



Reading for Meaning: Pets

LEARNING GOAL

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Study -> Practise -> Talk -> Make -> Reflect

Designed for short adult-supported sessions and independent return practice.

Purpose

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Suggested rhythm

Use 10-15 minutes. Model one example, let the child try, ask how they know, then stop while attention is still positive.

Feedback

Praise the strategy, careful observation or explanation. If an answer is wrong, ask the child to show their thinking before correcting it.

Transfer

Use the hands-on task before or after the printable page so the skill connects to real objects, talk and movement.

Safety & independence

Adult supervision is expected for cutting, small objects, outdoor exploration, water, torches or elastic bands. Adapt materials to the child.

Say the words, use them in conversation, then return to them during the activities.

Detail

Use it in your own sentence or explanation.

Main Idea

Use it in your own sentence or explanation.

Clue

Use it in your own sentence or explanation.

Infer

Use it in your own sentence or explanation.

Evidence

Use it in your own sentence or explanation.

Talk prompt

Which of these words feels newest? Explain what you think it means and give an example connected to reading comprehension.

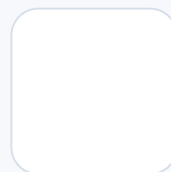
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Good readers ask: What is this mostly about? What details help me know?

2

An inference combines a text clue with something you already know.

SHOW IT ANOTHER WAY



Say it, point to it, build it, read it, explain it.

Adult: model the first item. Child: explain what you notice or how you know.

- 1 Read an original paragraph about caring for a pet rabbit.

- 2 Find two needs mentioned in the text.

- 3 Why might fresh water be checked every day?

- 4 Write the main idea in one sentence.

Work carefully. Draw, mark, build or write when that helps your thinking.

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- 2 Find two needs mentioned in the text.
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- 4 Write the main idea in one sentence.
- 5 Which sentence is a fact from the text and which is your inference?

SHOW YOUR THINKING

Use the idea in a new way

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Work carefully. Draw, mark, build or write when that helps your thinking.

1 Why might fresh water be checked every day?

2 Write the main idea in one sentence.

3 Which sentence is a fact from the text and which is your inference?

4 What would change if the pet were a fish instead?

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SHOW YOUR THINKING

Talk 1 Which sentence is a fact from the text and which is your inference?

Talk 2 What would change if the pet were a fish instead?

Talk 3 What strategy, clue or observation helped you most with reading comprehension?

Talk 4 What mistake might someone make here? How could you help them notice it?

A complete explanation is more valuable than a fast one-word answer.

DO SOMETHING REAL

Observe a real or pictured animal. Make a needs list: food, water, shelter, movement, care.

RECORD WHAT HAPPENED

What I did

What I noticed

What I would try next

CREATE CHALLENGE

Create a "good pet care" poster using facts from the reading.

Use this space to draw, label, plan or draft.

Independent challenge

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Try without help first. Then explain or check your work with a grown-up.

1 Which sentence is a fact from the text and which is your inference?

2 What would change if the pet were a fish instead?

3 Create one new example that would help another Grade 1 learner practise reading comprehension.

MY CHECK

☐ I tried a strategy ☐ I checked it ☐ I can explain one idea

ANSWER / REVIEW NOTES

- Responses should distinguish stated facts from reasonable inferences.
- Expect differences in habitat, food and care.

LEARNER REFLECTION

One thing I understand better now:

One thing I want to practise again:

One real-life example I can think of:

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