

Year 2 SATs

Reading Revision & Practice Booklet: Rex Retriever

Name:



Who is Rex Retriever?

Rex Retriever is the clever canine who helps with reading content domain **1b**:



Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts.

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

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

What sort of questions might Rex Retriever ask?

Rex Retriever will always ask you questions with answers that are in the text. He has been known to ask:

- **Where** is this story set?
- **Who** is the main character in the story?
- **How** is the dilemma resolved?
- **Where** in this book could I look if I wanted to know more about this topic?
- Can you find **one fact** in this text about this topic?
- **Which** part of the story did you like the most? Why?

Fishing Adventure

It was a beautiful morning and the sun was just coming up as the family arrived at the river. Molly and Ben were going fishing with their mum and dad for the first time. Dad started the motor and the boat was soon speeding along. After a while, they stopped the boat and started to fish. In no time at all, Ben had caught the first fish. Molly caught two a little while later and mum caught another one just before lunch.

It had become very hot and there were big, black clouds in the sky.

“I think we had better head home,” said Dad. “It looks like there is a storm coming.”

Dad tried to start the motor but nothing happened. He tried again and again.

“The battery must be flat,” he said. “I don’t have a spare with me and the storm is getting closer and closer.” Dad was getting angry.

The sky went very dark and there was a crash of thunder.

“What shall we do?” asked Molly. She was getting scared.

“Don’t panic,” replied Dad, reaching his hand into the bag and pulling out a mobile phone. “I’ll phone for help.”



Let’s answer a Rex Retriever question, step by step:

1. Read the question carefully and pick out the key words that will help you.
2. Look through the text for a sentence which answers this question.
3. Check how the question has asked you to answer. Do you need to tick a box, write an answer or draw matching lines?
4. Clearly show your answer in the way you are asked to.
5. Check your answer carefully.

Who caught the first fish? Tick **one**.

- Dad
- Ben
- Molly
- Mum



Now, using these top tips, have a go at some questions on your own.

When did the family arrive at the river? Circle **one** answer.

as the sun was setting

as the storm was starting

as the sun was rising

at the end of the storm

2

Why did Dad say that they needed to go home?

3

Tick **one** answer to complete the sentence.

The boat wouldn't start because...

- it was stuck in the mud.
- the battery was flat.
- Dad was using his phone.
- the storm was coming.

4

Where did Dad find the mobile phone?

5



How Can We Stay Healthy?

There are lots of things we can do to stay healthy and to keep illnesses away. Read on for lots of useful facts and tips to help you to be the healthiest you can be.

Food Types

Foods can be split into different groups. Some of the groups are fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy, fats and sugary foods. Some of these foods are better for us than others.

Fruit and Vegetables

Fruit and vegetables are very good for us because they contain vitamins and minerals. Vitamins and minerals help our bones, skin and muscles to stay strong and healthy. We should try to include these in every meal and to eat them as snacks.

Meat and Dairy

Meat and dairy foods like cheese and milk are also good for us but we shouldn't eat these more than two or three times a day. Meat and dairy foods help us to have strong bones and muscles.

Sugary and Fatty Foods

Foods like chocolate and cake are yummy but they are very high in sugar and fat. This kind of food is bad for your teeth. These foods should only be eaten as a treat no more than once a day.



Give **two** different food groups.

1. _____
2. _____

1

What food group should we try to eat with every meal?

2

Who might be interested in reading this information? Tick **one**.

- people who do not like healthy foods
- people who like to read fiction texts
- people who need help with looking after animals
- people who want to know how to be healthy

3

Why should chocolate only be eaten as a treat?

4

Draw three lines to match each of these facts with the correct type of food.

These contain vitamins
and minerals.

sugary and fatty foods

These are bad for
your teeth.

fruits and vegetables

These should only be eaten
two or three times a day.

meat and dairy foods

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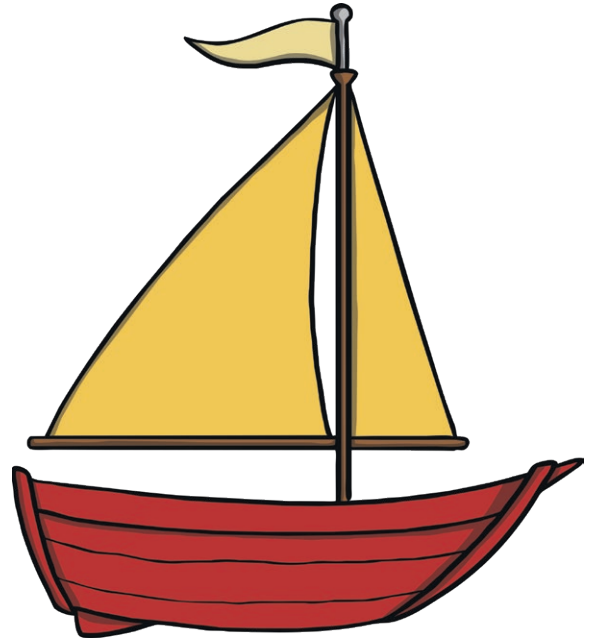
On the Water

In our little boat to glide
on the water blue and wide.
While the sky is smooth and bright,
what could give us more delight?

See the ripples, how they run;
twinkling brightly in the sun.
While reflected we can see,
shadows of each hill and tree.

See the great, green dragonfly
and the swallow skimming by.
See the fish spring and gleam
before they splash into the stream,

See the bright kingfisher, too,
dart a gleam of green and blue.
These are all around our boat
on the water while we float.



Where is the poet? Tick **one**.

- on a bridge
- in a swimming pool
- in a boat
- up in the air

1

Tick to show the thing that is doing each of these actions from the poem. The first one has been done for you.

	boat	fish	swallow	ripples
floats on the water	✓			
skims by				
springs and gleams				
twinkle brightly in the sun				
glides				

2

What can the poet see reflected in the water?

3

What colours is the kingfisher? Circle **two** answers.

red

blue

yellow

green

4

Draw three lines to match each creature with the way that it moves in this poem.

fish

darting

swallow

splashing

kingfisher

skimming

5

Tricky Two-Mark Challenge!

Can you show Rex Retriever who's boss and complete this tricky two-mark challenge?

Read the poem *On the Water*.

Put ticks in this table to show which sentences are true and which are false.

Sentence	True	False
There is more than one person in the boat.		
It is rainy and cloudy during the boat trip.		
A great, blue dragonfly skims by.		
All of the creatures are near the boat.		

