

Reading Skills Sample Slides

INFERENCE

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Guidance

Reading Skills - a series of teaching PowerPoints to develop key skills which include:

- text retrieval
- inference
- comparison
- skimming and scanning

Activities to support each of these skills are also available. A fantastic resource to build comprehension skills and techniques

This sample includes slides from our range of PowerPoints and is intended as a guide to our resources and should not be used as a lesson.

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Text retrieval - SQUINT

S - start by reading the text

Q - read the question carefully

U - underline key words in the question

I - identify the key words in the text

N - next read the words around the key words

T - take the information and use to answer the question



Text Retrieval -Remember to

SQUINT

Colliding with the old man was not part of his plan - in fact running through the market wasn't either - but the man was sprawled across the cobbled street. Of course, he helped the man to his feet, apologised and ran off - in he would have if the man hadn't said, "Merlin is coming!" That's the third time today someone has said that to me he thought - why? The old man plucked at his shirt sleeve and repeated "Merlin is coming!" There was no mistake, somehow Merlin was important but what was more important was the gang of thugs hurtling towards him - he had to leave! He nodded to the old man; shot off through the crowd and on towards the quay.

Where did the collision with the old man happen?

What does the old man say?

Inference - We know

It is day time.

There are some buildings.

There are some flowers growing.

There is a bench

It is a train station.

There is one man.



Inference - What does this shopping list tell us about the person who wrote it?

S

A

M

P

L

E

120 tins of dog food
10 bags of cat litter
100 tins of cat food
Greens for rabbits
Worming powder
Flea collars x 20

Inference

Let's look at a sentence.

She grabbed the umbrella as she sprinted through the door.

Which are the key words in this sentence?

**S
A
M
P
L
E**



Inference 2a

Let's look at the first sentence

Darkness enveloped Ben as he tip-toed along the corridor.

What do the key words tell the reader?

S
A
M
P
L
E

Comparison - Your Turn

The similarities



They both
have
towers.

They both
have
windows.

They both
have more
than 1
storey.

They both
have
trees
nearby.

Comparison - Let's have a closer look - read

the texts

Sparkle is a magical dragon that sparkles like a rainbow. She has wings that are filled with warmth and light. Her friends, who are afraid of her, are not scared of her because it looks like she is made of light. She uses her magic to help her friends and to make dreams come true.

What are the similarities and what are the differences between the dragons?

Rocky is a dragon with shimmering scales that are filled with tiny clouds, and he is covered with his friends. He is not scary — his wings allow him to fly over people.

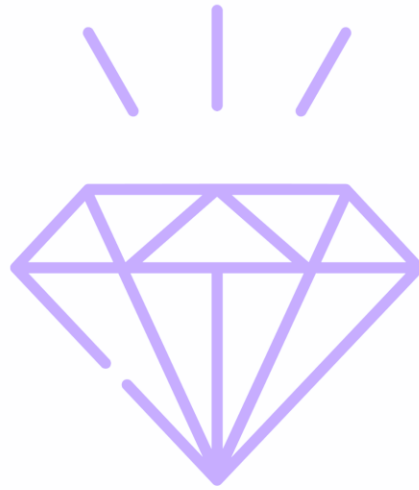
Rocky is a courageous dragon that protects his friends from anything that threatens them. He has a determined expression and a blaze with determination. He lives in a deep, misty cave at the edge of an ancient forest. His wings are powerful and can carry him high up into the sky, where he can see everything from above. When Rocky breathes fire, it's like lava pouring out of a volcano. He uses his spirit and bravery in daring quests and epic battles.

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Skimming and Scanning - Fastest Finger First

1. Sit with your hands behind your back.
2. Listen to the word the teacher says carefully.
3. Skim and scan the text.
4. Put your finger on the word in the text.





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