INTRODUCTION

These fun-loving stories are designed to capture student interest while building key vocabulary, comprehension, thinking, and writing skills. Their broad appeal and high degree of review make them suitable for a variety of ages and reading levels. Each story has been rated according to the Fry Graph readability scale.*

Each story features five components: (1) vocabulary words, to enhance comprehension and for use in additional dictionary or writing activities, (2) cloze practice, to improve literal comprehension as well as the ability to use semantic and syntactic clues, (3) story questions, to target comprehension and thinking skills, (4) Extended Activities, located at the back of the book, to provide simple research and/or writing exercises for students desiring an extra challenge, and (5) crossword puzzles, to be used for periodic review after every third story.

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A Note on Readability

* Readability scales are useful as long as one realizes their limitations. Results are guidelines only. Depending on the scales used, their results may differ from each other by as much as 2.5 grade levels. Since readability scales measure word and sentence length, both valid readability factors, we at Remedia do use them. Using such scales also helps us provide vocabulary-controlled materials in order to meet the special education needs of many of our valued clients. At the same time, we realize that they are not designed to measure every other factor affecting readability, such as sentence structure or appeal to the reader. We are also aware of the variance in standards and expectations set for each grade level. What is first grade material in one school may be second grade in another. At Remedia we strive to take all these factors into consideration as we develop and revise materials. We leave the rest in your capable hands. Regarding readability, you— and your students—will be the final judge.

ALASKAN **A**NIMALS

Words to Know				
Alaska	A • las • ka			
offense	of • fense			
reason	rea • son			
viewed	viewed			
stampede	stam • pede			
legal	le • gal			



We pass most laws for a good reason. Some of the laws may seem silly. But there might be a good reason to have the law.

Here are three laws from Alaska.

Moose may not be viewed from an airplane. What do you think? Is the moose afraid of a plane? Do you think there could be a stampede? Maybe the moose or people could get hurt.

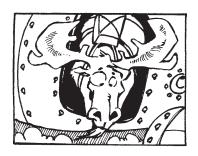
It is also an offense to push a live moose out of a moving airplane. What problem is this law trying to solve?

While it is legal to shoot bears, waking a sleeping bear to take his picture is against the law. Do sleeping bears get mad when you wake them?

1.	Write another word for "view."	
2.	One Alaskan law says you can't view from an airplan	e.
3.	Why do they have this law? Write two sentences from the story that might tel	
	us why	

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Alaska	wake	could	problem



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picture is against the law. Do sleeping bears get mad when you

_____ them?

1. How could a stampede be dangerous?_____

2. Why do you think Alaskans made it illegal to wake a sleeping bear?

3. If you follow the law, are you doing something legal or illegal (not legal)?

Words	to Know
sneezing	sneez • ing
coughing	cough • ing
spitting	spit ∙ ting flu
flu swept	swept
spread	spread





Did you know that in many cities and states it is against the law to sneeze or spit in public? That sounds a little odd. But not when you know why.

In 1918, the Spanish flu swept our country. Thousands died. This was the fifth time that a flu had killed so many. The first time was in 1831.

You can spread the flu to others by sneezing or coughing. The laws were passed to try and stop the spread of flu.

Does your city or state have a law against sneezing or spitting in public? It might be fun to find out.

- 1. Why are there laws against sneezing, coughing, or spitting in public? Write the sentence in the story that tells us.
- 2. What year did the Spanish flu sweep our country? ______
- Does "swept" in the story mean "cleaned with a broom" or "moved quickly and strongly"?
- 4. What did the flu do five times?

why spread find coughing states against fifth flu

Sneezing is Breaking the Law



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pu	blic? It might be fun to		_out.			
1.	What happened in 1831?					
2.	How does the flu spread?					
3.	True / False We can better u	understand th	e reason fo	r a law	once v	we know
	something about the history su	urrounding it.				
4.	Do you think flu shots are a go	od idea? Wh	y or why no	ot?		