

Reading Comprehension

The White Giraffe

A Read the sentences from the story. Which support the theme? Check (✓).

Theme: We should leave wild animals in peace.

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| 1 The giraffe was afraid when Martine touched it. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 The giraffe saved Martine from being bitten by the cobra. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Giraffes are basically gentle creatures. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Martine knew that the giraffe was lonely. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 The giraffe walked out of range so she couldn't touch it. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 The giraffe watched her cautiously. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Martine knew she had to walk away from the giraffe. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B Read the sentences from the story. What do you visualize? Draw.

- 1 A Cape cobra was coiled in the mud barely six feet away from her, hood spread wide, swaying in the yellow light.

- 2 The white giraffe towered over her. The sky had cleared a little and in the dim light of the watery moon, Martine could see it was an immensely beautiful creature. Its coat shimmered like sunlit snow and it was patterned all over with patches of silver tinged with cinnamon.

C Complete the sentences.

The White Giraffe is an _____.

Characters usually experience _____ events.

How is this text different from historical fiction?

D Circle *True* or *False*.

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| 1 It was daytime when Martine saw the cobra and the giraffe. | True | False |
| 2 Martine knew that the giraffe's name was Jeremiah. | True | False |
| 3 The giraffe ran away the first time Martine stroked it. | True | False |
| 4 Martine lives in South Africa with her parents. | True | False |
| 5 Martine was very sad when she walked away from the giraffe. | True | False |

E Answer the questions.

- 1 How did Martine know that cobra was going to bite her?

- 2 Where was Martine when she saw the snake and the giraffe?

- 3 Why was Martine sad and lonely?

- 4 How did Martine feel when she left the giraffe? Why?

Extra Read the words. Write example sentences.

- 1 capable

- 2 confided

- 3 lingering
