

Improving Your Reading Skills with...

Vocabulary Victor



What Does **Vocabulary Victor** Do?

Vocabulary Victor helps with content domain **1a**:

Draw on knowledge of **vocabulary** to understand texts.

This means that he is there to help you to think about the **words** the author uses.

He might help you to work out **what words mean**, ask you to **find words** the author has used or give another word which **means the same** as one of the author's choices.

Where Have We Seen **Vocabulary Victor**?

The kind of questions that Vocabulary Victor helps with appear quite a lot in SATs papers. Here are some recent examples:

7 Then she had an idea...

The word *idea* means...

Tick **one**.

a dream.	<input type="checkbox"/>	a feeling.	<input type="checkbox"/>
a thought.	<input type="checkbox"/>	an adventure.	<input type="checkbox"/>

8 Find and copy **two** words that describe how scared the king was.

1. _____

2. _____

9 Find and copy **one** word which tells you that Monster was not feeling well in the boat.

15 Look at the section headed: **Re-use**

Find and copy the word that means the same as "given away".

17 my neck hides in a scarf

What does this mean?

Tick **one**.

The child's neck is hurting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The child's neck is covered.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The child is playing hide and seek.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The child's scarf is lost.	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 Draw lines to match the words below to their meaning.

words	meanings
Re-use	use the same thing more than once
Reduce	turn an object into something else
Recycle	use less of something

Click on the image of each question to find out more.



The 'Tick the Meaning' Question

7

Then she had an idea...

The word *idea* means...

Tick **one**.

a dream.

☐

a feeling.

☐

a thought.

☐

an adventure.

☐

This type of question will give you a phrase from the text. It will pick one word from that phrase and ask you to tick a word which means the **same thing**. These are called **synonyms**.

The 'Explain the Meaning' Question

17

my neck hides in a scarf

What does this mean?

Tick **one**.

The child's neck
is hurting.

☐

The child's neck
is covered.

☐

The child is playing
hide and seek.

☐

The child's
scarf is lost.

☐

This type of question will give you a phrase from the text. It will ask to you explain what that phrase means. You will get answers to choose from.
Read them all carefully before deciding.

The 'Find and Copy' Question

17 *my neck hides in a scarf*

What does this mean?

Tick **one**.

The child's neck
is hurting.

☐

The child's neck
is covered.

☐

The child is playing
hide and seek.

☐

The child's
scarf is lost.

☐

This type of question will ask you to look at the text you have read. You have to find a word that is in the text which shows what the questions is asking for.

The answer you give has to be **exactly** what is in the text.



The 'Multiple Answers' Question

8

Find and **copy two** words that describe how scared the king was.

1. _____

2. _____

This type of question asks you for more than one answer.
You have to give two different words from the text that describe the same thing.

Both answers have to be exactly as they are in the text.

The 'Find Its Twin' Question

15 Look at the section headed: **Re-use**

Find and **copy** the word that means the same as “given away”.

This type of question will give you a specific part of the text to look at. It asks you to find a word in that part of the text which means the same as a word they have given.

Make sure that your answer is a word that is actually in the text.

The 'Match the Meaning' Question

17

Draw lines to match the words below to their meaning.

words

Re-use

Reduce

Recycle

meanings

use the same thing
more than once

turn an object into
something else

use less of
something

This type of question will give you three words from the text and three meanings.

You have to draw three lines to match the word to its meaning.

What can you do if you change your mind?

What Might **Vocabulary Victor** Ask?

Vocabulary Victor might ask questions like these:

What does this word tell us about...?

Which word did the author use to describe...?

Can you think of another way of writing...?

How can we work out what this word might mean?

Why did the author write this word in capital letters?

Can you find any adjectives in the text?

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Rex Retriever



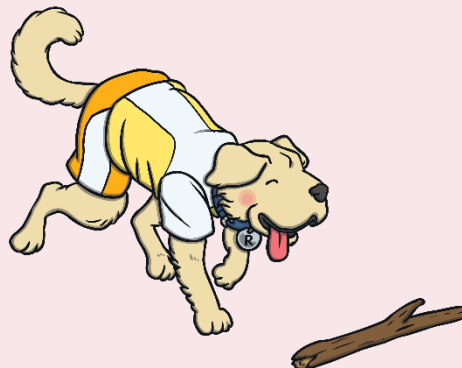
What Does **Rex Retriever** Do?

Rex Retriever helps with content domain **1b**:

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

This means that he is there to help you to answer questions by **finding the answer in the text**.

Rex might ask you what the characters are called, what they do, what the name of the chapter is or what you have learned about a particular topic.



When Have We Seen Rex Retriever?

The kind of questions that Rex Retriever helps with appear quite a lot in SATs papers. Here are some recent examples:

4 Give **two** jobs that the worker ants do.

1. _____

2. _____

10 Tick **two** good points about plastics.

Plastics can be...

Tick **two**.

nice to smell.

☐

any shape.

☐

grown.

☐

eaten.

☐

many colours.

☐

12 Tick to show what jesters and servants did in the castle.
The first one has been done for you.

	Jesters	Servants
gardening		✓
cleaning		
dancing		
juggling		
cooking		

1 Who might be interested in reading this poster?

20 Draw **three** lines to describe oceans, lakes and rivers.

oceans



bodies of fresh water



lakes



moving fresh water



rivers



large areas of salt water



Click on the image
of each question to
find out more.



The '5Ws' Question

2 The Little Princess reminds Tony Ross of someone. Who is it?

3 What was Molly doing on Tuesday?

6 Where did Molly look for the octopus?

Write down **one** place.

6 At the end of the story, Bella was happy. Why?

1 Who might be interested in reading this poster?

5 Why was Molly always too busy to tidy up?

9 Explain why Fox became interested in Heron Feather when he heard his song.

10 What is the child holding on to?

12 What happens when people see the shadow?

A lot of questions asked by Rex Retriever will begin with:

Who? What? Where? When? Why?

Find the answer in the text and write it on the line.



The 'Tick It' Question

19 What was Monster worried about when they were floating over the sea?

Tick **one**.

how to find the way home ☐

how to get down again ☐

how to find more food ☐

how to learn to swim ☐

8 What could Frog see on the horizon?

Tick **one**.

a boat ☐

the sun ☐

an island ☐

a beach ☐

2 What does the queen ant do?

Tick **one**.

keeps the nest clean ☐

lays eggs ☐

moves eggs ☐

finds food ☐

11 How did Fox trick Heron Feather into picking him up?

Tick **one**.

He prepared to pounce. ☐

He lay on the path. ☐

He bounded ahead. ☐

He hid in a bush. ☐

10 Tick **two** good points about plastics.

Plastics can be...

Tick **two**.

nice to smell. ☐

any shape. ☐

grown. ☐

eaten. ☐

many colours. ☐

This type of question will ask you something and give you some possible answers.

Read through all of the answer options and tick the correct answer.

Always check **how many** answers the question wants you to tick.



The 'Give Two' Question

3 Give **two** things that the instructors at Sea Spray Pool are trained to teach.

1. _____
2. _____

4 Give **two** jobs that the worker ants do.

1. _____
2. _____

4 **Find** and **copy two** things children have to take when they go to the lessons.

1. _____
2. _____

19 The text tells us about rivers in England.

Name **two** of them.

1. _____
2. _____

12 Give **two** problems with landfill sites.

1. _____
2. _____

16 Give **two** places where you could find water in nature.

1. _____
2. _____

13 What are most plastics made from today?

Give **two** things.

1. _____
2. _____

For this type of question, you need to give **two different answers**.

You will find both of these answers in the text.

The 'Draw Lines' Question

7 Draw lines to match these characters to the help they gave the blackbird.

fox	frightened the king
ants	scared the chickens
river	terrified the elephants

20 Draw **three** lines to describe oceans, lakes and rivers.

oceans	bodies of fresh water
lakes	moving fresh water
rivers	large areas of salt water

For this type of question, you will need to use the information in the text to match one thing to the fact which matches it.

What can you do if you draw a line but change your mind?



The 'Fill in the Table' Question

- 12 Tick to show what jesters and servants did in the castle. The first one has been done for you.

	Jesters	Servants
gardening		✓
cleaning		
dancing		
juggling		
cooking		

- 6 Put ticks in the table to show which sentences are **true** and which are **false**.

Sentence	True	False
The lessons are only for good swimmers.		
A six-year-old could take part in the lessons.		
Children can sign up on their own.		
There is a party at the end of the course.		

- 5 Complete the table with the names of the writers and the characters they write about.

Character	Writer
	Francesca Simon
Dr Xargle	
Mr Toffy	

For this type of question, you will need to use the information in the text to fill in the missing information in a table.

This could be ticking whether something is true or false, deciding if the statement applies to one person or another or adding facts based on what you have read.



What Might **Rex Retriever** Ask?

Rex Retriever might ask questions like these:

- Where is the story set?
- Who is the main character in the story?
- How is the dilemma resolved?
- Tell me one fact you have found out in this text about...
- Where in this book could I look if I wanted to know more about...?
- Which part of the story did you like the most? Why