



ACTIVITY 6

Dodging Drama & Avoiding Scuffles



RANCH LIFE SERIES / BOOK 3 / RANCH WILDLIFE

Chapters 4 & 5

Content Area

Social Studies

Topic

Map skills

Objective

Students will use cardinal directions to navigate Hank the Cowdog around a grid map of his ranch.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)*

K.3C, K.14D, 1.3B, 2.3A, 3.4A, 3.4C, 4.19C, 5.24A

*reflecting updated 2020-21 TEKS





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CONTENT AREA: Social Studies

TOPIC: Map Skills

GAME MATERIALS:

- SECURITY BRIEFING (page A6-2): 1 per student table group
- RANCH GRID MAP (33" x 25.5") - 1 per student table group

To print additional maps, download PDF from ranchlifelearning.com. Laminate the map.

- DODGING DRAMA & AVOIDING SCUFFLES - CARDS
1 set per student or student group
- THE BOTTOM LINE (page A6-6): 1 per student or student table group

READING STRATEGY:

- Students will read Chapters 4 & 5. (Recommended reading can be done individually by students, student groups or be read aloud by a teacher.)
- After the reading, have each student table group place the DODGING DANGEROUS ANIMALS - ANIMAL CARDS on the RANCH GRID MAP. Chosen placement of these animals must be supported by the reading.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Students will navigate a HANK CARD around the RANCH GRID MAP according to the directions on the SECURITY BRIEFING sheet.
2. Students will record how their group navigated HANK through his day using the grid coordinates on the map.

STUDENT SKILLS ASSESSMENT:

Have students (or student groups) complete THE BOTTOM LINE worksheet at the end of the activity.

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SECURITY BRIEFING –

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM HANK THE COWDOG:

There are a lot of animals on the ranch that can be dangerous to a dog. While it is my job to protect the ranch, most fights with skunks, porcupines, bobcats, mountain lions, coyotes and raccoons end south of good for a dog. In fact, last time I picked a fight with a porcupine things ended quickly. I was mid air when I tried to change course. Too late. I don't move so good in midair. I lit right in the middle of the biggest porcupine I had seen in my life and bam, he slapped me across the nose with his tail, sure did hurt too, brought tears to my eyes. A lot of dogs would have set up a howl and a moan. Not me. My nose is still sore. Come to think of it, I sure would appreciate it if you would help me navigate the ranch in a drama/scuffle free way.

ACTIVITY MATERIALS:

- RANCH GRID MAP
- STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: RANCH MAP INSTRUCTIONS FOR DODGING DANGEROUS ANIMALS
- HANK PICTURE
- DANGEROUS ANIMAL PICTURES (Coyotes, Bobcats, Mountain Lions, Skunks, Porcupines, and Raccoons)
- Insert page numbers of each activity page onto the “Game Materials” section of the Educator's Guide Page

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Students read the DODGING DANGEROUS ANIMALS instructions and record how they helped navigate Hank through his day.

WRAP UP:

Fill out THE BOTTOM LINE worksheet after you have completed the activity.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

Cut out and use this Hank the Cowdog game piece on your grid map.



Hank the Cowdog



porcupine



bobcat



coyote



skunk



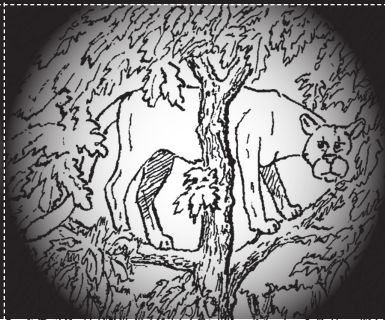
raccoon



bobcat



porcupine



mountain lion



coyote



skunk



raccoon

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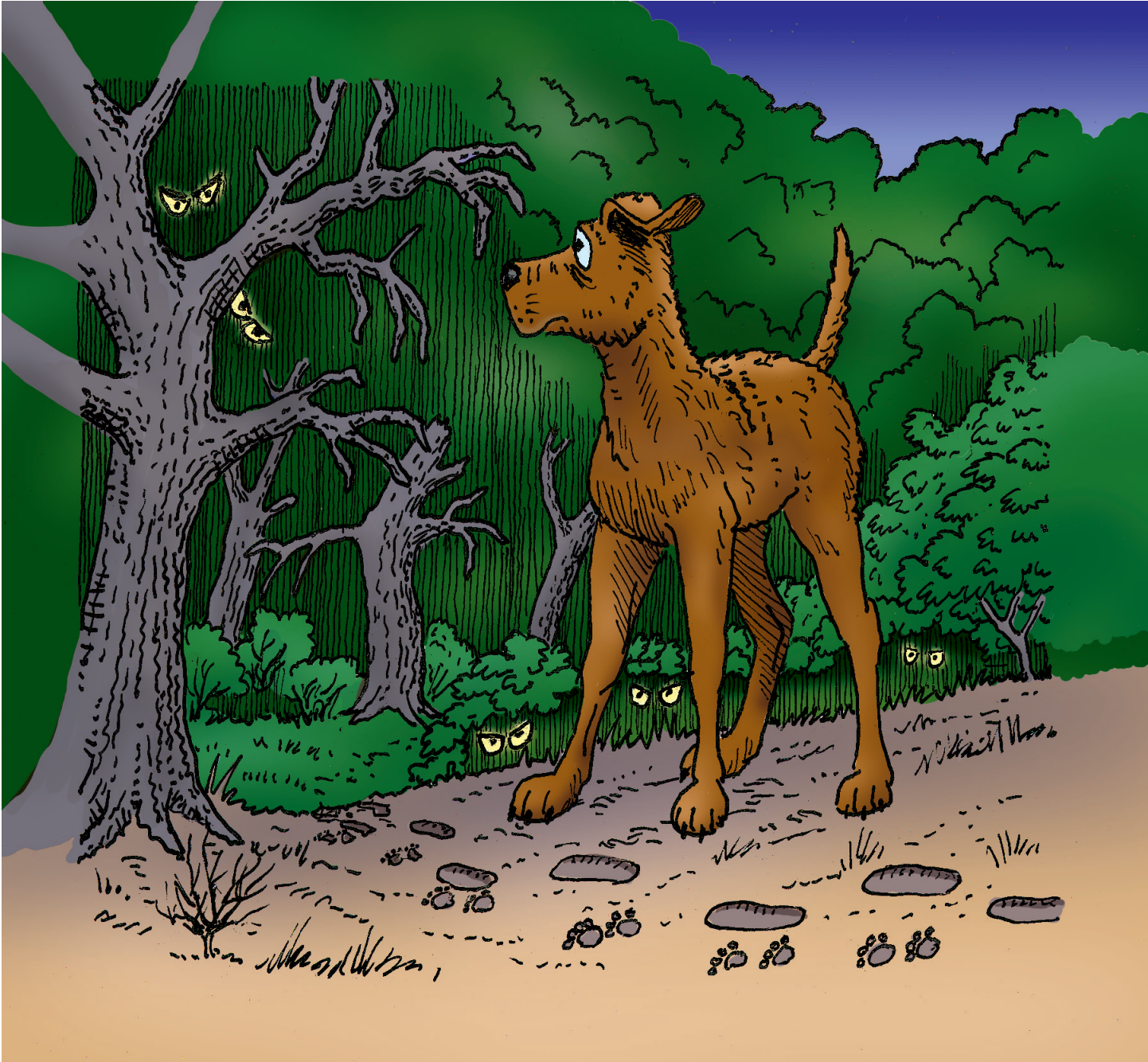
SECURITY BRIEFING –

GAME INSTRUCTIONS:

Using the RANCH GRID MAP and your knowledge of cardinal directions, help Hank travel to the next location on his ranch. Place the dangerous animal cards on the map based on what you have read about their habitat and behaviors. Then, grab your Hank the Cowdog card to begin. Be sure to avoid any dangerous animals along the way!

Place your HANK THE COWDOG CARD at the MACHINE SHED to begin.

1. It's time for the work day to begin! Hank heads to Slim's house to pick up Slim.
 - *Record Hank's navigation from the MACHINE SHED to SLIM'S HOUSE.*
2. Slim and Hank get in the truck to go check on the cattle grazing on the Caprock.
 - *Record Slim and Hank's navigation from SLIM'S HOUSE to the CAPROCK.*
3. The cattle are well fed and healthy. It's time to check on the horses next.
 - *Record their navigation from the CAPROCK to the HORSE PASTURE.*
4. Hank and Slim hear a crazy noise coming from the Uncharted Forest! What on earth?? It's the Head of Ranch Security's job to check stuff like that out, so off we go.
 - *Record their navigation from the HORSE PASTURE to the UNCHANTED FOREST.*
5. It's been an exhausting day! Hank bids Slim goodbye and heads to Sally May and Loper's house. Dinner should be waiting for him in his bowl.
 - *Record their navigation from the UNCHANTED FOREST to the RANCH HOUSE.*
6. Fill out THE BOTTOM LINE worksheet after you have completed the activity.



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NAME: _____ DATE: _____

THE BOTTOM LINE

Dodging dangerous animals can be tricky business for a Cowdog. Answer the questions on how you kept Hank safe throughout the day.

1. Were any of the dangerous animals placed close to the RANCH HOUSE? If so, which ones?
2. When Hank traveled to SLIM'S HOUSE, did he run into any dangerous animals? Explain.
3. When Hank patrolled the CAPROCK, did he have to avoid any dangerous animals?
4. List the cardinal directions and grid numbers you gave to Hank for him to travel from the CAPROCK to the HORSE PASTURE.
5. How did Hank get from HORSE PASTURE to the UNCHANTED FOREST safely?
List the cardinal directions Hank followed.
6. How did you help Hank dodge the dangerous animals on the ranch?