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Graphic Organizer (before and during reading)

Plot	Setting	Main characters	Main characters: strengths and weaknesses
Problem	Complication	Other characters	Resolution
What the main charac	ters learned		

⚠ Code Breaker
Find these words in the story, record their dictionary meaning and write a new sentence containing each word.
emphatically (page 6)
Dictionary meaning:
Sentence:
pompously (page 19)
Dictionary meaning:
Sentence:
gargoyle (page 21)
Dictionary meaning:
Sentence:
aviary (page 22)
Dictionary meaning:
Sentence:
determination (page 35)
Dictionary meaning:
Sentence:
intently (page 36)
Dictionary meaning:
Sentence:
vortex (page 42)
Dictionary meaning:
Sentence:

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Meaning Maker	
questions to ask each animal that (*) next to the question you are m	ould like to learn more about. Write five interesting humans do not already know answers to. Put an asterisk nost interested in learning the answer to. On the bottom ested in this question. The animals you choose could be
Animal:	
*Why I am most interested in this	response:
Animal:	
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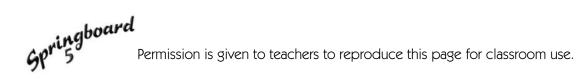
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Text User

List the most important points from each chapter.

The Signing Chimpanzee	Communication Breakdown	Cockatoo Conversation
A Close Encounter of the Cat Kind	A Different Perspective	Follow That Cat
Court of the Cat	Further Accusations	The Advocate

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Text Critic
The author wrote this story to entertain you. But did Sally Odgers also hope to teach you something?
Why was it important that the characters cared about animals?
2. How would this story have been different if the main characters did not care about animals?
3. How did your feelings about how humans treat animals change as you read the story?
4. Do you think the author intended to make the reader feel this way? Explain.
5. Are there ways that you are like one of the main characters? Explain.
7. Were you surprised that Tatters came to support Nathaniel and Alia at the court? Why owny not?
8. How might the author want you to think about the animals we keep as pets?
9. Has this story inspired you to treat animals differently? Explain.
10. Which animals are most at risk of human interference? Explain.





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Choose three animals from the book and complete the table below.

Sound this animal makes		
Physical description		
Three interesting facts about this animal		
Animal		

Multiple Intelligences Naturalist



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Fantasy	
Write down all the elements of fantasy in the sto	ory. Use the book to help you.
How would this story have been different if the a	animals did not talk? Explain.
Why do you think this story was narrated by Mat	thias and not Nathaniel or Alia? Explain.
What other fantasy books/TV shows/films do you	know?
Think of three people who might enjoy this story	y. Explain why.
What sorts of fiction texts do you prefer?	
What is the best fiction text you have read or he	ard? Why?

