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Autumn Season Vocabulary

A Guide for Students and Educators

Rigorous vocabulary can be learned within the context of this story both during the read and in follow up classroom conversations. Even the youngest learner enjoys learning new words in a story such as this.

Migrate	Fly south until finding open unfrozen water and food.
Hibernate	To pass the winter in a torpid (sluggish) or resting state.
Fur	The hairy coat of a mammal.
Crepuscular	Animals active at dusk and dawn.
Light Pollution	Excessive artificial light used outdoors.
Hydrate	To supply with water, or to drink water.
Invasive Species	A plant or animal that is introduced to a new area and takes over.
Invertebrates	An animal that does not have a spine, but has an exoskeleton.
Sport Fish	A fish important to anglers (people who fish for sport).
Spawn	To lay eggs in water.
Muskellunge	Type of fish. A large predatory fish, often called a “muskie.”
Alewife	Type of fish. A small species of herring, eaten by larger fish.
Reptile	A cold-blooded, air-breathing, egg-laying animal that includes alligators, lizards, snakes, and turtles.
Amphibian	A cold-blooded animal that has gills as larva and is air-breathing as an adult. Includes frogs, toads, and salamanders.
Mammal	A warm-blooded animal that feeds its young with milk. Includes humans, foxes, deer, and rabbits.

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Bird	A warm-blooded animal that is covered in feathers and has wings. Includes eagles, herons, and geese.
Fish	A cold-blooded aquatic animal with fins and gills. Includes pike, perch, and bass.
Raptor	A medium- to large-sized bird with a hooked beak and sharp talons. Feeds on meat.
Waterfowl	A swimming bird, such as a duck or goose.
Lodge	A shelter or den for animals.

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