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Day Two

The Sundarbans National Park

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- when he received a letter from his grandparents
- We're planning a family reunion this summer
- the most exciting part of traveling to Bangladesh
- Salman's visit to the capital city of Dhaka flew by
- although he had been warned

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh | bahng luh DESH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dhaka | DAH kah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sundarbans | SUN der benz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mangrove | MAN grohv |
| <input type="checkbox"/> extinction | ik STING shun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fascinated | FAS ih nay tid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dolphins | DAWL finz |



Decoding practice:

- Find the vowels in these longer words.
- Write a v above each vowel.
- Count the vowels.
- Write the number of syllables in the word.
- Try clapping the syllables and say the word.

The first one is done for you.

Salman ^v ^v 2 grandparents _____ Bangladesh _____
Dhaka _____ Sundarbans _____ fascinated _____



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Salman recalled the day when he received a letter from his grandparents in Bangladesh. “We haven’t seen you in years,” they wrote. “We’re planning a family reunion this summer in Dhaka. Afterwards your cousins plan to visit the Sundarbans National Park. We hope you can join us.” For 15-year-old Salman, the most exciting part of traveling to Bangladesh was the chance to visit the Sundarbans. In the deep swamps around the Bay of Bengal, he might even get to see a tiger.

After months of planning, Salman’s visit to the capital city of Dhaka flew by. Relatives stuffed Salman with food and asked endless questions about his life in the United States.

Then he was off with his aunt and cousins, exploring the mangrove swamps, far from the noise of the city. Salman still hoped to see a tiger, although he had been warned that they might not see one. “They’re close to extinction. We know there are very few left,” explained his aunt.

Salman was fascinated by the wide variety of animals in the swamps. As their boat moved along narrow waterways, they often saw crocodiles on the muddy banks. Salman and his cousins loved the hoo-hoo call of monkeys and sometimes spotted rare dolphins.

Salman was jolted out of his daydreams when a fishing boat bumped up against them. The fishermen pointed excitedly and Salman’s aunt turned to him. “They’ve seen fresh tiger paw marks over there, in the mud!” Salman held his breath. Would this be his lucky day?

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Of all the animals that Salman saw in the Sundarbans, which one would you be most interested in seeing up close?

monkeys crocodiles dolphins tigers (maybe!)

What would be interesting about seeing this kind of animal?

Share your choice with your partner. We did this.