

Morning Starters: Autumn 1 - Animal Athletes

Word Challenge

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

Use the above strategy to learn the spellings of the words in the 'Did you know?' paragraph that are underlined.

Did You Know?


The African wild dog possesses remarkable endurance, capable of maintaining a relentless pace over vast distances without fatigue. During hunts, this tenacious predator can reach speeds of up to 64 kilometres per hour and sustain such velocities for an hour. Moreover, wild dogs exemplify the pinnacle of cooperative strategy and teamwork; as one member begins to falter, another swiftly takes its place, ensuring the chase continues unabated.

Number Challenge

A pack of African wild dogs chased 320 prey animals over the course of a year. They caught 80% of these prey animals.

How many prey animals escaped?

Grammar Challenge

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Rewrite the sentence below, using the passive voice.

The African wild dog chased the desperate wildebeest across the savannah.

Challenge: Write a follow-on sentence that includes a simile.



Credit: BBC One - Life Story

Critical Thinking

The world record holder, Dean Karnazes, ran 350 miles (560 km) non-stop. It took him 80 hours and 44 minutes.

What questions would you like to ask Dean?