

Improving Your Reading Skills with...



# Rex Retriever



# What Does **Rex Retriever** Do?

Rex Retriever helps with content domain **2b**:

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?

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

**7** Write down **three** things that you are told about the oak tree on the island.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

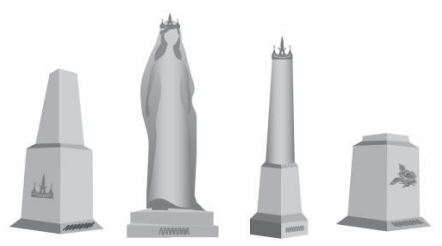
2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3 marks

**8** Which of these drawings best represents the monument?

Tick one.



1 mark

**10** What was revealed at the end of the story?

Tick one.

Oliver was keeping a secret.

The monument was damaged.

The two families were still enemies.

Maria's family did not win the throne.

1 mark

Circle the correct option to complete each sentence below.

**12** (a) The text begins with Martine going out to ride her giraffe...

in the early morning.

at midday.

in the late afternoon.

at night.

1 mark

(b) Martine rode her giraffe...

slowly.

speedily.

safely.

fearfully.

1 mark

(c) Everything was fine on that day until...

her grandmother saw her.

they came across lions on the hunt.

they disturbed a warthog family.

they met a herd of hippos.

1 mark

(d) At the end of the text, Martine...

went back home unharmed.

carried on riding for hours.

ran home to get help.

cried all the way home.

1 mark

**18** Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Matthew Webb's first attempt to swim the English Channel was not successful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The first successful swim of the English Channel was in 1872.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J.B. Thompson and Matthew Webb swam the English Channel in 1875.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew Webb took twenty hours to swim the English Channel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 marks

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

**13** Gaby uses the Spanish word *gato* for cat.

Who else in the story speaks Spanish?

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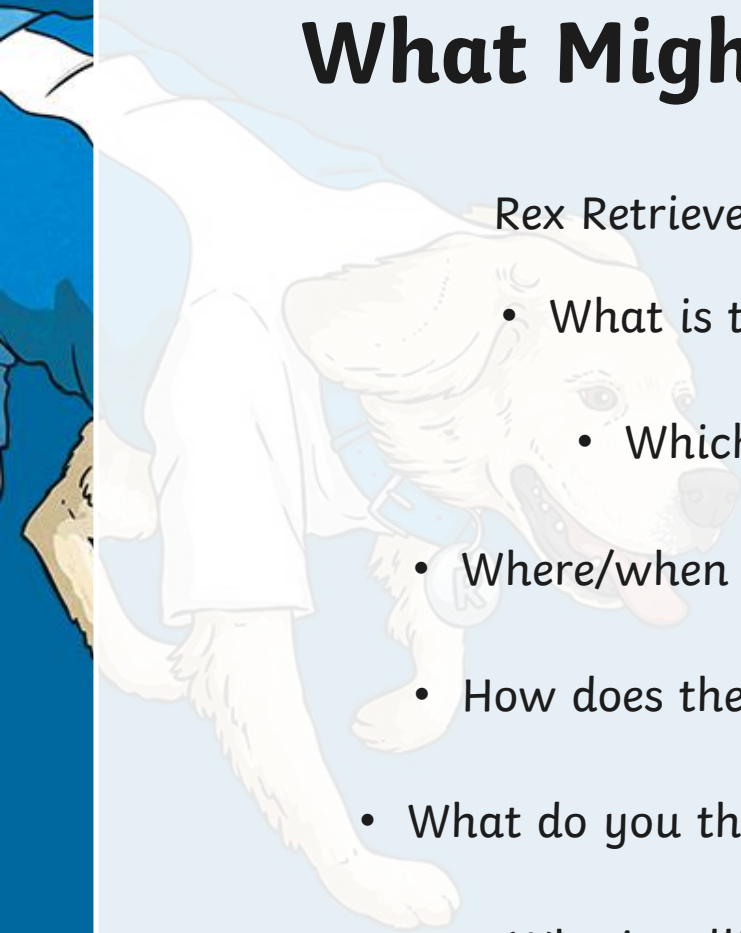
1 mark



# 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 Together

Read the extract from Raider's Peril and answer the questions as a class.

Click on the image to read the text.



Read the rest of the Raider's Peril story [here](#).

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Which weapons would make Catanna **truly** unstoppable?

Name **three** gems that, according to the text, are rarer than topaz.

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

- The quartz spear had a cloudy, white point.
- Catanna ground fire opal into a fine powder.
- Sunstone weapons are revered across the White Desert.
- Catanna had found the topaz gems inside a chest.

What lay on the workstation next to the quartz spear? Tick **one**.

a pestle and mortar

a pile of fine powder

a chest of rare stones

a coat of armour

Draw Catanna's workstation based on the description given.

# 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?





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