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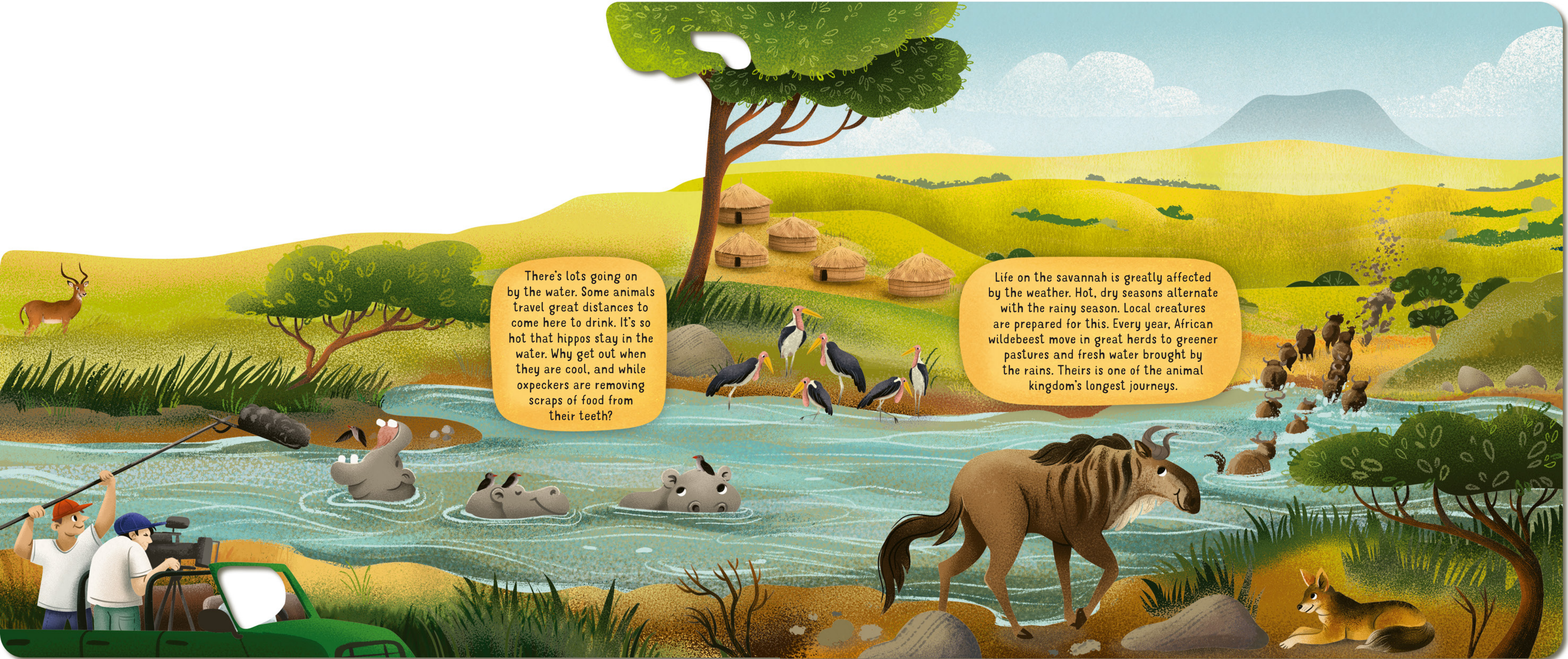
Welcome to the African savannah, where vast plains of rippling grass host an incredible number of different species. Trees and bushes are sparse on the savannah, so creatures who live here have adapted to the open spaces and constant supply of sunlight and heat.

How lucky giraffes are! With their long necks, they survey the savannah from a great height, plus they can reach leaves in the treetops. Delicious!



A termite mound is a complex structure that can be several metres high. But the armadillo's strong claws get through the walls of the termites' home with ease. He catches the ants on his sticky tongue for a tasty snack.

When hyenas and vultures come together over the same lunch, it must be made clear who has priority. Vultures feed on carrion only, while hyenas also hunt for their food.

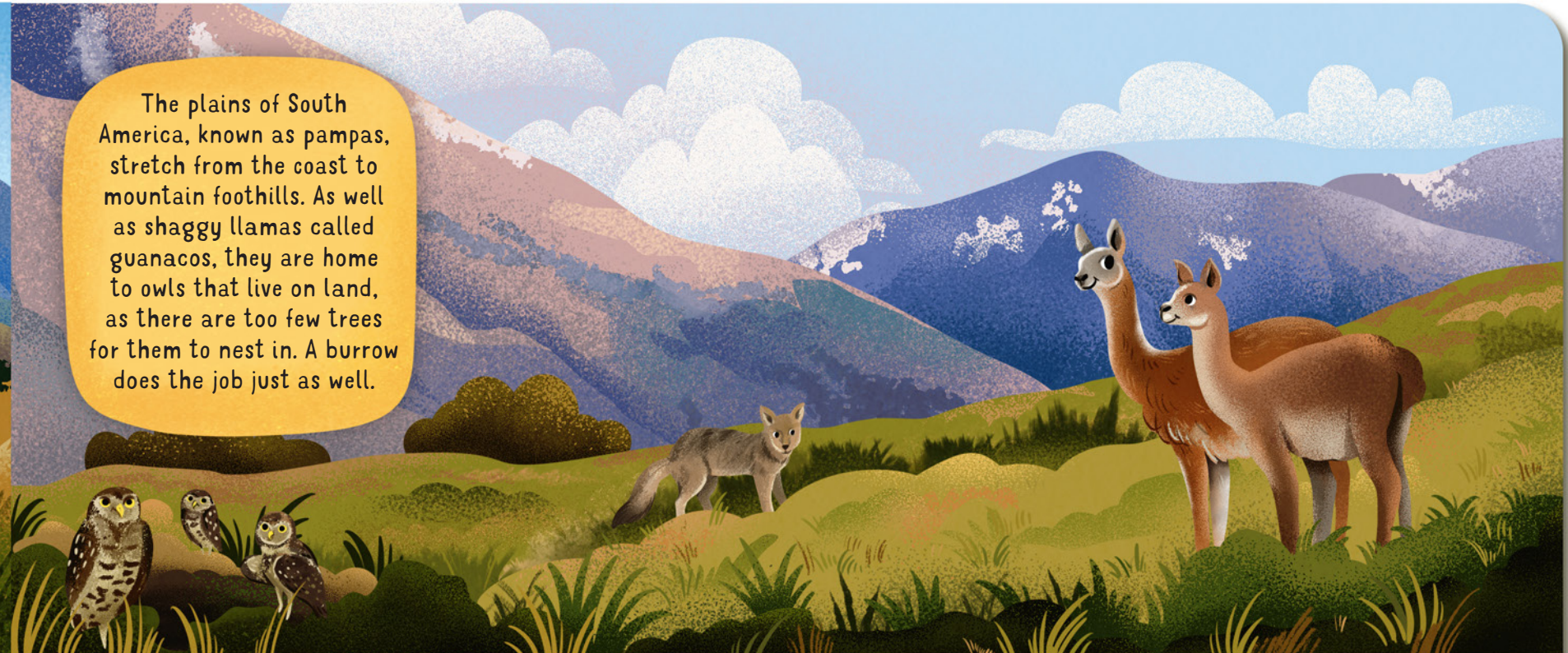


There's lots going on by the water. Some animals travel great distances to come here to drink. It's so hot that hippos stay in the water. Why get out when they are cool, and while oxpeckers are removing scraps of food from their teeth?

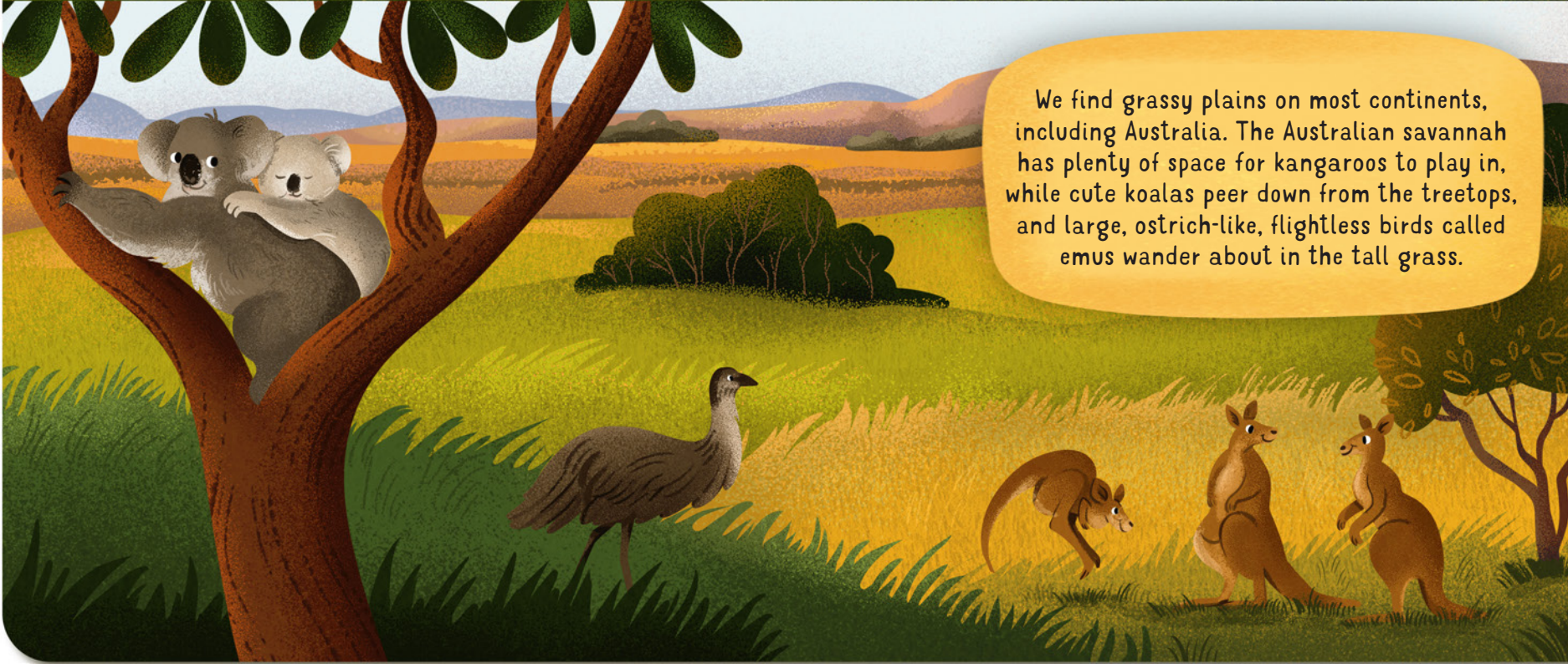
Life on the savanna is greatly affected by the weather. Hot, dry seasons alternate with the rainy season. Local creatures are prepared for this. Every year, African wildebeest move in great herds to greener pastures and fresh water brought by the rains. Theirs is one of the animal kingdom's longest journeys.



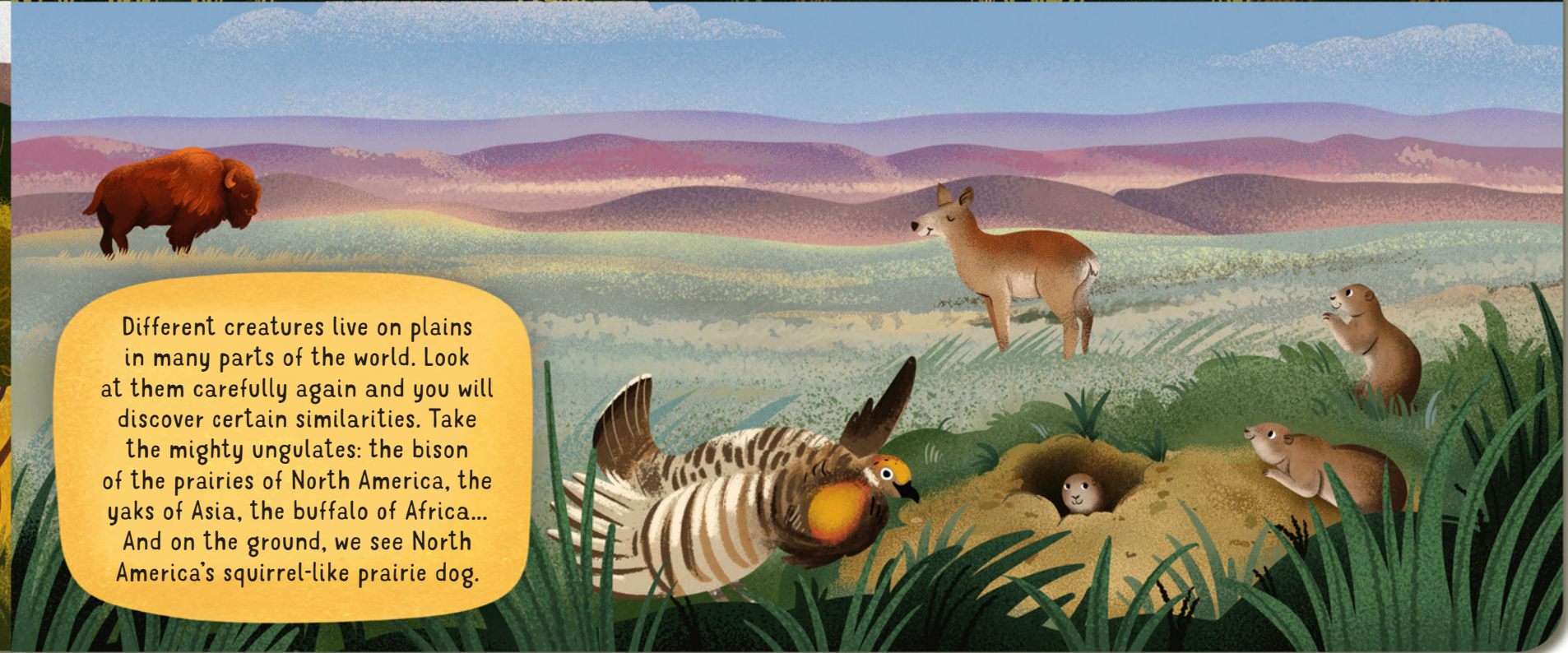
All over the world we find flat, grassy plains where there is too little moisture for forests to form but it is not dry enough for desert. In Asia, such places are called steppes. They are home to herds of domesticated or wild horses and yaks.



The plains of South America, known as pampas, stretch from the coast to mountain foothills. As well as shaggy llamas called guanacos, they are home to owls that live on land, as there are too few trees for them to nest in. A burrow does the job just as well.



We find grassy plains on most continents, including Australia. The Australian savannah has plenty of space for kangaroos to play in, while cute koalas peer down from the treetops, and large, ostrich-like, flightless birds called emus wander about in the tall grass.



Different creatures live on plains in many parts of the world. Look at them carefully again and you will discover certain similarities. Take the mighty ungulates: the bison of the prairies of North America, the yaks of Asia, the buffalo of Africa... And on the ground, we see North America's squirrel-like prairie dog.

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Look at those plains of rippling savannah grass! With so few trees and bushes, you can see for a long way and get a clear view of all the different creatures. How many there are! Giraffes, elephants, wildebeest, lions... Some you know already from books and pictures. But if you want to see them up close, put on sturdy shoes and a hat to shield you from the harsh sun, and let's go exploring! You're about to learn some things that will surprise you!



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Learn more about grasslands in the world.





Find out who lives on the savannah!



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