

# Inference and Understanding

Reading Skills



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Activity 1

# Reading a Picture

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# Example Answers

What do you think is happening in the picture?

I think that the boys are playing a sport. One boy is trying to run and the other boy is trying to catch the ball.

What game do you think the children are playing? How do you know?

The children could be playing rounders or baseball. I know this because I can see a bat on the floor, a ball in the air and a glove for catching the ball with.

What are the people in the background doing?

The people in the background are watching the game and they are a little bit shocked by what is happening.

What was the weather like on this day? How do you know?

The weather is very sunny on this day. I know this because all of the people watching the game are wearing sunglasses.



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Activity 2

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# Example Answers

What is happening in this picture?

A girl is planting a flower in the soil.

Is this a child or an adult? How do you know?

I think that this is a child. I know this because they look smaller than an adult with small hands and feet.

Where might this picture have been taken?

This picture would have been taken outside. It might have been taken in a garden.

Had it been raining on that day? How do you know?

I don't think that it had been raining on that day because the soil looks dry. If it had been raining, the soil would have been wet.

# Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



I have a fish tank in my room.

It is a rectangle shape and has a bright pink lid.

Inside the fish tank, the water is filled up almost to the top.

On the bottom of the tank, there is sand and there are three green plants.

I only have one fish in my tank. He is a goldfish.

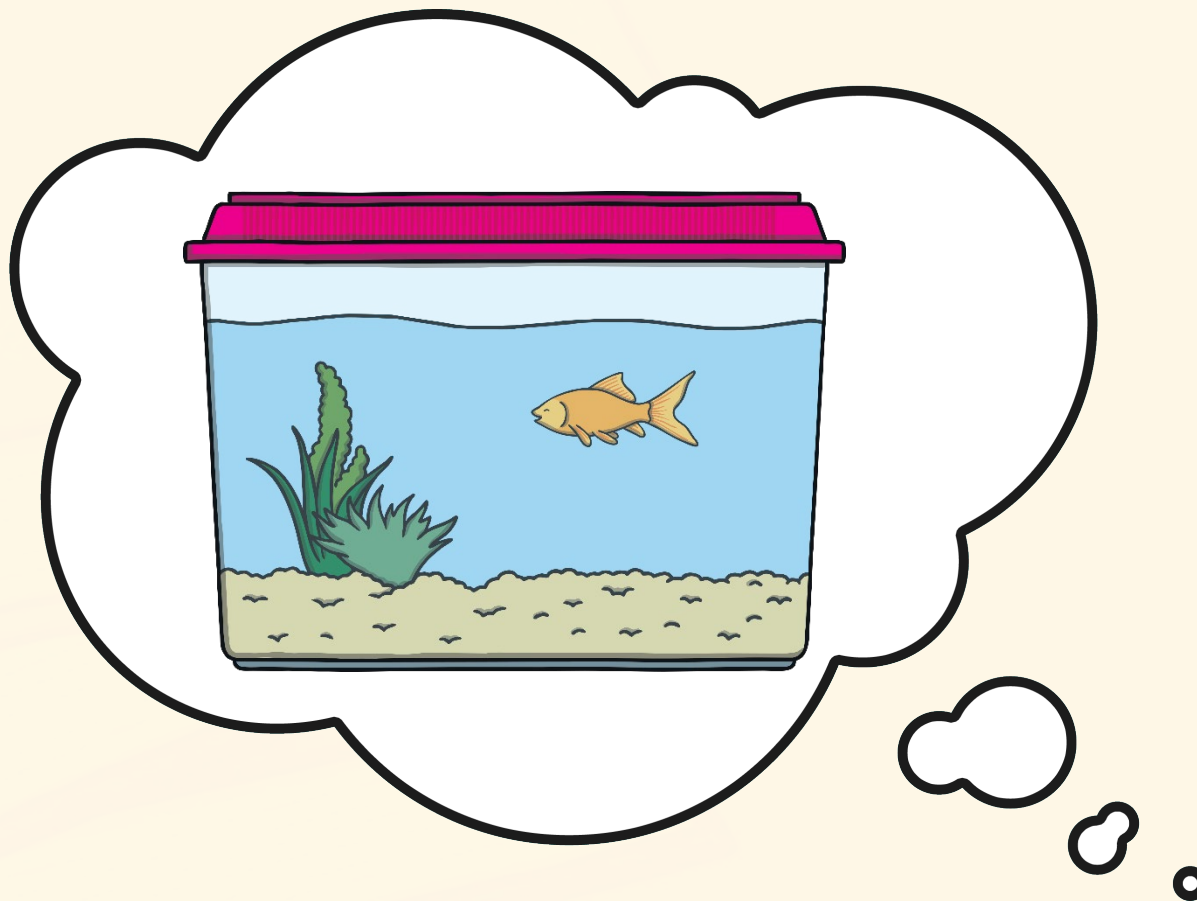


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# Example Answers

What are the mechanics doing to the car?

I think that the mechanics are fixing the car and changing the tyres.

What kind of event is this?

I think that this is a car race at a race track.

Why are there so many people in the background?

There are lots of people in the background because they have all come to watch the race.

Why are all of the mechanics wearing helmets?

The mechanics are wearing helmets to keep them safe whilst they fix the cars.

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# Example Answers

What is the dog doing?

The dog is watching a gopher that is behind the flowers.

What might the dog be thinking?

The dog might be wondering what the little creature is because he might not have seen one before.

Is the dog fully grown? How do you know?

The dog is a puppy. I know this because it looks small and it is not much bigger than the flowers.

What might the gopher be thinking?

The gopher might be thinking “what is this big creature that is looking down at me?”. He might be feeling a little scared and intimidated.

# Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



At the circus, I saw a clown.

He had a round, white face with rosy red cheeks.

His eyes had blue face paint stars around them.

He had a big red smile.

His bow tie was blue with yellow stars on.



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# Example Answers

What do you think is happening in this picture?

Some people are helping the tired runner to climb up a slope.

What might the people have been saying to the tired runner?

The people might have been saying “give us your hands and we will help you up”.

How might the runner have been feeling?

The runner might have been feeling grateful that the people were helping her up the slope. She might also have been feeling exhausted from the climbing.

Why do you think that the slope is muddy?

I think that the slope is muddy because lots of people have been climbing up it with mud on their shoes and they have made it dirty.



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# Example Answers

What do you think is happening in this picture?

The lady is holding up a leaf to shelter her and the little girl from the rain. She is using it like an umbrella.

What is the little girl holding? What might they be used for?

The little girl is holding two baskets. They might be used for catching fish or putting fish in once they have been caught.

How are the people feeling? How do you know?

The people are feeling happy. I know this because they are both smiling.

Why might they be sitting in a river?

They might be sitting in a river because they have been trying to catch fish.

# Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



Once, I saw a flying saucer.

It was light grey with dark grey stripes on and it had red and yellow lights all around it.

There was a dome on top. Inside the glass dome were two aliens.

One was green and had one eye and lots of antennae. The other was purple.

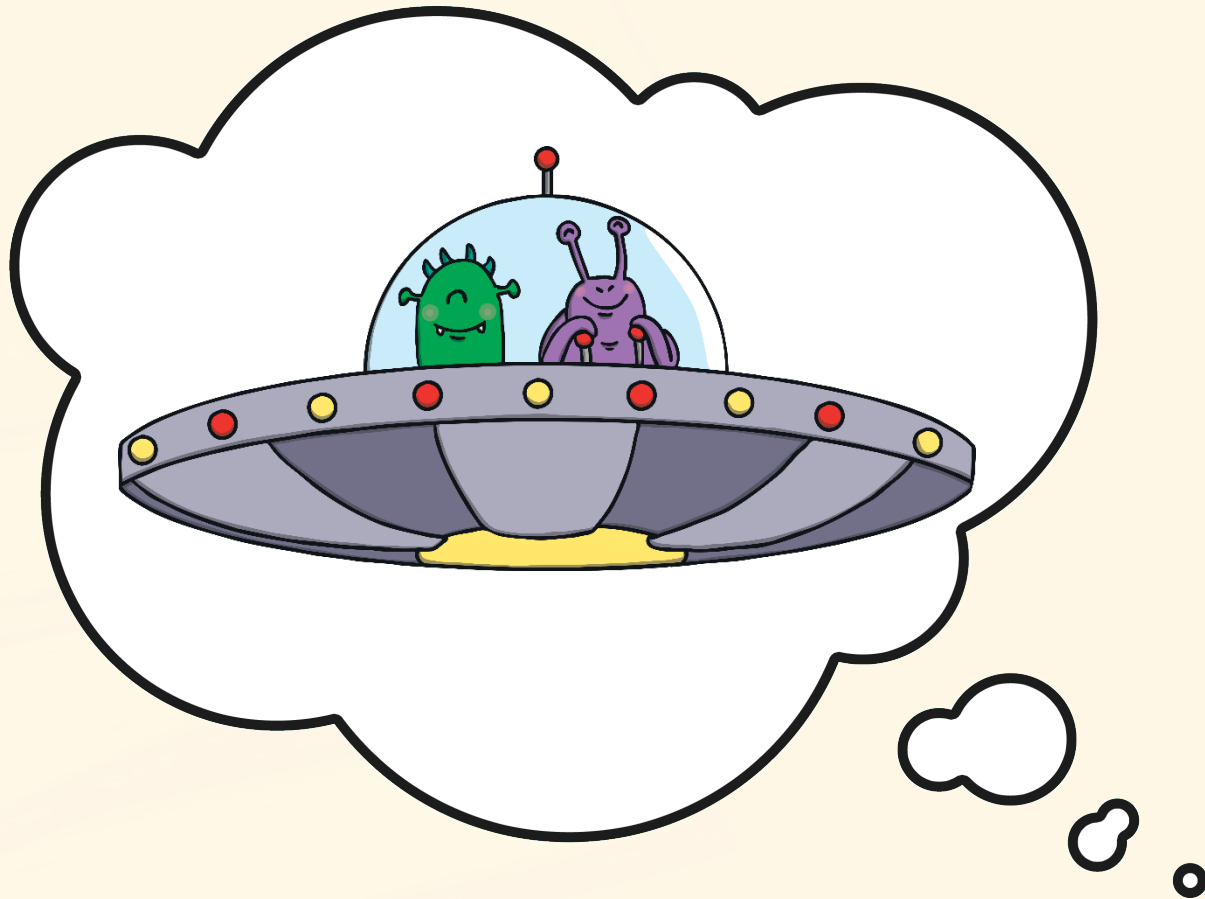
He had two eyes on stalks. They were both smiling.

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# Example Answers

Where was this photograph taken? How do you know?

This photograph was taken at an airport. I know this because there are people with suitcases and I can see planes in the background through the window.

Why are the people there?

The people are there to catch a plane.

What time of day is it? How do you know?

I think that it is the evening time because I can see the sun setting through the window.

What might the man in the middle be thinking?

The man in the middle might be thinking 'I must walk quickly or I will miss my plane'.

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Why are all of these people together?

These people are all together because they are watching an event. They could be watching a sports match.

Why are they all wearing the same colour?

They are all wearing the same colour because it is the colour of the team that they all support.

Why have they got their hands in front of their eyes?

They have got their hands in front of their eyes so that they can block out the sun and be able to see.

Are they close to the event or far away? How do you know?

I think that they could be far away from the event because lots of people have got binoculars around their necks and you use binoculars to help you to see things that are far away.



# Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



I made up a monster for my story.

My monster is round and light green. He has spiky hair which is the same colour as his body.

He has rosy cheeks. He has four eyes which are all in a row.

His nose is just two holes. He is sticking his tongue out.

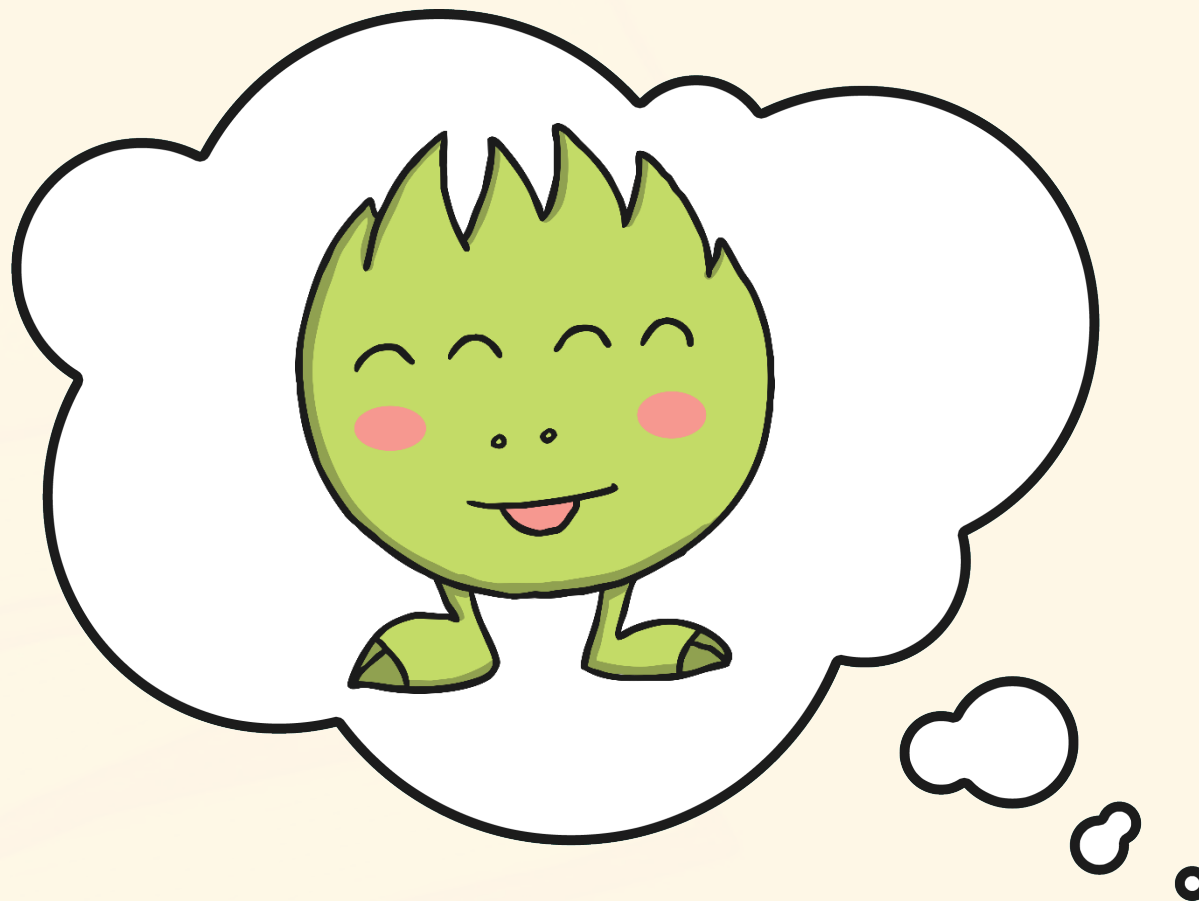
My monster has no arms but he does have two legs. On each foot, he has two toes.

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# Example Answers

What is happening in this picture?

Lots of runners are taking part in a race where you need to jump over hurdles.

Where do you think that this picture was taken?

I think that this picture was taken inside a stadium or arena because I can see lots of seats and an open roof.

What do you think the runners were thinking as they jumped over the hurdle?

The runners might have thought 'I hope I don't slip'.

Why might the man in the background have a clipboard?

The man in the background might have a clipboard so that he can write down who is winning and what order the runners are in.



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# Example Answers

Where was this picture taken?

This picture was taken underwater in the sea.

What is this person doing?

This person is taking a photograph or video. I know this because they are holding a big camera.

Why might they be doing this?

This person might be filming under the water so that they can take pictures and videos of different sea animals or maybe a shipwreck.

Why is this person wearing flippers on their feet?

They are wearing flippers on their feet to help them to swim through the water.

