

SPEAKING MATS

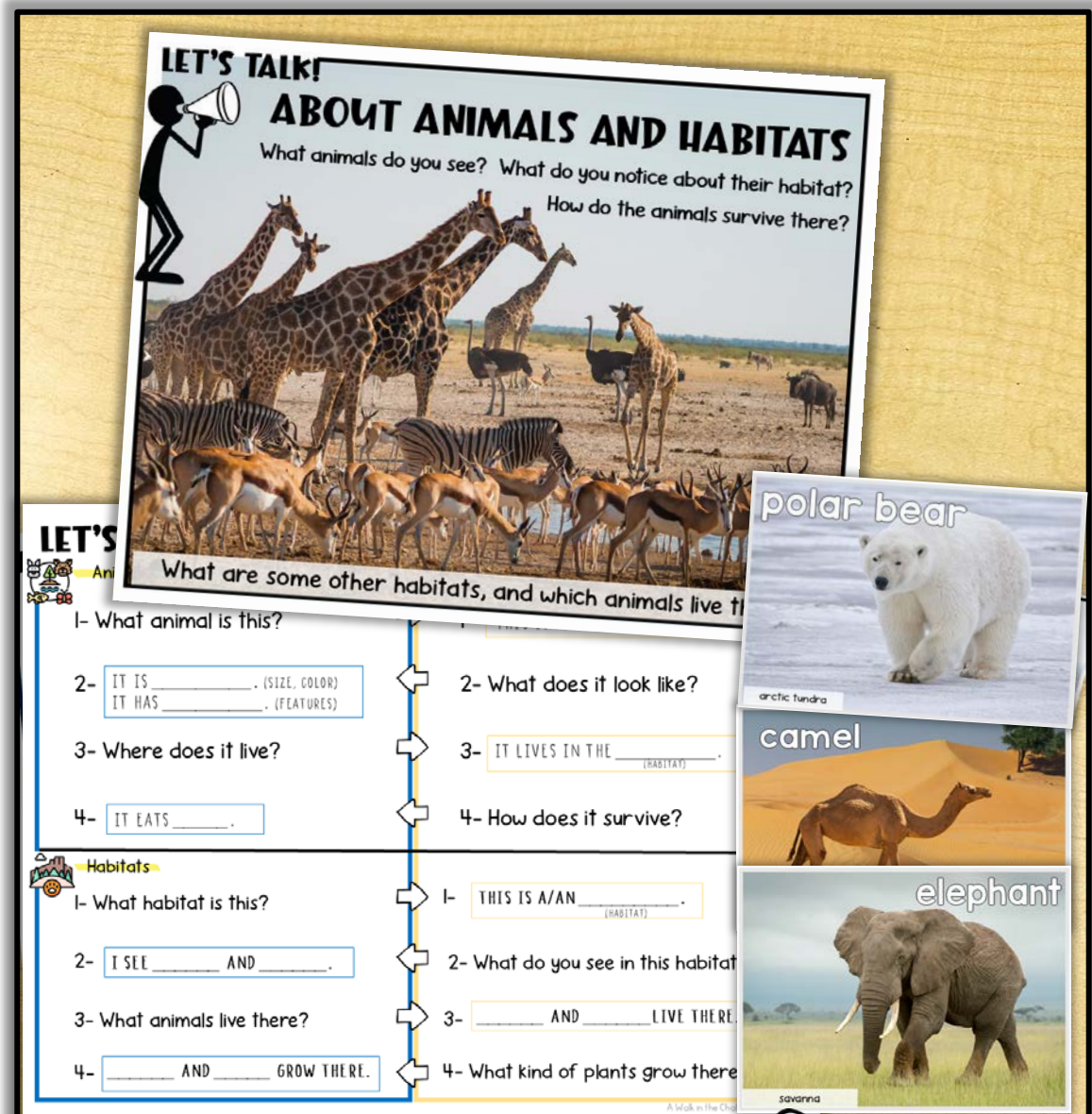
BUILDING ORAL LANGUAGE SKILLS

WITH ENGLISH LEARNERS

ANIMALS & HABITATS

➤ FOR PARTNERS
& SMALL GROUPS

➤ DIFFERENTIATED
QUESTIONS &
LANGUAGE SUPPORTS



PLUS- 6 "ROLL & TALK" MATS!



TOPIC POSTER

ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE
& BUILD VOCABULARY

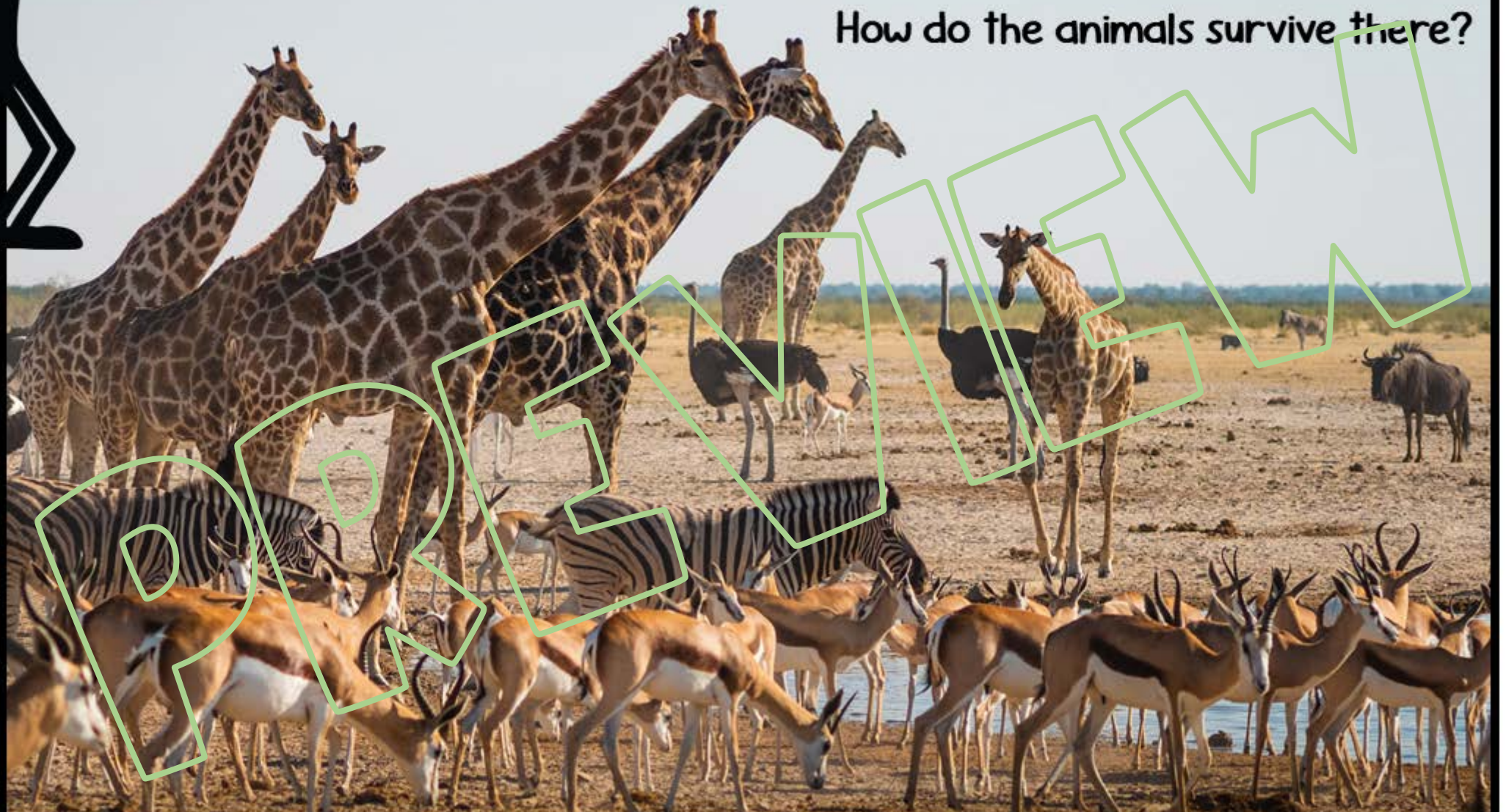
LET'S TALK!



ABOUT ANIMALS AND HABITATS

What animals do you see? What do you notice about their habitat?

How do the animals survive there?



What are some other habitats, and what animals live there?

SPEAKING MATS

PARTNER TALK

LET'S TALK!¹



Animals

1- What animal is this?

2- IT IS _____. (SIZE, COLOR)
IT HAS _____. (FEATURES)

3- Where does it live?

4- IT EATS _____.

put animal or habitat
picture here

1- THIS IS A/AN _____.

2- What does it look like?



LET'S TALK!²



Animals

1- Describe this animal. (use 3-5 adjectives)

2- _____ ALSO LIVE IN _____
THEY HAVE _____

3- Describe the diet of this
animal.

4- SOMETHING THAT HELPS IT
SURVIVE IS _____

put animal or habitat
picture here

1- THIS _____ IS...
(ANIMAL)
IT HAS...

2- Describe another animal that
lives in this same habitat.

3- IT EATS...

4- What is something that helps it
survive in this habitat?
(physical or behavioral adaptation)



Habitats

1- What habitat is this?

2- I SEE _____ AND _____

3- What animals live there?

4- _____ AND _____ GROW



Habitats

1- Describe this habitat. (use 3-5 adjectives)

2- _____ AND _____
LIVE IN THIS HABITAT.

3- What other living and non-living
things are in this habitat?

4- SOMETHING THAT HELPS _____
SURVIVE IS... (ANIMAL)

1- THIS _____ IS...
(HABITAT)
IT HAS...

2- What animals live in this habitat?
(name 3-5 animals)

3- OTHER THINGS IN THIS HABITAT ARE...

4- How do animals protect themselves
in this habitat? (physical or behavioral adaptation)

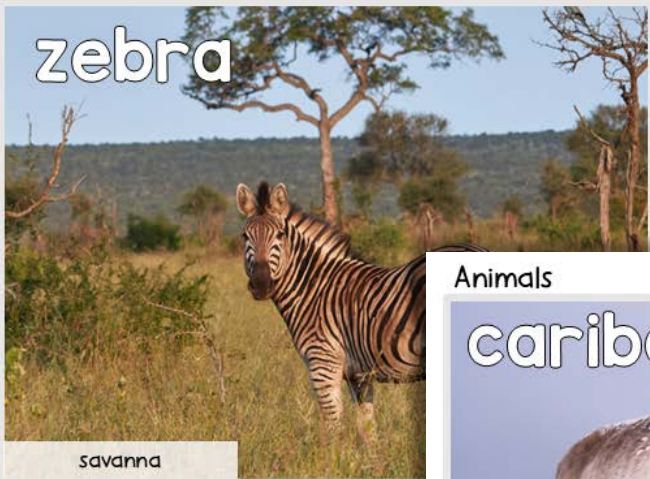
Level 1 &
Level 2
Mats

36 PHOTOS!

ANIMALS & HABITATS

Animals

zebra



savanna

elephant



Animals

caribou



arctic tundra

arctic fox



Animals

tortoise



desert

snake



desert

polar bear



arctic tundra

camel



desert

lizard



desert



cro

savanna

PLUS

ROLL & TALK

6 ACTIVITY MATS & 24 QUESTION PROMPTS



Roll & Talk



about
Animals & Habitats



- Roll the die and find the picture that matches the number.
- Take a card.
- Use the picture to respond to the card.
- Pass the die and start again.



ANIMALS & HABITATS

Describe the habitat
this animal lives in.

This habitat is _____.
It has _____ and _____.