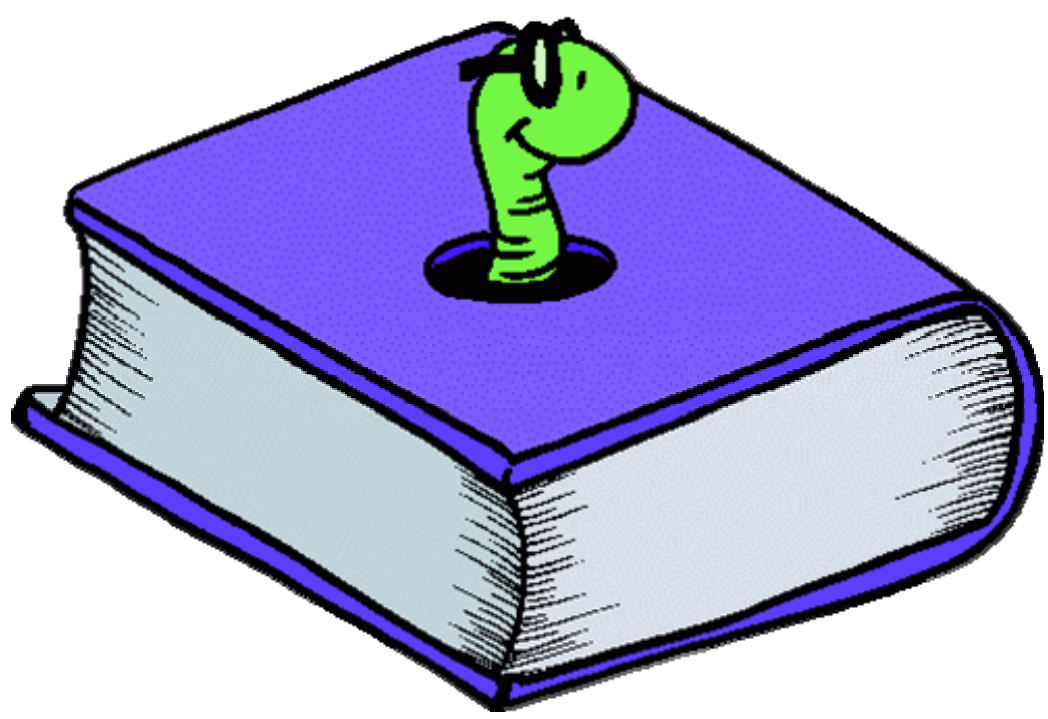
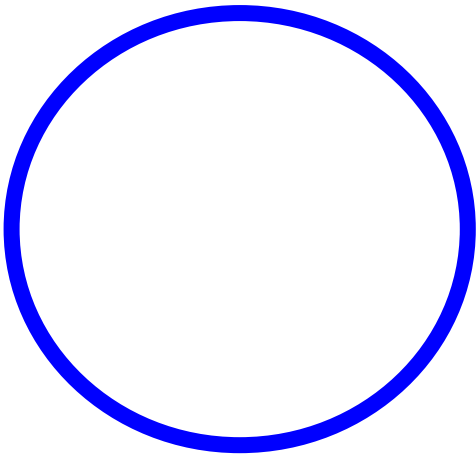


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# A New Front Cover

Use the space below to design a new front cover for a fiction book you've just been reading. Don't forget to include the title, author's name and an eye-catching illustration.



# How to Feed Your Rabbit

Read the information about feeding rabbits. Then look at the sentences below. You need to decide if the sentence is 'true' or 'false'.

Make sure your rabbit's bowl is too heavy for her to tip over. Do not use a plastic bowl. Your pet might chew it and hurt herself on the broken pieces.

A drip-fed water bottle with a stainless steel spout is the safest and cleanest way of giving your pet fresh water.

Keep a small piece of wood in the hutch for your rabbit to gnaw on. This will stop her teeth growing too long.

Feed your pet rabbit two small meals a day and don't put out too much food as rabbits can get very fat.

A rabbit will quickly get used to a regular feeding routine, so try and feed your pet at the same times each day.


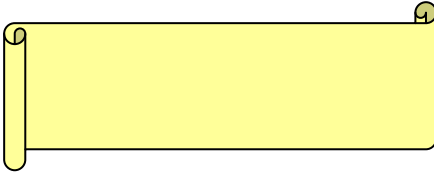
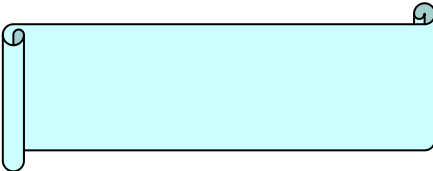
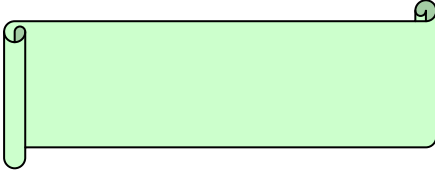
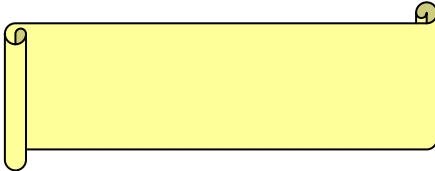
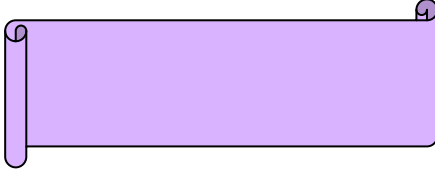

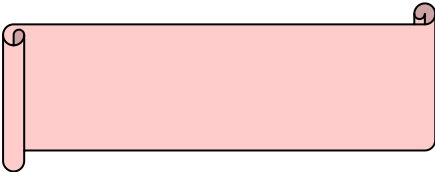
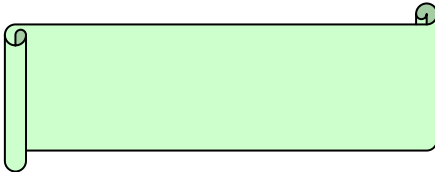
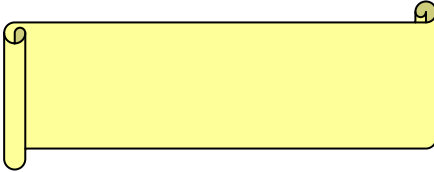
	True or false?
1. The best food bowls for rabbits are made of plastic.	
2. Rabbits' teeth go on growing.	
3. Rabbits never eat more than they need.	
4. You should try to feed your rabbit at the same times every day.	
5. Rabbits have sharp teeth.	
6. You should never give rabbits water to drink.	
7. Rabbits need four large meals a day.	
8. Pet rabbits should be given wood to bite and chew.	
9. A rabbit's food bowl needs to be quite heavy.	
10. Feed your rabbit when it looks hungry.	



# Powerful Verbs

Verbs are used to tell you what the characters in your book are *doing* – but they can also give you an idea of *how* they are doing it. For example, ‘screamed’ has a very different effect to ‘said’.

Find other examples of powerful verbs in the book you are reading and write them down in the boxes below.



# In Our Playground

Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

In our playground we can run,  
And laugh and joke and have some fun,

Children skipping, shouting names,  
All of them play different games,

Twirling, pointing, never still,  
Lots of things to do until...

The whistle blows, the bell goes.  
SILENCE!

*Claire Colling*

1. Where are the children playing?

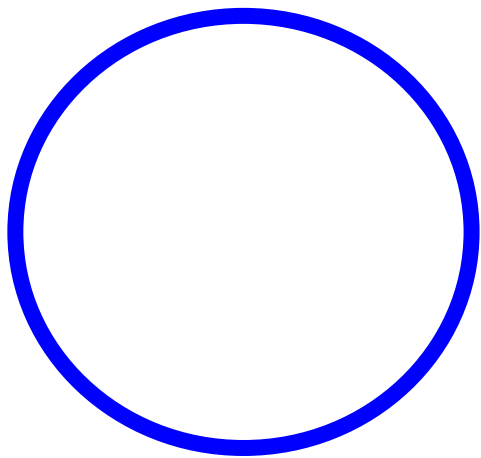
2. Name two things the children are doing in the playground.

3. Pick out two words which tell you how the children are moving.

4. Do you think the children are happy? Why?

5. What stops the children's fun?

6. How is the playground different at the end of the poem?



# Adding ING

Look at the words at the bottom of the page. Write them out again adding 'ing'.

## Rules:

- If a word ends in 'e' after a consonant, take away the e and add ing.  
e.g shine = shining
- If a word ends in a single consonant after one vowel double it up and add 'ing' - unless it's y or w.  
e.g ban = banning BUT buy = buying
- Otherwise just add 'ing' onto the word.

speak		bake	
hit		share	
dine		hide	
rub		jump	
say		give	
blow		grin	
shout		win	
scream		draw	
shine		play	
run		ban	



# P.E. POEM

Read the poem and then fill in the missing words in the sentences below.

Knees up,  
legs stretch,  
reach up tall!  
Arms bend,  
head down,  
curl up in a ball!

Race now,  
Chase now,  
left foot, hop!  
Skip again,  
scissor-jump,  
and then  
STOP!

Judith Nicholls

1. The children had to stretch their \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. They had to curl up in a \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Each of the children had to hop on their \_\_\_\_\_ foot.

4. After the scissor-jump they had to \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Which word in the poem rhymes with tall? \_\_\_\_\_

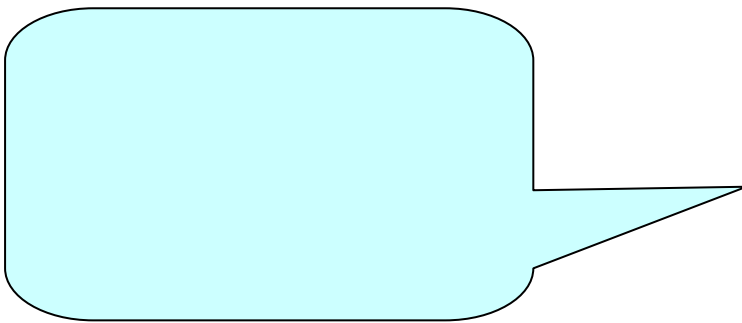
6. Underline all of the verbs in the poem.

7. Re-write the verbs adding 'ing' to the end of them.



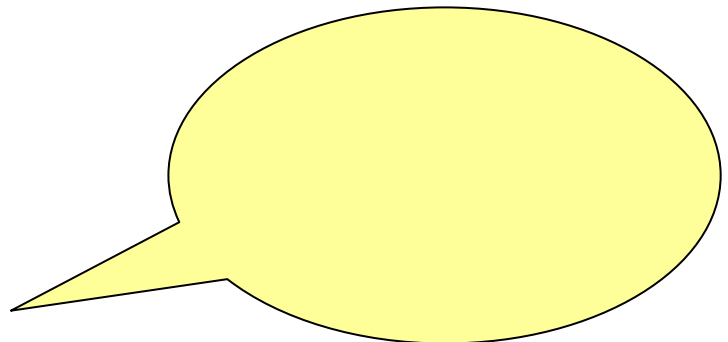

## How Many Times Must I Tell You?

1. Find an example in your book where dialogue is presented as a *question*. [?]
2. Find an example in your book where dialogue is presented as a *exclamation*. [!]
2. Find an example in your book where dialogue is presented as a *statement*. [.]



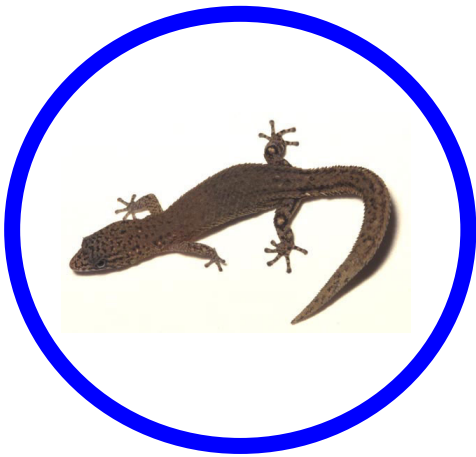
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statement





# I am Better than You

Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow.

One day on a vine, a lizard named Sam met a lizard named Pete.  
“Get out of my way!” said Sam.  
“Why?” asked Pete.  
“Because,” said Sam, “I am the best lizard there is!”  
“Why?” asked Pete.  
“Why what?” asked Sam.  
“Why are you the best lizard there is?” asked Pete.  
“Because I am!” said Sam.  
“But you look just like me,” said Pete.  
“No,” said Sam. “I am pretty. You are not.”  
“Oh,” said Pete. “I did not see that.”  
“I am much better than you,” said Sam. “I can do things that you can’t.”  
“Like what?” asked Pete.  
“I can catch a fly,” said Sam.  
Zap! Sam got a fly.  
“I can do that,” said Pete.  
Zop! Pete got a fly too.

1. Why did Sam think he was better than Pete?

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2. What could Pete do just as well as Sam?

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3. Which of the following

*friendly*      *boastful*      *hungry*

4. Is it true that Pete believed everything that Sam said?

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5. Write down three words from the story that rhyme with “fly”.



# Beginnings

Choose a book that you would like to read and read the first page.

What is the name of the book?

What words and phrases has the author used to describe the setting?

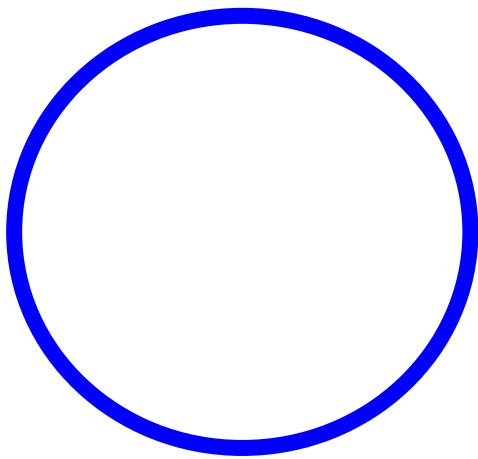
When does the story take place? How do you know?

Are there any clues about the time of day or the weather? What are they?

Which characters have been introduced?

What do you think the characters will be like? What clues has the author given you?

What do you think this story will be about?



# Two Sisters and the Cat

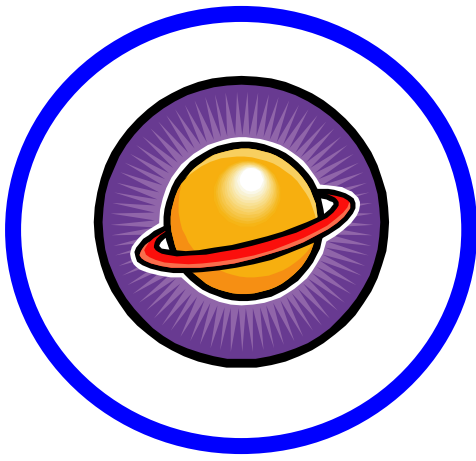
Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Smith are sisters. Mrs. Wilson lives in a house in London and Mrs. Smith lives in a flat in Essex. One day Mrs. Wilson visited her sister. When her sister answered the door, Mrs. Wilson saw tears in her eyes. "What's the matter?" she asked. Mrs. Smith said "My cat Sammy died last night and I have no place to bury him".

She began to cry again. Mrs. Wilson was very sad because she knew her sister loved the cat very much. Suddenly Mrs. Wilson said "I can bury your cat in my garden in London and you can come and visit him sometimes." Mrs. Smith stopped crying and the two sisters had tea together and a nice visit.

It was now five o'clock and Mrs. Wilson said it was time for her to go home. She put on her hat, coat and gloves and Mrs. Smith put Sammy into a shopping basket. Mrs. Wilson took the basket and walked to the bus stop. She waited a long time for the bus so she bought a newspaper. When the bus arrived, she got on the bus, sat down and put the shopping basket on the floor beside her feet. She then began to read the newspaper. When the bus arrived at her bus stop, she got off the bus and walked for about two minutes. Suddenly she remembered she had left the shopping basket on the bus!

<b>1</b>	<b>Where does Mrs. Smith live?</b>
a)	In a flat in London
b)	In a flat in Essex
c)	In a house in London
<b>2</b>	<b>Why was Mrs. Smith upset?</b>
a)	because her sister came to see her
b)	because her cat died
c)	because Mrs. Wilson was sad
<b>3</b>	<b>Who did Sammy the cat belong to?</b>
a)	Mrs. Wilson
b)	Mrs. Smith
c)	Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Smith
<b>4</b>	<b>At what time did Mrs. Wilson go home?</b>
a)	when the bus arrived
b)	at 5 o'clock
c)	after she walked for 2 minutes
<b>5</b>	<b>What did Mrs. Wilson leave on the bus?</b>
a)	the newspaper
b)	her handbag
c)	the shopping basket



# Is it Fiction or Non-Fiction?

Choose a book and look at it carefully.  
Tick the box if the book has the features identified.

Title:

Author:

Blurb

Contents page

Index

Glossary

Bibliography

Photographs

Drawings

Diagrams

Characters

Speech marks

I think this book is

fiction

or

non-fiction

because



# Tigers

Read the information about tigers. Then look at the sentences below. You need to decide if the sentence is 'true' or 'false'.

Tigers belong to the cat family. They can be found in the cold, snowy environments of Siberia. Here they have long, thick fur to keep them warm. They also live in warm places such as jungles in India.

Tigers do not live in herds or packs like some animals but hunt on their own.

A male tiger is bigger than a female tiger but apart from this they look the same. They have orange fur and black stripes. The stripes help them to hide in the grass and in trees. Some tigers have white fur but there are not many of these in the world.

Tigers rest in the day and hunt at night. They like to catch deer and wild pig but they will eat almost any animal. Tigers are not really fast runners so they have to creep very close to their prey and then pounce.

	True or false?
1. A female tiger is bigger than a male tiger.	
2. Tigers live and hunt alone.	
3. Tigers belong to the cat family.	
4. Most tigers have orange fur and black stripes.	
5. Tigers hunt at night.	
6. Tigers will only eat deer and wild pig.	
7. Tigers cannot run very fast.	
8. Tigers only live in hot places.	



# Book Review 'I Have Just Read'

Answer the following questions about the book you've just read.

I have just read \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

I liked the part when \_\_\_\_\_

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I didn't like \_\_\_\_\_

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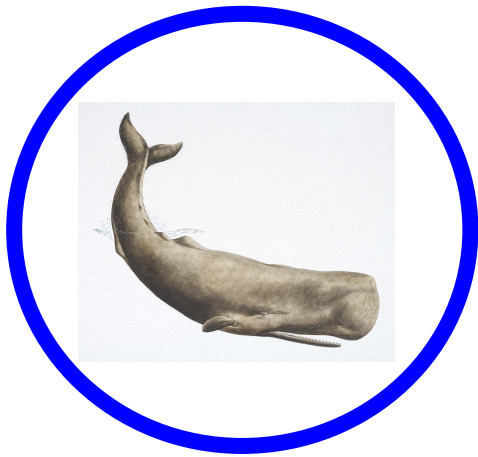
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because

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I would / would not recommend this book to a friend  
because \_\_\_\_\_

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# Whales

Read the information about whales and then answer the questions below.

Whales live in seas and oceans, but they need air to breathe. Whales can hold their breath for an hour or more under water, but then they come up to the top of the sea to breathe. They have flippers to help them swim. Most whales eat sea plants called plankton. You cannot see plankton because they are very small.

The blue whale is the largest animal in the world. It can be 30 metres long. That is about as long as two buses. It can weigh as much as 100 tons. That is about the weight of 20 elephants!

Whales can talk to each other by making noises under water. Some whales can communicate with each other even when they are 100 kilometres apart.

Some whales are hunted and killed, but most countries in the world now try to protect whales.

1. Where do whales live?

2. For how long can whales hold their breath?

3. Which is the largest animal in the world?

4. What do most whales eat?

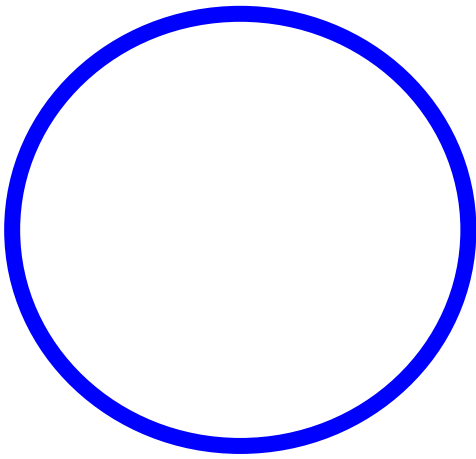
5. What do whales have to help them swim?

6. Which fact tells you that the blue whale is heavy?

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7. Why do you think we should protect blue whales?

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# Capital Letters and Full Stops

Copy out the sentences below, adding capital letters and full stops in the correct places.

my little brother's name is ben

our house is on southport road

we live in madrid

when i grow up i would like to be a footballer

i do not like carrots

my dad takes me to school on mondays

today is saturday

helen and thomas went to france

our teacher's name is miss davidson



# Your 3 Favourite Books For This Term



Title:  
Author:

Why this is **THE BEST!**



Title:  
Author:

Why this is **2<sup>nd</sup> best:**



Title:  
Author:

Why this is **3<sup>rd</sup> best:**