

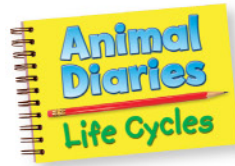
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Name: Maddie

Date: February 15

Wolf Watching

Today, I watched a **pack** of gray wolves.

I was in the forest with my mom.

She is a scientist who studies wolves.

Wolves live in mountains, thick forests, and sometimes in areas of flat land covered with grass called prairies.

They are afraid of people, so they make their homes far from towns and cities.

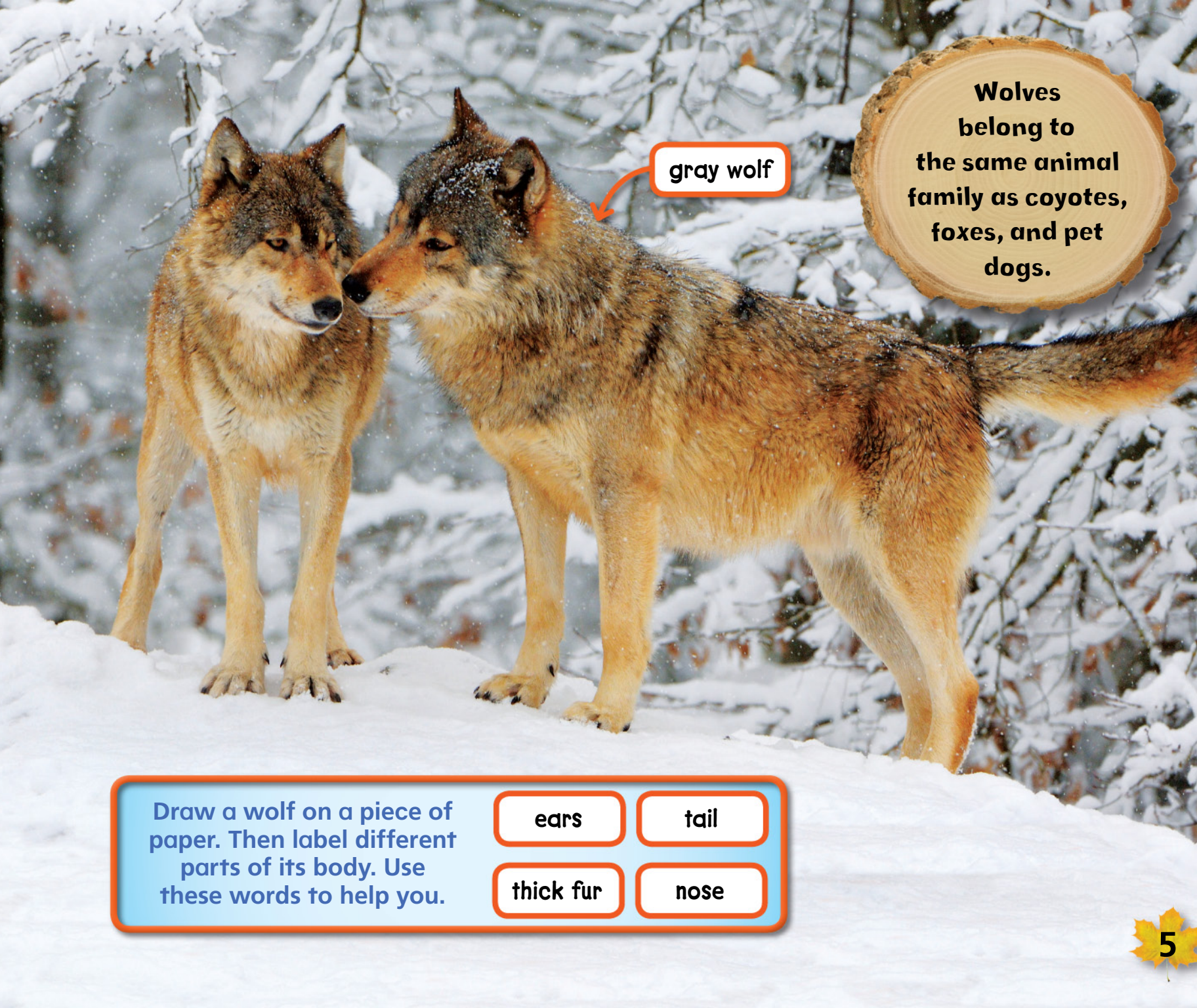
Maddie



Mom



Where gray wolves live in the wild



gray wolf

**Wolves
belong to
the same animal
family as coyotes,
foxes, and pet
dogs.**

**Draw a wolf on a piece of
paper. Then label different
parts of its body. Use
these words to help you.**

ears

tail

thick fur

nose

Date: **February 28**

Life in the Pack

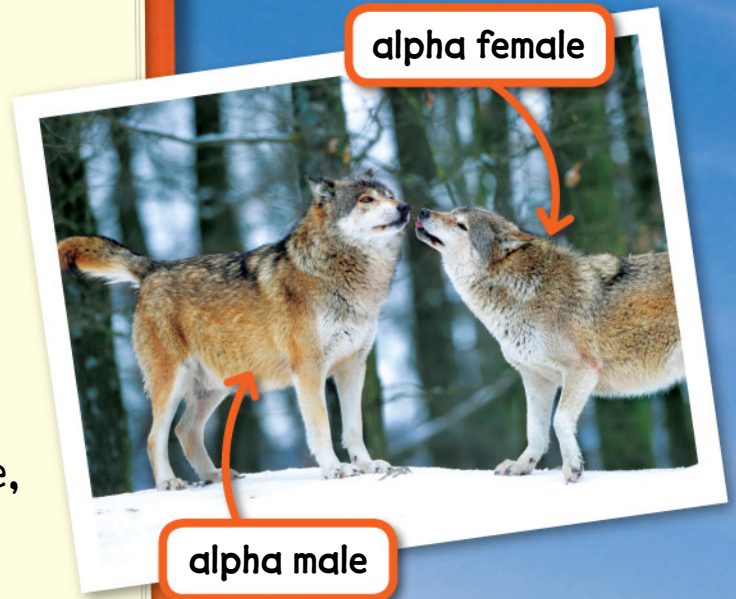
The wolf pack that my mom studies has eight members.


The pack is led by a male and a female, called the **alpha wolves**.

They are the mother and father of the other pack members.

This evening we watched and listened as the wolf pack howled together.

My mom said the wolves were telling each other, "It's time to go hunting!"



A photograph of two wolves in a forest. One wolf is in the foreground, its head tilted back and mouth open in a howl. The other wolf is standing on a snow-covered log in the background, also howling. The forest has bare trees and some autumn leaves.

**Scientists think
wolves howl for many
reasons. One reason is
to let other pack members
know where they are. Another
reason is to warn other
packs to stay out of
their **territory**.**

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Answers

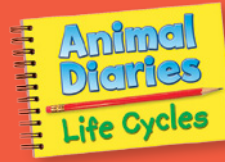
Here are the answers to the questions on page 22.

- 1) The wolves went to the pond first to drink some water.
- 2) The wolves hunted a deer.
- 3) The wolves are using the forest den. There is wolf scat and some wolf tracks outside the den. These clues show a scientist there are wolves at home!

About the Author

Ellen Lawrence lives in the United Kingdom. Her favorite books to write are those about animals. In fact, the first book Ellen bought for herself, when she was six years old, was the story of a gorilla named Patty Cake that was born in New York's Central Park Zoo.

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A Wolf's Life

Maddie watched some gray wolves in the forest. She was with her mom, a scientist who studies wolves. Maddie's mom said that the mother wolf was getting ready to have her pups. That's why she was digging out a tunnel. She was making a den for her babies. Maddie decided she would watch the pups as they grew up and keep a diary of all that she saw. When you read it, you'll be amazed to discover how these little pups grow up to be some of the best hunters in the forest!

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