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✂ Nonfiction Reading Kit ✂

Use this kit to help you build important reading skills as you explore the nonfiction feature "The Snake That's Eating Florida."

Find the Evidence

REMEMBER! Text evidence is a piece of the text that you can either quote or explain to prove a point or answer a question.

Directions: Read each question below carefully. Some will ask you to select text evidence—or details in the story—to support a statement. Others will ask you to respond in your own words, supporting your ideas with text evidence.

- 1. Circle the letter of the piece of text evidence that best demonstrates why Burmese pythons are dangerous to the Everglades:**
 - a. "Frogs croaked and crickets chirped." (p. 5)
 - b. "Some people think baby pythons look cute." (p. 6)
 - c. "The Burmese pythons in the Everglades have eaten so many animals that some of them have been disappearing." (p. 8)
 - d. "Scientists are finding and trapping snakes." (p. 8-9)

- 2. Reread the section "Snake Invaders." How are the other animals in the Everglades being affected by Burmese pythons? Use specific evidence from the text.**

- 3. The section "A Long Struggle" explains why it is so hard to know how many pythons are in the Everglades. Circle the letter of the piece of text evidence that tells you this.**
 - a. "Trying to count the brown-and-green snakes would be impossible, because they blend in with the wetlands."
 - b. "It is now against the law to bring Burmese pythons to the U.S. to sell."
 - c. "Lots of people are hunting the snakes."
 - d. "The struggle will go on for a long time."

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- 4.** In your own words, explain what people in Florida are doing to try to solve the python problem. Use specific evidence from the text.
