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#### **Streams**

Streams may also be called creeks, cricks, brooks, or springs. Streams are the smallest of waterways, yet they are home to many plants, animals, and insects. Streams can flow through forests, woods, and valleys, or through grassy plains.

Streams in a forest are deep and filled with soil, mud and clay. Leeches and beetles may live in the mud of these streams.

Other forest streams are not very deep and they are filled with sand. Leeches are not often found there.

Great, tall trees such as oaks grow along banks of forest streams. Flowers do too. Bees, birds, and toads make hives, nests, and holes for the year, while fish, frogs and even snakes swim between the stones.

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#### Goats for Yard Work

How can people prevent forest fires, control weeds or keep their yards looking good? They can mow down grass, clear brush and rake. This work can spoil an entire weekend. Now, they can rent goats to do it!

Goats will chew and trample the brush that people do not want. They eat poison ivy and thorns! Goats nibble grass, weeds and sticks on the ground. When goats help out, the use of poison weed killers is kept to a minimum. There is less need for gas-powered mowers that pollute and have a loud sound.

The good news is that people do not have to own a goat to get their yard work done. They can rent one goat or an entire group!

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### **Tigers**

A tiger is the biggest member of the cat family. Tigers can be more than six hundred pounds when they are grown. A tiger could jump from the ground over a school bus!

Tigers live in many places. They are good at adapting and inhabit both dry and wet lands as well as forests full of snow.

Despite their massive size, tigers act much like our special pets at home! They crouch down before they launch, and they hunt at night. They yawn, drool, and have claws. They cuddle and play.

Tigers are at risk of vanishing. People hunt, shoot, and trap them. It is sad, but there is help. There are new rescue areas where it is safe for tigers.

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## America's Flag

Every country in the world has a flag. Each flag has meaning. America has a simple flag, but it is beautiful. Congress voted for the flag in 1777. It had thirteen stripes and each one was red or white. It had thirteen white stars on a patch of blue, for the first thirteen states.

Some say Betsy Ross made the first American flag. Then, a man gave his flag the nickname Old Glory. Over time, it became the nickname for the flag.

By 1960, the flag had a bundle of changes made to it. Stars were added to stand for new states. These days, the flag has seven red stripes, six white stripes, and fifty stars. Long may it wave!

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#### The Life of a Flower

Flowers are found all over the world because they are great at sending off seeds. Flowers are beautiful, but they have a large role to play in the life of a plant, too.

The life of a flowering plant begins with a seed. The seed has a hard shell that protects a soft part inside. When the seed falls to the ground, it uses air, water, and moist soil to make roots. Then, stems will grow.

The shoot is the plant part that sits on the ground. The young shoot will get taller until it is a grown plant and then it will bloom flower buds. When bees bring pollen to flowers, new seeds grow. Then it all starts again!

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#### Green Sea Turtles

Green sea turtles are the biggest sea turtles in the world.

They nest on coasts of many different places, so they are simple to spot.

Green sea turtles spend much of their lives beneath the ocean where they can rest for a long time. When they are active, they swim for a couple of minutes and then rise quickly to fill their lungs with air.

In their lifetimes, green sea turtles swim hundreds of miles so they can feed on different kinds of plants and find good nesting spots.

Green sea turtles are vanishing. They are hunted for meat and they drown in fishing nets. It is sad, but there is an answer. There are rescues where green sea turtles can go to be safe.