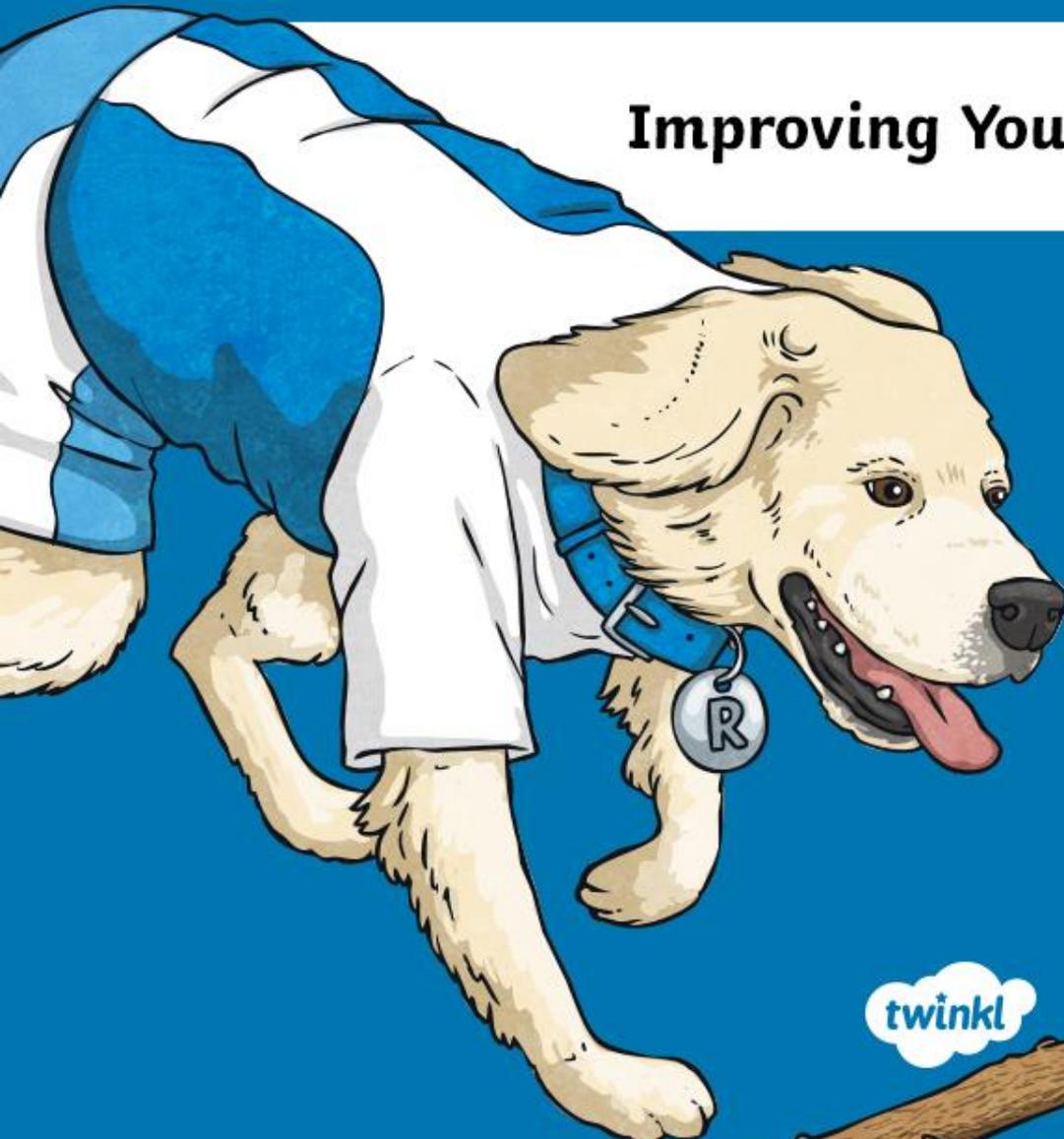


Improving Your Reading Skills with...



Rex Retriever



What Does **Rex Retriever** Do?

Rex Retriever helps you to:

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

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

He helps you to 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!

When Have We Seen Rex Retriever?

Rex Retriever questions appear quite a lot when someone is trying to check your understanding of a text. Here are some examples:

16. Look at page 3.
What was Jackson's treasure?

Tick **three**

money	<input type="checkbox"/>	flower	<input type="checkbox"/>
map	<input type="checkbox"/>	watch	<input type="checkbox"/>
sticker	<input type="checkbox"/>	balloon	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

1. Look at page 2. What do you need to use to make a treasure map?
Write **two** different things.

1. _____

2. _____

1 mark

15. Match each clue to its description.

<input type="text" value="trails"/>	•	<input type="text" value="mixing up letters"/>
<input type="text" value="word clues"/>	•	<input type="text" value="using drawings to show where to go"/>
<input type="text" value="picture clues"/>	•	<input type="text" value="leaving signs"/>

1 mark

2. Look at the table called *Space History*.
Tick each of the following statements to show whether they are **true** or **false**.

	True	False
The first man landed on the moon in 1961.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SkyLab was the name of a space station launched in the seventies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two astronauts landed on Mars in 1976.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People can stay in space for longer nowadays than they could at first.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 marks

4. Fill the gaps in the table below. The first one has been done for you.

Space scientists carry out experiments	so that	<i>they can find out about the effects of space on humans.</i>
The floors and ceilings on <i>Mir</i> are painted in different colours	so that	
Astronauts must exercise regularly	so that	
	so that	they can take their tools outside the spaceship.

3 marks

1. Who are New Explorers?

1 mark

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



What Might **Rex Retriever** Ask?

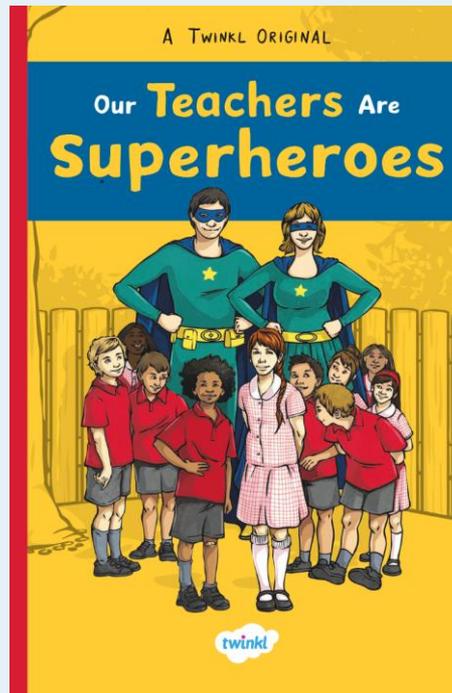
Rex Retriever might ask questions like these:

- What is the name of the main character?
- Which part of the text tells you...?
- Where/when is this story set? How do you know?
- How does the main character behave/speak/look?
- What do you think is happening in this part of the story?
- Who is telling this story? How do you know?

Let's Explore **Rex Retriever** Questions

Read the extract from *Our Teachers Are Superheroes* and answer the questions.

Click on the image to read the text.



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Read the extract from Our Teachers Are Superheroes and answer the questions .

List the names of the **two** class teachers mentioned in this extract.

What reason did Benji give for wanting to be invisible?

Decide whether the following statements are **true** or **false**:

- Benji tapped Mr Jay on the shoulder.
- Freya found Benji annoying.
- Miss Higgins wore a gadget belt.
- Benji and Freya were brother and sister.

What colour are the boots mentioned on the first page? Tick **one**.

navy blue

orange

yellow

teal

Summing Up Rex Retriever

Prove your understanding of what Rex Retriever does by answering the following questions:

- What does Rex Retriever help you to do?
- What sort of question might Rex Retriever ask?
- How can you make sure you get full marks on Rex Retriever questions?



