

A Swan Flies South



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Phase 6 - Spelling

-s and -es	-ing	-ed
-er	-est	un-

-s -es Suffixes

s		es
birds	miles	flies *
coasts	nest	grasses
eggs	pairs	* Change y to i and add es
females	plants	
flocks	ponds	
groups	roots	
heads	speeds	
lakes	swans	
makes	thousands	
mates	wings	

Teachers

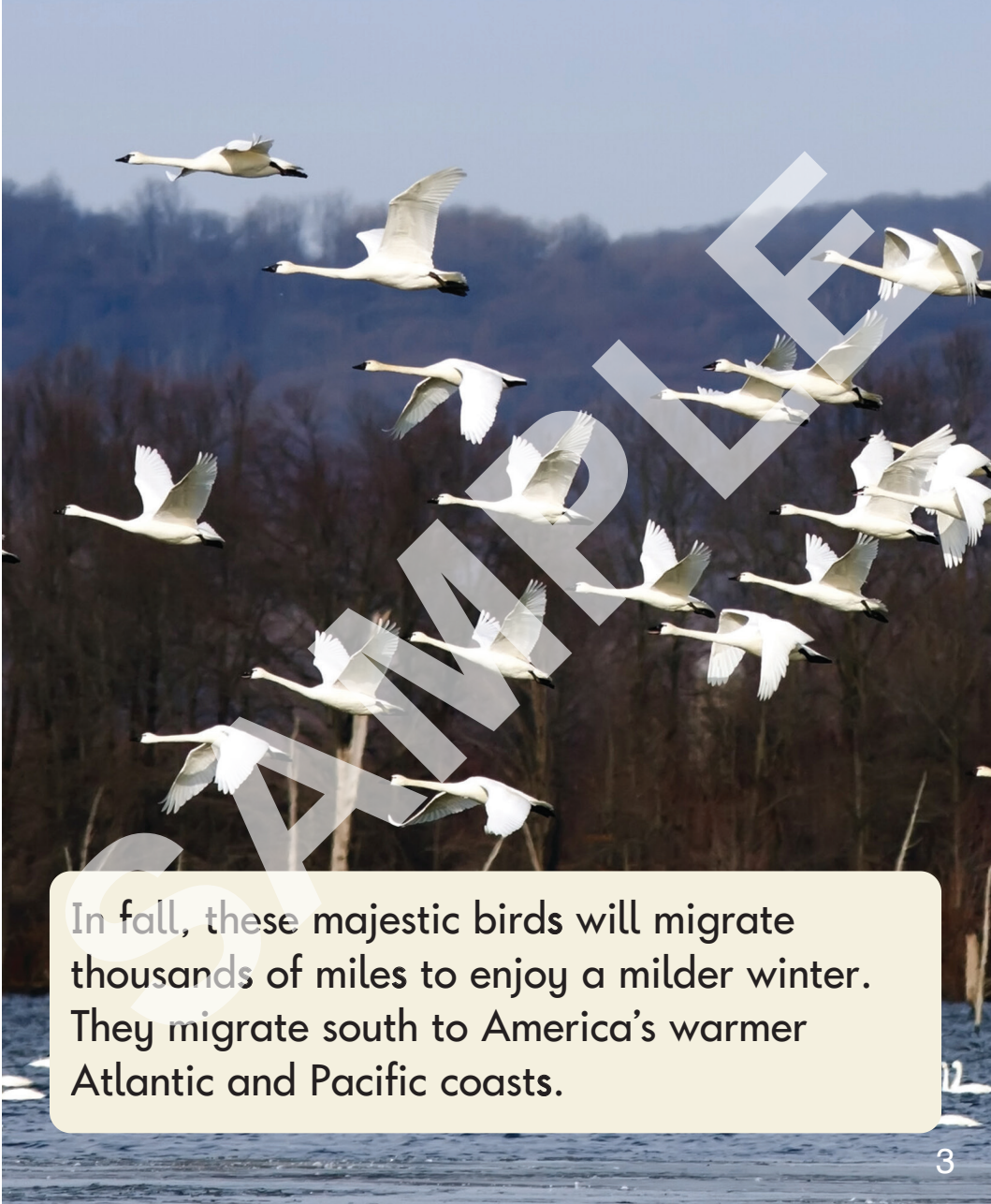
These readers have been written with rich vocabulary including embedded words that contain suffixes. Discuss the use of suffixes for changing the meaning of words and the spelling rules applied. The text consolidates earlier taught phonics skills and tricky words.

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Have you ever wondered where the swan flies? The snowy, white tundra swans, that breed in the Arctic. Every year they migrate. Where do they go when they fly south?



In fall, these majestic birds will migrate thousands of miles to enjoy a milder winter. They migrate south to America's warmer Atlantic and Pacific coasts.



Tundra swan family groups migrate south in large flocks of up to 100 birds. They travel in a V formation and can reach air speeds of up to 100 miles per hour.



The tundra swan is a strong swimmer. It will take off to fly with a running start. They beat their wings until they take off.



The tundra swan mates for life. They breed in solitary pairs. Females will lay about four eggs. They line their nests with moss and grasses, next to ponds or lakes.



As they eat, the large birds dip their heads underwater to pluck at plants and roots.



The tundra swan was called the “whistling swan” because of the sound it makes by the beating of wings as it flies.

Phase Six - Fiction

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3. Baking with Friends
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12. Unlocking a Secret

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9. The Hottest Planet
10. The Darkest Forest
11. Untouched Habitats
12. Unpredictable Events

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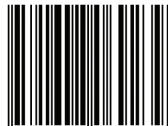
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