

## How to support your child with Reading Comprehension

Read the text and answer the questions in full sentences.

You can print the sheet if you have a printer at home, otherwise answer the questions on paper. Your child may need some support to read the text. Please go over the answers once your child has completed the activities.

To complete each reading revision mat, you will need to read a short text; these will be taken from either a fictional story, a non-fiction text or a poem. Once you have read and understood the text, you will have to answer questions based on what you have read. Each question will be one of five different question types.

Each of the five different question types has its own helper to remind you of what to do:

### **Vocabulary Questions** with Vocabulary Victor

Vocabulary Victor will help you to look at how authors and poets have chosen to use certain words and phrases.



### **Retrieval Questions** with Rex Retriever

Rex Retriever will help you to go into a text and retrieve the facts.



### **Sequence Questions** with Sequencing Suki

Sequencing Suki likes everything in order! She will help you sequence the events in a text.



### **Inference Questions** with Inference Iggy

Inference Iggy will help you hunt for clues in a text about how someone might be feeling or why something is happening.



### **Prediction Questions** with Predicting Pip

Predicting Pip tries to see the future and she will help you work out what might happen next.



# Jack and the Beanstalk



Once upon a time, there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother and they had a cow.

One day, Jack's mother asked him to take the cow to market to sell. Jack met a man, who gave him some magic beans for the cow.



When Jack came home, his mother was angry. She threw the beans out and sent him to bed. The next morning, a giant beanstalk had grown! Jack climbed it.

When Jack reached the top, he saw a castle and went inside. Jack heard a loud noise and hid. An enormous giant came into the room with a hen and a golden harp. He shouted, "Lay!" and the hen laid an egg. Then "Sing!" and the harp sang. The giant fell asleep.



Jack took the hen and the harp. The harp shouted and the giant woke up. He chased Jack down the beanstalk. Jack shouted, "Help!" Jack's mother came out and chopped the beanstalk down with an axe. The giant fell to the ground. He was never seen again.



Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.



## Questions about Jack and the Beanstalk

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What was the boy called?

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2. What animal did Jack and his mother have?

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3. What did Jack get for the cow?

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4. How did Jack's mother feel when Jack came home?

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5. What had grown the next morning?

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6. Who came into the room?

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7. What did the giant do after the harp sang?

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8. Where did the giant chase Jack?

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# Little Red Riding Hood



Once upon a time, there was a girl called Little Red Riding Hood. She lived with her mother. One day, Little Red Riding Hood went to visit her grandmother.

On her way, she met a wolf.

He asked where she was going.

"I'm going to visit my grandmother," she said.

The wolf ran to Granny's house and locked Granny in the wardrobe! He put on her nightgown and got into her bed.



When Little Red Riding Hood came to the house she said, "Oh Granny, what big ears you have."

"All the better to hear you with," answered the wolf.

"Oh Granny, what big eyes you have," said Little Red Riding Hood.

"All the better to see you with," replied the wolf.

"Oh Granny, what big teeth you have," gasped Little Red Riding Hood.

"All the better to eat you with!" replied the wolf.

Little Red Riding Hood shouted, "Help!"



A woodcutter heard her scream and ran to the house. He hit the wolf and let Granny out of the wardrobe. The wolf ran away and they never saw him again.



## Questions about Little Red Riding Hood

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. Who was the bad character in the story?

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2. Who was Little Red Riding Hood going to visit?

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3. What did the wolf ask Little Red Riding Hood?

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4. Where did the wolf put Granny?

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5. What did the wolf put on?

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6. What did the wolf have that was "All the better to eat you with!"?

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7. What did Little Red Riding Hood shout when she saw it was the wolf in bed?

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8. Who let Granny out of the wardrobe?

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# Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Once upon a time there lived three bears and a little girl called Goldilocks. One day, she saw a house and went inside. She saw some porridge.

She tasted the large bowl and said, "This porridge is too salty!"

She tasted the medium bowl and said, "This porridge is too sweet!"

She tasted the small bowl and said, "This is porridge is just right." She ate it all up.

Goldilocks saw three chairs.

She sat in the big chair. "This chair is too big!" she said.

She sat in the medium chair. "This chair is too big, too!" she said.

She sat in the small chair and said, "This chair is just right." Then it broke.

Goldilocks went upstairs.

She lay down on the big bed and said, "This bed is too hard!"

She lay on the medium bed and said, "This bed is too soft!"

She lay down on the small bed and said, "This bed is just right." She fell asleep.

The Three Bears came home.

"Someone's been eating my porridge," said Daddy Bear.

"Someone's been eating my porridge," said Mummy Bear.

"Someone's been eating my porridge and it's all gone!" cried Baby Bear.

"Someone's been sitting in my chair!" growled Daddy Bear.

"Someone's been sitting in my chair!" said Mummy Bear.

"Someone's been sitting in my chair and it's broken!" cried Baby Bear.

They went upstairs. "Someone's been sleeping in my bed," said Daddy Bear.

"Someone's been sleeping in my bed too," said Mummy Bear.

"Someone's been sleeping in my bed, and she's still there!" cried Baby Bear. Goldilocks woke up and screamed. She ran away and never went back into the woods again.



## Questions about Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What did Goldilocks find first inside the house?

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2. What did Goldilocks say about the medium bowl of porridge?

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3. What did she do with the small bowl of porridge?

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4. What did Goldilocks say about Daddy Bear's chair?

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5. What happened to Baby Bear's chair?

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6. What did Goldilocks say about Daddy Bear's bed?

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7. What did Daddy Bear say about his bowl?

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8. Whose bed did The Three Bears find Goldilocks asleep in?

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# The Three Little Pigs

Once upon a time, there lived three little pigs. One day, they built their own houses of straw, sticks and bricks.

The next day, a big bad wolf came to the first house. "Little pig, little pig, let me come in," he snarled.

"Not by the hair on my chinny, chin, chin, I will not let you in!" cried the first little pig.

"Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" growled the big bad wolf. He blew the house down! The first little pig ran to the second house.

The big bad wolf came to the second house. "Little pig, little pig, let me come in," he snarled.

"Not by the hair on my chinny, chin, chin, I will not let you in!" cried the second little pig.

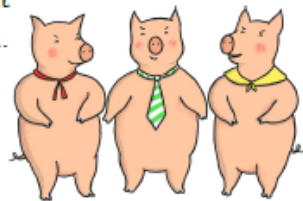
"Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" growled the big bad wolf. He blew the house down! The two little pigs ran to the third house.

The big bad wolf came to the third house. "Little pig, little pig, let me come in," he snarled.

"Not by the hair on my chinny, chin, chin, I will not let you in!" cried the third little pig.

"Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" growled the big bad wolf. He huffed and he puffed, but he could not blow it down! So he climbed down the chimney and landed in a big pot of stew. SPLASH! He jumped out and ran away. He never came back again. The three little pigs lived happily ever after in the house made of bricks.

The end.



# The Three Little Pigs

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What did the first little pig build his house out of?

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2. What did the second little pig build his house out of?

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3. What did the third little pig build his house out of?

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4. What did the big bad wolf do to the houses made of straw and sticks?

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5. Did the big bad wolf blow down the third house?

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6. What did the big bad wolf climb down in the third house?

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7. What did the big bad wolf land in after climbing down the chimney?

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8. Where did the three little pigs live happily ever after?

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# The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats Gruff who lived in a valley. One day, they made a plan to cross a bridge that had a grumpy troll underneath.

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the little Billy Goat Gruff," said the smallest goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"But my brother is much bigger. You should wait for him" said the smallest Billy Goat Gruff.

Next, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"But my brother is much bigger. You should wait for him" said the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff.

Soon, the biggest Billy Goat Gruff came to the bridge.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's me. Big Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Oh no you won't!" shouted the biggest goat, and he butted him off the bridge. The troll was never seen again.

The big Billy Goat Gruff joined his brothers in the field of sweet, green grass.



## The Three Billy Goats Gruff Questions

1. How many Billy Goats are there in the story?

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2. Who lived under the bridge?

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3. Which Billy Goat Gruff went first?

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4. What did the troll say when he could hear them coming over the bridge?

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5. What did the troll want to do with the goats?

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6. What did the biggest goat do to the troll?

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# The Enormous Turnip



Once upon a time, there lived a little old man and a little old woman. One day, the little old man planted some turnip seeds.



One of the turnips grew... and grew... and grew... until it was enormous. The little old man pulled, and pulled but still the turnip would not budge.



The little old man shouted to his wife to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they shouted to a boy who was playing in the field. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they all shouted to a girl to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they all shouted to the old man's dog to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they all called the little old woman's cat to help. Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!



So they all called the farmhouse mouse to help.



Together they pulled, and pulled, and pulled, and suddenly... out popped the enormous turnip! The little old man was very pleased. He invited everyone round for a turnip dinner!



## Questions about The Enormous Turnip

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. Name three characters in the story.

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2. What vegetable were they trying to pull up?

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3. Who tried to pull it up on their own?

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4. Who did the little old man call to help him first?

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5. Who did they call to help them after the little old woman?

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6. Where was the boy playing?

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7. What pet did the little old man have?

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8. What pet did the little old woman have?

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# Bats

There are more than 950 different kinds of bat.

Bats can fly.

They have hair or fur on their bodies.

## Fascinating Facts

Bats sleep in the day and are awake at night.

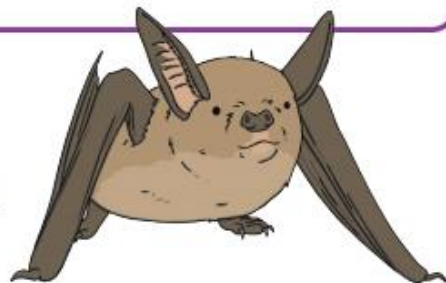
Bats can live to be 30 years old.

Bats sleep upside down so they can fly away quickly if they need to.

## Where Do They Live?

Bats live in a roost.

They live where it is warm and dark, like in trees and caves.



## What Do Bats eat?

Bats in the UK like to eat insects.

They can catch and eat them in the air.

Other bats eat fruit, flowers, fish, frogs, blood and even other bats!



# Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. How many different types of bats are there in the world?\_\_\_\_\_

2. What do bats do in the day??\_\_\_\_\_

3. How old can bats live to?\_\_\_\_\_

4. Why do bats sleep upside down?\_\_\_\_\_

5. Where do bats live?\_\_\_\_\_

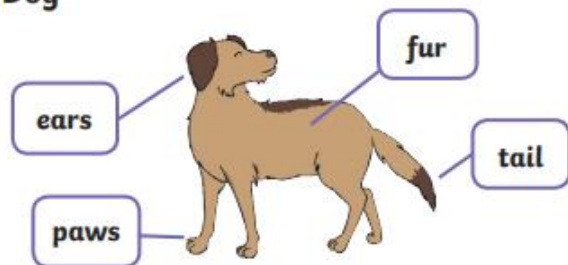
6. What do bats in the UK eat?\_\_\_\_\_



# Taking Care of a Dog

Dogs are great pets to have and they are lots of fun.

## A Dog



Baby dogs are called puppies. When they are born, they have lots of brothers and sisters.



Dogs need to run a lot to stay healthy. They need to go for daily walks and play every day. Make sure your dog has a lead so you can keep them safe.



### Things a dog will need:

food bowl



water bowl



lead



bed



toy



## Questions

1. Tick two things a dog will need.

bed ☐

cage ☐

toy ☐

2. What is a baby dog called?

kitten ☐

chick ☐

puppy ☐

3. What does 'daily' mean?

every second ☐

every day ☐

every year ☐

4. What do dogs **need** on a walk to stay safe?

a ball ☐

a coat ☐

a lead ☐

5. Why do dogs need to run a lot?

to stay healthy ☐

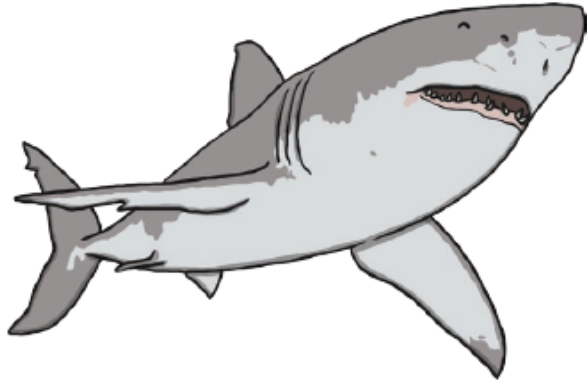
to eat more food ☐

to get to sleep ☐

# The Great White Shark

Great white sharks are the top of the ocean's food chain. They are the biggest fish on our planet which eat other fish and animals. They are known to live between thirty and one hundred years old and can be found in all of the world's oceans, but they are mostly found in cool water close to the coast.

Even though they are mostly grey, they get their name from their white underbelly. The great white shark has been known to grow up to six metres long and have up to three hundred sharp teeth, in seven rows. Their amazing sense of smell allows them to hunt for prey, such as seals, rays and small whales from miles away.



## Quick Questions



1. Why do you think that the great white shark is at the top of the ocean's food chain?

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2. Where are most great white sharks found?

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3. Find and copy the adjective that the author uses to describe the shark's sense of smell.

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4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- ☐ They live between thirty and one hundred years.
- ☐ They can grow up to six metres long.
- ☐ They have up to three hundred teeth.

# What Plants Need to Grow

**To grow properly, a plant needs:**

- air;
- light;
- water;
- nutrients;
- warmth.



**Why does it need them?**

- If a seed is not warm enough, it will not germinate. Germination is when the seed starts to sprout.
- If a plant does not have enough light, it will grow to be tall and flimsy as it tries to search for light. The plant will probably die.
- If a plant is not watered enough, its stem will be fragile and it will have very dry leaves. Again, it will probably not survive.

So, where is the best place to grow a healthy plant?

# Quick Questions



1. What do you think would happen if you planted a seed and put it into a cold, dark cupboard?

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2. What is germination?

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3. Find and copy the word that means the same as the adjective 'delicate'.

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4. Where would be the best place to grow a healthy plant?

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