of the book
Teacher model:	Read the opening page and ask where the animal's name comes from.
Prepared text:	Passage 1 2 Collect them - 7 min 3 The one that is not a question - 4 min
Teacher direction:	Say what the last page does instead of asking.
Expected answer:	It says good night to the meerkat.
Prepared text:	Passage 8

Support & extension

Above: Sort the questions into ones about what a meerkat is and ones about what a meerkat does, and say which kind there are more of.

Below: Read two of the questions and say what each one wants to know.

Assessment

- Collects the questions rather than the answers
- Notices they share an opening
- Notices the last page is not a question

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