

T. A. Barron's Adventure for Young Readers

TREE GIRL

Chapter 7 — Questions and Activities

Language Arts: Make Up Your Own Language

Anna met a bear in the woods who spoke a different language. There are many stories where the author makes up a new language. Making up new languages can be fun, a lot like a secret code!

Try making up a new language yourself. Imagine what language a dog, cat, or other pet might use and make up a few phrases.

Life Skills: First Aid

Anna cut herself badly on a piece of jagged branch. Do you know what to do if you or someone you are with is cut and bleeding? The first thing to do is to apply pressure to the cut and get help from an adult. Taking care of someone who is injured or sick until help arrives is called “first aid.” Knowing what to do in different situations could help save a life. Take some time to learn basic first aid skills and make sure your family’s first aid kit is well stocked.

- 🌳 Basic First Aid Quick Guide: <http://simplefamilypreparedness.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/First-Aid-Quick-Guide.pdf>
- 🌳 First Aid Skills for Children: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/first-aid-skills-for-children>
- 🌳 First Aid Quizzes (Middle School+): <https://www.firstaidforfree.com/first-aid-quizzes/>
- 🌳 Free PowerPoints for Teaching about First Aid: <https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/first-aid-courses/first-aid-for-children-school/free-teaching-resources/>
- 🌳 What Goes In a First Aid Kit: <https://www.home-storage-solutions-101.com/support-files/first-aid-kit-contents.pdf>
- 🌳 Make a First Aid Box: <https://www.crayola.com/crafts/family-first-aid-kit-craft/>
- 🌳 Take an Online First Aid Course from the Red Cross (teens+; fees apply): <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/online-safety-classes/all-online-classes>



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Science: Sea Urchins

We've read about Anna collecting sea urchins twice so far. Once in Chapter 4 and once again in Chapter 7. We don't know what she was going to do with them, but by learning more about sea urchins, we can make some educated guesses.

According to KidsKonnect.com, a sea urchin is a ball-shaped echinoderm (echinoderms are a group of animals that live on the ocean floor) with long, pointy and moveable spines all over its body. The term "urchin" comes from the old French word, "*herichun*," and Latin word, "*ericus*" which means hedgehog. This is fitting because a sea urchin does look kind of like a hedgehog.

You can learn more about sea urchins using the resources below:

- 🌳 Sea Urchin Facts for Kids: https://kids.kiddle.co/Sea_urchin
- 🌳 18 Facts about Sea Urchins: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQFWF3bmpGQ>
- 🌳 Free Sea Urchin Worksheet: <https://www.daisyandotto.com/blog/2017/7/8/learning-about-sea-urchins>
- 🌳 Sea Urchins Reading Comprehension Work (requires free registration): https://www.edhelper.com/AnimalReadingComprehension_202_1.html
- 🌳 Sea Urchin Craft: <https://thecraftyclassroom.com/crafts/ocean-crafts-for-kids/spiky-sea-urchin-craft-for-kids/>

Mini Book: In this chapter, we read about Twisted Pine and Black Alder trees. Use the resources below to add pages to your mini book about each tree.

- Twisted White Pine: https://plants.oaklandnursery.com/12130001/Plant/2054/Twisted_White_Pine
- Black Alder: <https://www.hunker.com/13424424/facts-about-the-alder-tree>



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Art: Perspective Drawing

Anna watched Master Mellwyn sail over the horizon. A horizon is the point where the earth (land or water) meets the sky. The horizon will be different, depending on where you are looking and how far you can see. Next time you are outside, look for where the earth and sky meet.

When drawing, you can use the horizon to give your art perspective. Perspective helps give your drawing a two-dimensional effect. Here are some tutorials to try:

- Beginner: How to Draw Perspective Landscape: <https://artprojectsforkids.org/draw-perspective/>
- Intermediate: How to Draw Using 1-Point Perspective <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRrKohWdpeQ>
- Advanced: How to Draw Scenery of a Sunset: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9TUvAfOXnw>

