

## National Geographic Kids Readers: Day and Night

### Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book, ask your child to tell you what they like about daytime and night time. Look at the front cover and talk about what you can see in the picture. Talk about animals that come out at night, and why they do is.
- Look through the book together, naming as many creatures in the pictures as you can, and noticing what they are doing in the pictures.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
  - Read the book together, enjoying finding out about the differences in day and night.
  - Pause as you read together to check that your child understands how the sky changes through a day, and how animal and plant behaviour is affected by day and night.
  - Try to answer the questions and challenges that the book asks in the '*Your Turn!*' sections. Use talk to draw out your child's ideas.
  - Help your child with any unfamiliar words. Encourage them to use phonics and existing word knowledge to try to work the word out. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word.
  - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Challenge your child to recall which creatures use the night time to find food.
- Discuss the changes in day and night as your child wakes up and goes to bed, and compare this to the description in the book.

**Pronunciation guide:** savannah (sa-van-er)