

Year 6 SATs

Reading Revision & Practice Booklet: Rex Retriever



Name: _____

Who is Rex Retriever?

Rex Retriever is the clever canine who helps with reading content domain **2b**:



Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.

This means that he is there to help you find **key pieces of information** within the text you are reading.

He helps you do this by looking through the text for a specific answer.

With Rex Retriever questions, the answer you are looking for is always in the text somewhere...you just have to find and **retrieve** it!

What sort of questions might Rex Retriever ask?

Rex Retriever will always ask questions which involve you finding the answer within the text. The questions will often start with **who**, **what**, **where**, **why** or **when**? He has been known to ask:

- Which paragraph tells us _____ ?
- Who are the key characters in the book?
- Who is telling the story? How do you know?
- What does the word _____ mean?
- Where/when is the story set? How do you know?
- Can you find and copy a word or phrase that tells us how the character is feeling?



Panic



Jade was shopping with Dad and her little brother, Bobby.

“Are we nearly done yet? I’m so bored!” she complained.

“Almost,” replied Dad. “Just one more shop and then we can go home.”

He guided Bobby’s pushchair through the crowd of shoppers, whose sole aim seemed to be to get in their way. Jade’s feet ached and she was cold. Shopping was so dull, but she knew it had to be done. Dad was

looking for a special birthday present for Grandad’s 60th birthday.

They came at last, to a tiny shop down a cobbled side street, filled to the brim with ‘unusual and unique gifts to suit every occasion,’ Jade read as she opened the door.

Once inside, it was plain to see that the pushchair would not fit down the narrow spaces amongst the tables groaning with memorabilia, so Bobby would have to walk.

To a child as inquisitive as Bobby, being released from his harness in a shop such as this was a treat. His eyes lit up as he surveyed his surroundings.

“Now Bobby, stay close,” commanded Dad as he began to feast his eyes on the wonderful variety of things that would be perfect for grandad. His attention was caught by an old camera and Bobby seized that moment to disappear.

“Dad!” whispered Jade urgently, tugging on his arm. “Where’s Bobby?”

They looked around; there was no sign of the mischievous three-year-old.

“Bobby?” called Dad: his voice rose in panic. He began looking under the tables as he made his way around the shop calling Bobby’s name. Other shoppers joined in and soon the shop was ringing with sound of the little boy’s name being called over and over.

Jade’s eyes stung as she fought back the tears. Where could he be? She should have kept an eye on him while Dad was busy.

Suddenly, she heard a giggle. She looked down and saw a shoe peeking out from under a cloth that covered a table filled with war memorabilia. She lifted the cloth and there he was, trying on an old helmet for size! “Bobby!” she exclaimed as she gathered him in her arms. “Dad! He’s over here.”

Dad rushed over, relief filling his face. “Let’s buy this and get home!” he said, grabbing the camera and heading for the till.

Let's have a go at answering a Rex Retriever question, step by step:

1. Find and underline the sentence that tells us what Dad buys.
2. Look at the options in the question. Which one is part of the sentence you underlined?
3. Check the number of answers you need to give and clearly mark the answer in the way you are asked to.

Now have a go at answering some questions on your own using the top tips.

1

What did Dad decide to buy for Grandad? Tick **one**.

- a helmet
- a camera
- memorabilia
- a gift



Why were the family shopping? Tick **one**.

- to buy a birthday present
- to buy a card
- because they needed fresh air
- to buy something for dinner

2

What type of shop are the family visiting when Bobby goes missing?

3

Find and **copy two** words that describe the character of Bobby.

1. _____
2. _____

4

**Jade's eyes stung as she fought back the tears. Where could he be?
She should have kept an eye on him while Dad was busy.**

What does this tell us about how Jade was feeling after she noticed Bobby was missing? Circle **two**.

upset

angry

bored

guilty

5

Shadow

I awake, vaguely aware that it is morn,
Shadows fill my world and have since I was born.

I do not miss what I have never had,
My mind creates my world - for that, I'm glad.

I imagine vermilion, turquoise, indigo,
Between the shadows, I sense a faint glow.
Day, night, evening, all much the same to me,
My imagination runs wild for what I cannot see.

Time to greet the day, I step out of my bed,
I reach for my trusty stick, ready for the tasks ahead.
Opening my door, I'm greeted by a warm, soft touch,
My faithful guide dog, Rex, whom I love so much.

List **two** clues that show the poet is blind.

1

Tick **one** box in each row to say whether the statement is **true** or **false**.

Statement	True	False
The poem is set during the early morning.		
Vermilion is a number.		
The poet has a pet.		
The poet has been blind since birth.		

2

Circle the correct option to complete the sentence.

The poet can see...

nothing.

her dog.

light.

colours.

3

What does Rex do when the bedroom door is opened?

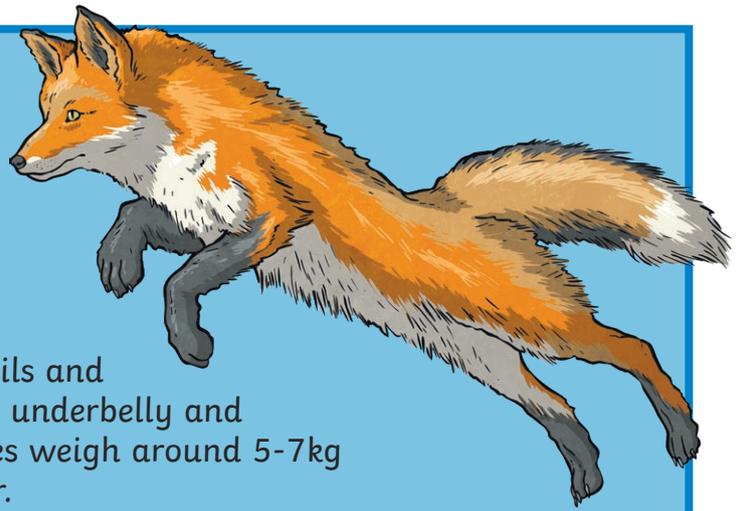
4

What are the poet's feelings towards Rex and how is Rex described in the text?

5

The Red Fox

Foxes are mainly nocturnal mammals, commonly spotted in both the countryside and in urban areas in the United Kingdom.



Appearance

Red foxes have reddish-brown coats, bushy tails and pointed, black-tipped ears. They have a white underbelly and the tips of their tails are white. Adult red foxes weigh around 5-7kg and can grow up to 40cm tall at the shoulder.

Diet

Red foxes are omnivores: they will eat voles, rabbits and other small mammals, as well as birds, fruit and eggs. They also scavenge for food waste. Red foxes often hunt at night. As they have specially adapted eyes, they are successful predators.

Habitat

Red foxes live in dens, which are often burrows that have been abandoned by other animals. The burrows can typically be found in forests and in grasslands, but foxes also adapt well to human environments. Despite being more common in Europe, red foxes can also be found in North America and in parts of Asia and Africa.

Interesting Facts

Red foxes can run up to speeds of 30mph. They can jump around 90cm and can scramble over 1.8m fences.

They give birth to one litter per year (usually about five cubs) and the parents raise the cubs together.

Red foxes communicate with each other using up to 28 different sounds.

Many people consider foxes to be pests and think that steps should be taken to keep their population under control. Others believe that this beautiful species should be protected and that foxes can live peacefully, side by side with humans. The sport of fox hunting was made illegal in 2004, although some people objected to this and some want fox hunting to be made legal again.

List **two** features that describe a red fox's appearance.

1. _____
2. _____

Where in the text can you find information about the eating habits of red foxes?

2

According to the text, what enables red foxes to hunt at night?

3

Look at the section headed: **Interesting Facts**. Tick **one** box to complete the sentence below.

Many people consider foxes to be pests and think that...

- this beautiful species should be protected.
- steps should be taken to keep their population under control.
- they can live peacefully, side by side with humans.
- they live in forests and in grasslands.

4

Which word tells us that fox hunting is **not** allowed?

5

Answers

Panic

1. What did Dad decide to buy for Grandad? Tick **one**.

- a helmet
- a camera**
- memorabilia
- a gift

2. Why were the family shopping? Tick **one**.

- to buy a birthday present**
- to buy a card
- because they needed fresh air
- to buy something for dinner

3. What type of shop are the family visiting when Bobby goes missing?

The family are visiting a gift shop when Bobby goes missing.

Accept also: a shop that sells memorabilia/helmets/cameras

4. **Find** and **copy two** words that describe the character of Bobby.

Inquisitive, mischievous

5. **Jade's eyes stung as she fought back the tears. Where could he be? She should have kept an eye on him while Dad was busy.**

What does this tell us about how Jade was feeling after she noticed Bobby was missing? Circle **two**.

upset

angry

bored

guilty

Shadows

1. List **two** clues that show the poet is blind.

Pupils' own responses, such as: The poet says that shadows fill their world and have since they were born; they say they imagine colours; they say their imagination runs wild for what they cannot see; they say they use a stick; they have a guide dog.

2. Tick **one** box in each row to say whether the statement is **true** or **false**.

Statement	True	False
The poem is set during the early morning.	✓	
Vermilion is a number.		✓
The poet has a pet.	✓	
The poet has been blind since birth.	✓	

3. Circle the correct option to complete the sentence.

The poet can see...

nothing.

her dog.

light.

colours.

4. What does Rex do when the bedroom door is opened?

Rex greets the poet with a warm, soft touch when the bedroom door is opened.

5. What are the poet's feelings towards the dog and how is Rex described in the text?

The poet loves the dog and describes Rex as faithful.

The Red Fox

1. List **two** features that describe a red fox's appearance.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Red foxes have reddish-brown coats and bushy tails; Red foxes have pointed, black-tipped ears and a long black nose; Red foxes have a white underbelly and the tips of their tails are white.

2. Where in the text can you find information about the eating habits of red foxes?

I can find information about the eating habits of red foxes in the section with the sub-heading called 'Diet.'

3. According to the text, what enables red foxes to hunt at night?

Their specially adapted eyes enable red foxes to hunt at night.

4. Look at the section headed: **Interesting Facts**. Tick **one** box to complete the sentence below.

Many people consider foxes to be pests and think that...

- this beautiful species should be protected.
- steps should be taken to keep their population under control.**
- they can live peacefully, side by side with humans.
- they live in forests and in grasslands.

5. Which word tells us that fox hunting is not allowed?

illegal

Extended Response Challenge

Can you use evidence from the text and **two** acceptable points to score all three marks on this challenge question?

Using evidence from the text to support your answer, record the different opinions that people have about foxes.

Acceptable points:

AP1. Foxes are pests.

AP2. Foxes should be protected.

AP3. Foxes are beautiful.

AP4. Foxes can live peacefully, side by side with humans.

AP5. People should be allowed to kill foxes.

Award 3 marks for two opposing acceptable points, at least one with evidence, e.g.

- The text calls foxes a 'beautiful species,' which means that the writer likes foxes, but some people do not like foxes and want to hunt them. [AP3 + evidence and AP5]
- Many people think that foxes are pests because they scavenge, but others think that they can live peacefully alongside humans. [AP1 + evidence and AP4]

Award 2 marks for two acceptable points, e.g.

- Foxes are pests and foxes are beautiful. [AP1 and AP3]
- People should be allowed to kill foxes and they should be protected. [AP5 and AP2]

Award 1 mark for a vague answer that does not quote from the text, e.g.

Some people like them, other people don't.

Award no marks for the following:

People have different opinions about them. (quoted from the question)