

Ashley Hill Multi Academy Trust

Guided Reading Homework

Spring Term 2026



Year 2

Name: _____

*Encourage one another and build each other
up
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Guidance:

This resource aims to test a pupil's level of fluency to this expected standard. Each 60-Second Read Activity Card features a short extract of age-appropriate text with an average word count of 90 words. The cumulative word count for each line of text is shown in the left-hand margin of each card. Each of the cards also contains a set of comprehension questions that link to the KS1 reading content domains. Each different question type has its own canine helper to remind children of what they.

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.

1a: Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.



Retrieval Questions with Rex Retriever

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

1b: Identify/explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.



Sequence Questions with Sequencing Suki

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

1c: Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.



Inference Questions with Inference Iggy

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

1d: Make inferences from the text.



Prediction Questions with Predicting Pip

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

1e: Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.

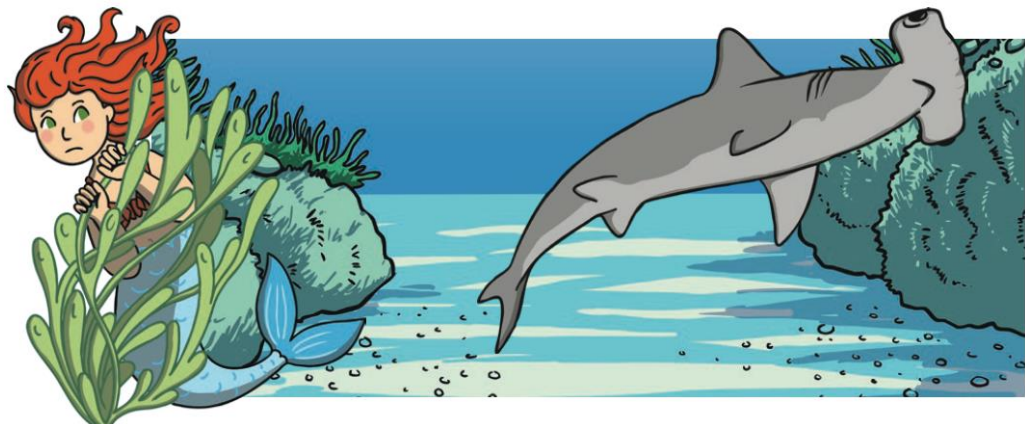


Diary of a Mermaid

5 Dear Diary

Friday 12th June

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27 the bright, beautiful sunshine. Mother asked me to visit
40 my grandma on the other side of the bay. On the way, I
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Quick Questions



1. Who did the mermaid go to visit?



2. Find and copy the expanded noun phrase used to describe the sunshine.



3. Explain why the mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck.



4. What do you think might happen next?



Dilly and the Three Monsters

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32 found a cave made from chocolate. He knocked on the
42 wall but nobody answered so he went inside. At the
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94 the soup from the small bowl. This soup was just right
106 so he ate it all up. As he was eating, the three
115 monsters came home. Dilly was so surprised that he
125 jumped over the table and ran all the way home.

Quick Questions



1. What did Dilly find in the mountains?



2. Why do you think that Dilly ran all the way home after meeting the monsters?



3. Find and copy **two** words from the text that the author has used instead of 'said'.



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

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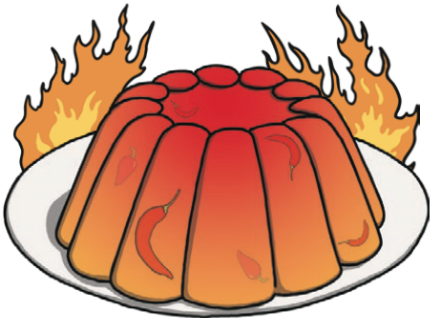
This soup is too lumpy.

Fiery Dragon Jelly

9 Did you know that dragons love to eat jelly?

12 **You Will Need:**

- 17 • two packets of red jelly;
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25 **Method:**

- 37 1. Break up the cubes of jelly and place them into a
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Quick Questions



1. How many hot chillies do you need to add to the jelly?



2. Why is the word 'carefully' used when pouring the jelly liquid?



3. Why do you think that dragons like chillies and hot sauce with their jelly?



4. Using 20 words or fewer, sum up why you should not make this jelly for your party.

Missing Unicorn

5 **Have you seen this unicorn?**

7 **Name:** Stardust

11 **Age:** 22 years old

15 **Colour:** white and blue

19 **Last seen:** Vox Zoo

20 **Description:**



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40 Wednesday night and she has not been seen since. She
52 is a shy creature so she may be difficult to track down.
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72 and horn are bright pink. Stardust is one of seven
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Quick Questions

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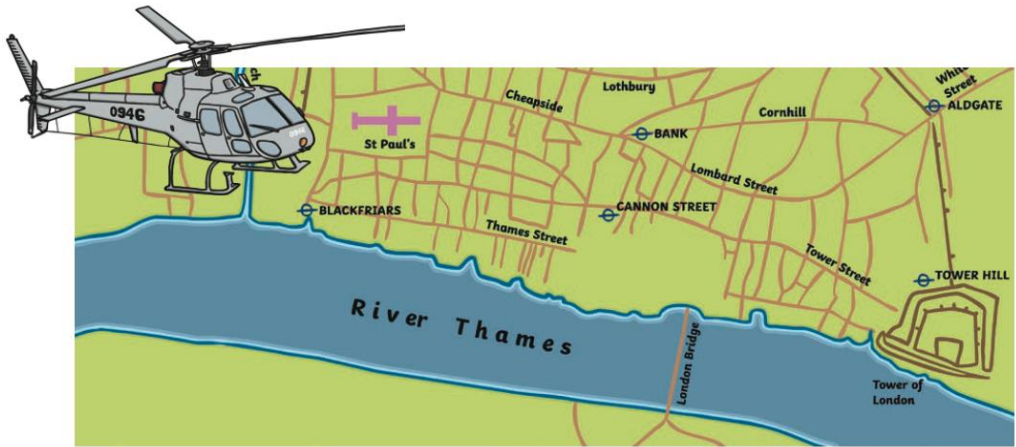
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4. Write a question about Stardust that you would like to find out the answer to.

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26 people are living and working in one of the most
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Quick Questions



1. Match these places to what you would find there.

River Thames

crown jewels

Tower of London

The Queen

Buckingham Palace

eels and oysters



2. How does the author feel about London? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.



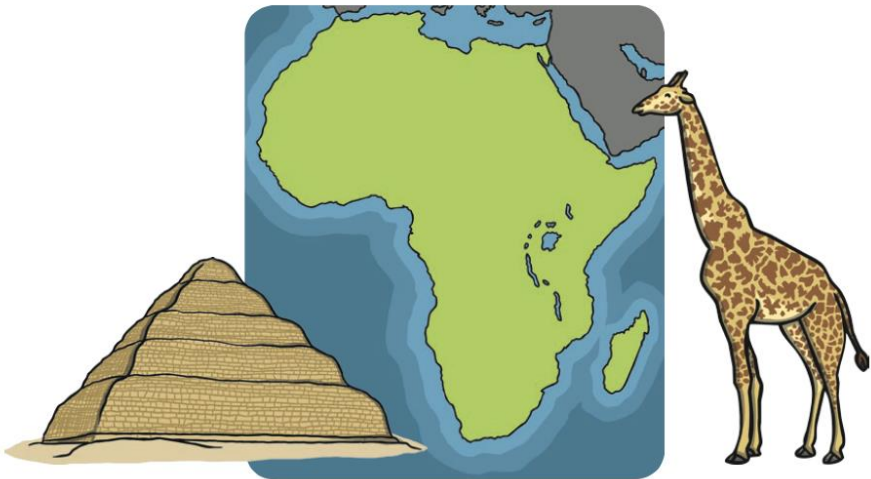
3. What might the passengers see next on the tour?



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17 United States of America, Canada and India put
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106 cheetah.



Quick Questions



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

- ☐ You can trek through the Sahara desert.
- ☐ Millions of people visit the famous pyramids.
- ☐ Africa is home to 54 countries.



2. Find and copy two mammals from the text that you may find in Africa.



3. Why might people come to Africa to look at animals on a safari?



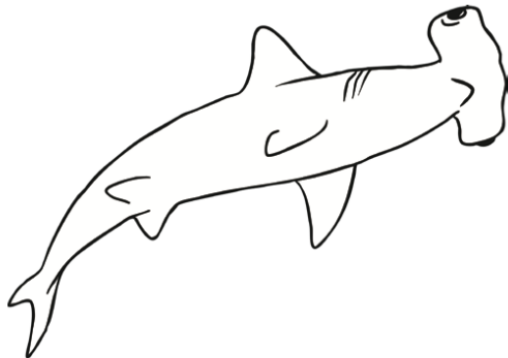
4. 'You can trek through the Sahara desert.'
In this sentence, what does 'trek' mean?

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Answers



1. Who did the mermaid go to visit?

The mermaid went to visit her grandma.



2. Find and copy the expanded noun phrase used to describe the sunshine.

the bright, beautiful sunshine



3. Explain why the mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck.

The mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck because she did not want to wake up the grumpy, old shark.



4. What do you think might happen next?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, such as: I think that the grumpy, old shark will wake up and chase the mermaid but she will be saved by her family.



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1. What did Dilly find in the mountains?

Dilly found a cave in the mountains.



2. Why do you think that Dilly ran all the way home after meeting the monsters?

Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, such as: I think that Dilly ran all the way home because he was afraid of the monsters.



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cried, moaned



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Answers

1. How many hot chillies do you need to add to the jelly?

You need to add nine hot chillies to the jelly.

2. Why is the word 'carefully' used when pouring the jelly liquid?

The word carefully is used when pouring the jelly liquid to remind the reader to take care and to not spill the hot liquid.

3. Why do you think that dragons like chillies and hot sauce with their jelly?

Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, such as: I think that dragons like chillies and hot sauce because some dragons breathe fire and the chillies make the jelly hot and fiery.

4. Using 20 words or fewer, sum up why you should not make this jelly for your party.

Accept any reasonable summary using 20 words or fewer, such as: This jelly is not suitable for your party because the chillies and hot sauce will make it too spicy.

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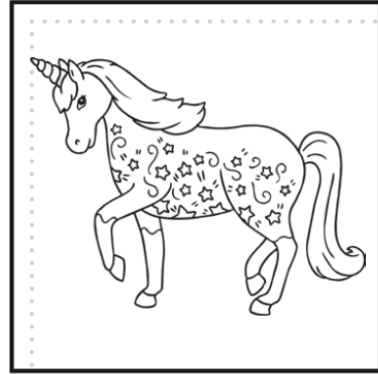
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Answers



1. How old is Stardust?

Stardust is 22 years old.



2. Where do you think that Stardust might be?

Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, such as: I think that Stardust might be hiding in an orchard because she loves eating apples.



3. Find and copy **two** adjectives which are used to describe Stardust.

Accept any two of the following: white; blue; shy; bright pink.

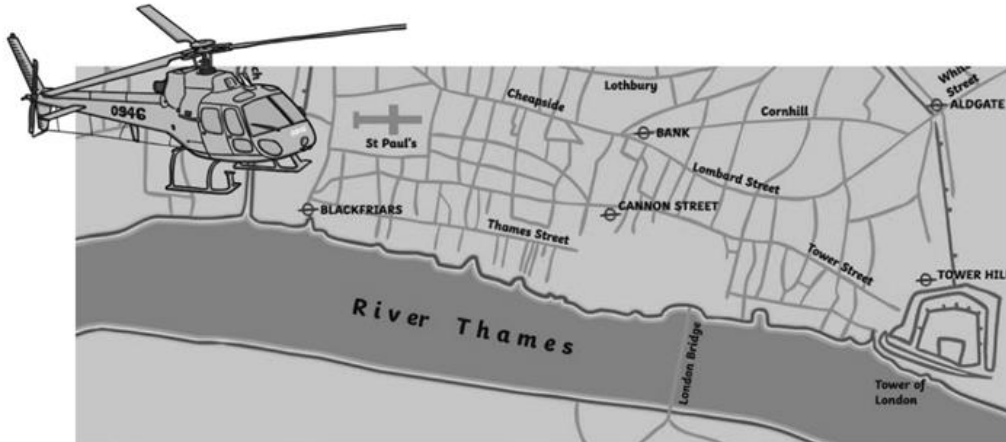


4. Write a question about Stardust that you would like to find out the answer to.

Accept any sensible question linked to Stardust, such as: Can Stardust fly?

A Helicopter Tour of London

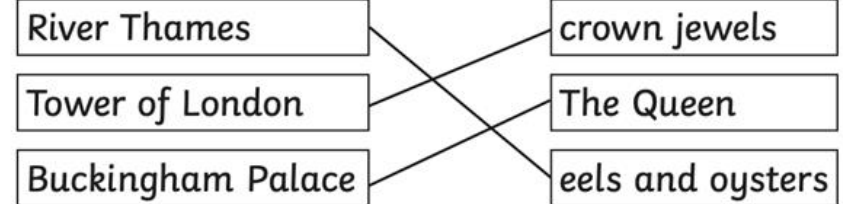
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Answers



1. Match these places to what you would find there.



2. How does the author feel about London? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
Accept any sensible inference linked to the text, e.g. The author likes London because he says 'What a fantastic city this is!'



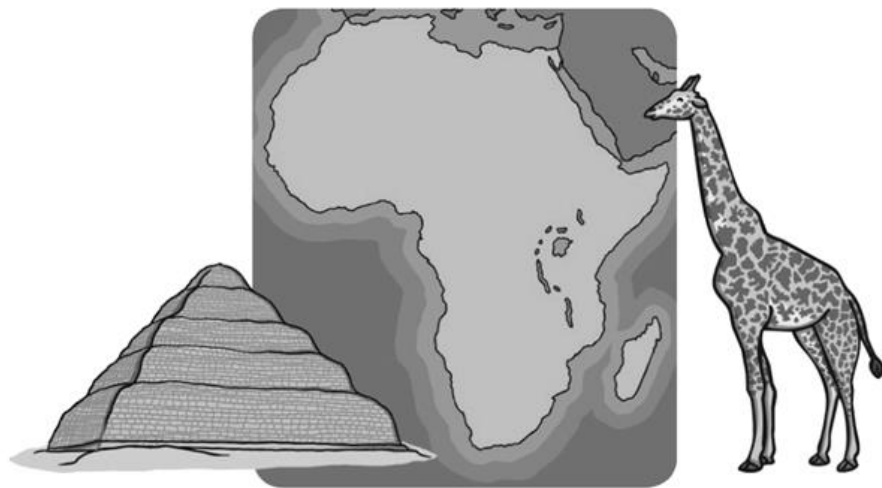
3. What might the passengers see next on the tour?
Accept any sensible prediction linked to their knowledge of the city, e.g. The passengers might see the London Eye/the Houses of Parliament/some red buses.



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beside

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Africa is home to 54 countries.



2. Find and copy two mammals from the text that you may find in Africa.

Accept any two from: elephants, giraffes and cheetahs.



3. Why might people come to Africa to look at animals on a safari?

Accept any sensible justification linked to the text, e.g. They might come to Africa because they want to see new and exotic animals that they could not see in their own country in the wild.



4. 'You can trek through the Sahara desert.'

In this sentence, what does 'trek' mean?

Accept any reasonable definition which refers to 'trek' as meaning walking/hiking, etc.