

Parent Guide



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word searches



What is this resource and how do I use it?

Support your child to prepare for the year 2 SATs with this week of workouts. Encourage them to read the text and answer the three questions, which cover skills such as retrieval, sequencing, inference and understanding of vocabulary. Over the course of the week, they will read the whole story and practise a range of reading skills.

What skills does this practise?

Reading Comprehension

Fact Retrieval

Inference

Vocabulary Understanding

Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

You might like to use this [reading skills question mat](#) when reading with your child to help them to engage and really understand what they have read. This [Year 2 Fiction and Stories: Parent Guide and Activities Pack](#) is full of great hints, tips and activities to complete.

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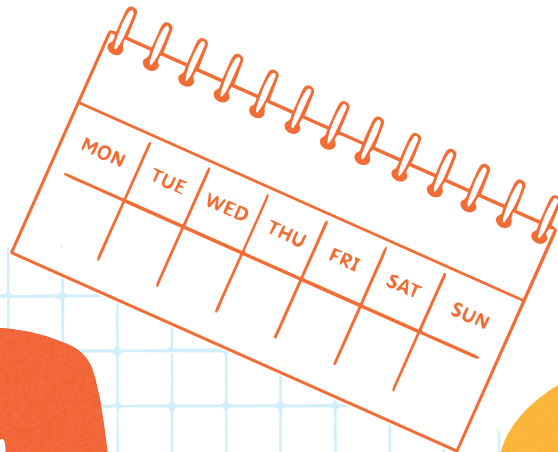
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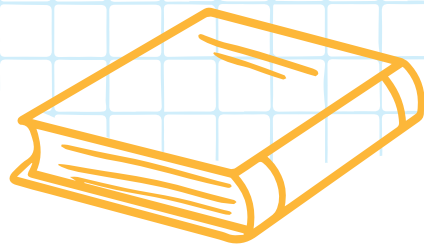
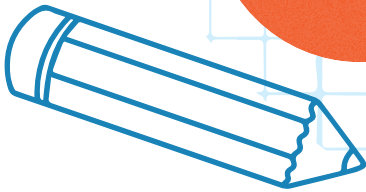
Year 2



SATS

(Ages 6 - 7)

Reading Week of Workouts



Reading Week of Workouts

Test your reading skills with this week of workouts! Read the text each day and then have a go at the three questions. The questions will check your skills in retrieval, sequencing, inference and vocabulary.

Use this timetable to record your progress: put in your score and tick or add a sticker or smiley face when you've completed each day's activity.

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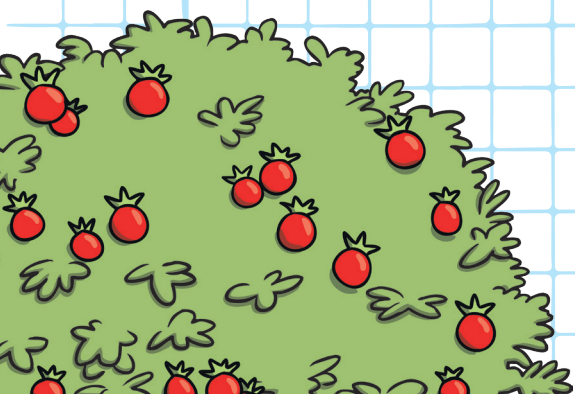
Monday

Rosa was busy playing ball in the garden. It was a bright, sunny day but the wind was strong. Taking a few steps back, she readied herself for a shot at the goal - it wasn't really a goal, but a fence panel behind the miniature apple tree at the back of the garden that she always used. She ran at the ball and booted it using the side of her foot. It rose up in the air, above the flowers, above the apple tree, above the fence panel, disappearing from view. A couple of seconds afterwards, she heard an almighty CRACK!

1. What did Rosa use as a goal?

2. Find a word in the text that means the same as 'vanishing'.

3. What word has the author used instead of 'kicked'? Why is this word effective?



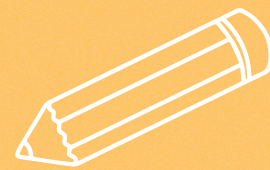
Tuesday

Rosa swallowed. She looked behind her but there was nobody around - her mum was tidying the bedrooms so maybe she hadn't heard. Rosa crept to the fence panel and looked through a gap. She could just spy the ball, not far from a wall. She looked up at the wall and saw it: the broken window. The glass was still all there, but there were cracks all over the pane.

Panicking, Rosa ran to the corner of her garden behind the shed, where the fencing had rotted away over time but had never been replaced. She could squeeze her way through there into her neighbour's garden, retrieve the ball and be back before anyone knew. After all, it was the wind that had caused this, not her. 'Why should I get the blame?' she thought.

1. Why was Rosa panicking?

- Mum had seen her.
- The window was cracked.
- She hadn't scored a goal.
- The fence was broken.



2. Why did Rosa think it was not her fault?

3. What does 'retrieve' mean?

Wednesday

Rosa looked around again, just to check that she was alone. She watched the neighbour's house for a couple of minutes as well - she didn't want to be caught in the act. There was no movement, so she decided to make a run for it.

Squeezing through the rotten fencing, she managed to make it to the other side and grab her ball. She had another quick look at the damage: there were numerous cracks, all connected to the largest middle dent. They reminded Rosa of a spider's web.

1. True or false?

Rosa picked up the ball.

She saw a spider's web.

She squeezed through the gate.

She returned to her own garden without being seen.

True

False

2. Why did Rosa watch the neighbour's house?

3. Find and copy a word that means the same as 'many'.

Thursday

Rosa turned to leave and made her way over the lawn. All of a sudden, she heard a growling and grunting sound. She sprinted to the fence and looked back. Some kind of beast charged at her, pinning her, face-first, to the fence and knocking the air out of her lungs. Its grip tightened at her shoulders and she lost her own grip on the ball. She was trapped!

After what seemed like hours, but was probably only seconds, she heard a car door slam. As quickly as the beast had arrived, it loosened its grip and then let go of her, leaving her panting and shaking. She pushed her body through the rotten fence back into her own garden, forgetting all about her ball. She dropped down on the grass, relieved to have escaped.

1. How does the author show that Rosa is scared?

2. What made the beast leave Rosa alone?

3. 'She was trapped!' Why has the author used an exclamation mark at the end of this sentence?

Friday

Rosa sat for a while on the grass, hoping for her breathing to return to normal and willing herself to stop trembling. She could hear quiet voices in her neighbour's garden and a door opening and closing. She didn't dare go to look through the fence again, just in case the beast was there, lying in wait for her.

The back door opened. "Rosa!" called her mum, "It's time for tea!"

"Coming," said Rosa, pulling herself up off the ground.

She ate little at dinnertime and was quiet too.

"What's wrong?" asked her mum. "You don't seem yourself."

"I'm fine - just a bit tired." Rosa replied, faking a yawn.

Just then, the doorbell rang and Rosa's mum went to answer the door.

1. Why didn't Rosa want to look through the fence again?

2. Why did Rosa fake a yawn?

3. Why do you think Rosa didn't tell her mum about the beast?

Saturday

Rosa could hear voices at the door as she picked at her dinner.

After a few minutes, the kitchen door opened and her mum appeared, followed by her neighbour. Rosa shrank in her chair as she noticed the neighbour holding the football.

“Rosa, Mrs Monks has brought your ball back. She also said that her window is cracked. Was it you?”

At this point, Rosa thought it was pointless to lie - after all, her ball being in their garden was proof that she'd kicked it over. She spoke quickly. “Yes, but mum I didn't mean to... I was shooting at the goal... the wind pulled the ball over the fence... but... but... I didn't mean to and I thought you'd be cross and I tried to get it back but the beast appeared and chased me and -”

“Beast?” interrupted her mum. “What beast?”

“Oh, it was awful, Mum!” sobbed Rosa, hot tears streaming down her red face. “It trapped me against the fence and was snarling at me. I thought I'd never escape!” she buried her head in her hands and cried.

1. Why did Rosa shrink in her chair?

2. How do you know that Rosa is upset? Find two examples.

3. Why did Rosa think it was pointless to lie?

Sunday

As she cried into her arms, Rosa suddenly heard a laugh. How could anyone be laughing at her when she had been so scared? She heard a voice say her name gently.

“Rosa? You must have met my new dog, Rocco. He’s big, but he’s harmless - in fact, he’s a complete softie!” explained Mrs Monks. “He loves jumping up to people - it’s his way of saying hello and asking to play.”

Rosa lifted her head to see her neighbour smiling kindly at her. Mrs Monks patted Rosa’s hand. “You’ll have to come and meet him properly - he’d love a visit every now and again.”

Rosa thought back. The beast wasn’t a beast at all! He hadn’t actually hurt her; he had only wanted to play. Rosa sighed. “I’m so sorry about your window,” she said quietly. “I really didn’t mean to do it.”

“And I’m sorry Rocco scared you,” replied Mrs Monks.





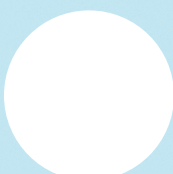
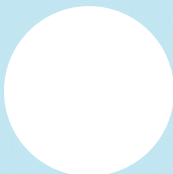
They smiled at each other.

“Rocco’s favourite game is football - he loves chasing the ball - so you’ll get on just fine!”

1. How did Rosa feel when she heard someone laugh?

2. Who is Rocco?

3. Number the events in the correct order:

Event	Order
Mrs Monks came to the door with Rosa's football.	
Rosa went into her neighbour's garden to get her ball.	
A beast pinned Rosa against the fence.	
Rosa kicked the ball over the fence.	
Mrs Monks explained that Rosa must have met her new dog, Rocco.	
The ball cracked the window of her neighbour's house.	

Answers

Monday

1. What did Rosa use as a goal?

She used a fence panel.

2. Find a word in the text that means the same as 'vanishing'.

disappearing

3. What word has the author used instead of 'kicked'? Why is this word effective?

'Booted' - It is effective because it sounds like she is using a lot of force to kick the ball.

Tuesday

1. Why was Rosa panicking?

The window was cracked.

2. Why did Rosa think it was not her fault?

It was a windy day and she thought the wind had taken the ball.

3. What does retrieve mean?

Retrieve means to get or bring something back from somewhere.

Wednesday

1. True or false?

	True	False
Rosa picked up the ball.	x	
She saw a spider's web.		x
She squeezed through the gate.		x
She returned to her own garden without being seen.		x

2. Why did Rosa watch the neighbour's house?

To make sure there was nobody around to catch her.

3. Find and copy a word that means the same as 'many'.

numerous

Thursday

1. How does the author show that Rosa is scared?

Rosa was panting and shaking. It says she was relieved to have escaped.

2. What made the beast leave Rosa alone?

The sound of the car door slamming.

3. 'She was trapped!'

Why has the author used an exclamation mark at the end of this sentence?

Friday

1. Why didn't Rosa want to look through the fence again?

She was worried that the beast might be there, waiting for her.

2. Why did Rosa fake a yawn?

She had lied to her mum that she was tired and she wanted her mum to believe her.

3. Why do you think Rosa didn't tell her mum about the beast?

She was worried about getting told off for kicking her ball into the neighbour's garden and breaking the window.

Saturday

1. Why did Rosa shrink in her chair?

She saw the neighbour was holding the ball and she was embarrassed and worried.

2. How do you know that Rosa is upset? Find two examples.

She sobbed, tears were falling down her face, she buried her head in her arms.

3. Why did Rosa think it was pointless to lie?

She knew that her ball being found in her neighbour's garden was proof that she had kicked it over and broken the window.

Sunday

1. How did Rosa feel when she heard someone laugh?

Cross - she was angry that someone could be laughing when she had been so upset.

2. Who is Rocco?

Rocco is Rosa's neighbour's new dog.

3. Number the events in the correct order:

Event	Order
Mrs Monks came to the door with Rosa's football.	5
Rosa went into her neighbour's garden to get her ball.	3
A beast pinned Rosa against the fence.	4
Rosa kicked the ball over the fence.	1
Mrs Monks explained that Rosa must have met her new dog, Rocco.	6
The ball cracked the window of her neighbour's house.	2