

Improving Your Reading Skills with...

Vocabulary Victor



What Does Vocabulary Victor Do?

Vocabulary Victor helps with content domain **1a**:

Draw on knowledge of **vocabulary** to understand texts.

This means that he is there to help you to think about the **words** the author uses.

He might help you to work out **what words mean**, ask you to **find words** the author has used or give another word which **means the same** as one of the author's choices.

What Might Vocabulary Victor Ask?

Vocabulary Victor might ask questions like these:

What does this word tell us about...?

Which word did the author use to describe...?

Can you think of another way of writing...?

How can we work out what this word might mean?

Why did the author write this word in capital letters?

Can you find any adjectives in the text?



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Inference Iggy

What Does **Inference Iggy** Do?

Inference Iggy helps with content domain 1d:



Make **inferences** from the text.

This means that he is there to help you to **hunt for clues** in the text.

These clues might help you to work out how someone is feeling, why somebody did something or why something is happening.

The two types of question that Inference Iggy likes to ask most are:
'why?' and 'how do you know?'

What Might **Inference Iggy** Ask?

Inference Iggy might ask questions like these:

- How do you think this character is feeling? Why do you think that?
- What do you think the author meant when...?
- Why do you think the author uses this particular word?
- What effect did the author want to create by...?
- Find words which show how the character feels about...
- How do you know that the character is feeling...?

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Rex Retriever

What Does Rex Retriever Do?

Rex Retriever helps with content domain **1b**:

Identify/explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.

This means that he is there to help you to answer questions by **finding the answer in the text**.

Rex might ask you what the characters are called, what they do, what the name of the chapter is or what you have learned about a particular topic.



What Might Rex Retriever Ask?

Rex Retriever might ask questions like these:

- Where is the story set?
- Who is the main character in the story?
- How is the dilemma resolved?
- Tell me one fact you have found out in this text about...
- Where in this book could I look if I wanted to know more about...?
- Which part of the story did you like the most? Why?



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Predicting Pip

What Does Predicting Pip Do?

Predictive Pip helps with content domain **1e**:

Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.

This means that she is there to help you to see into the future.

She will try to help you to work out what might happen next based on what you have already read and what you know about that type of text.

What Might Predicting Pip Ask?

Predicting Pip might ask questions like these:

- What do you think will happen next?
- What do you think the character will say in reply to that?
- What do you think that this book will be about?
- How do you think the story will end?
- Do you think that this story will end in the same way as another story you know?
- Draw what you think might happen next.

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Sequencing Suki



What Does Sequencing Suki Do?

Sequencing Suki helps with content domain **1c**:

Identify and explain the **sequence** of events in texts.

This means that she is there to help you to think about the **order** things happen in.

She might ask you to put different events from the text into the order they happened. She may ask you what happened first or last. She could ask you to match events to the day or time they happened.

What Might Sequencing Suki Ask?

Sequencing Suki might ask questions like these:

Who do we meet first in this story?

What is the last step of these instructions?

Put these sentences into the order they happened in.

Use 20 words to sum up what happened in this story.

Draw a picture to show what happened in the middle of the story.

Do I need to read this text in the order it is written?

What happens if you don't?