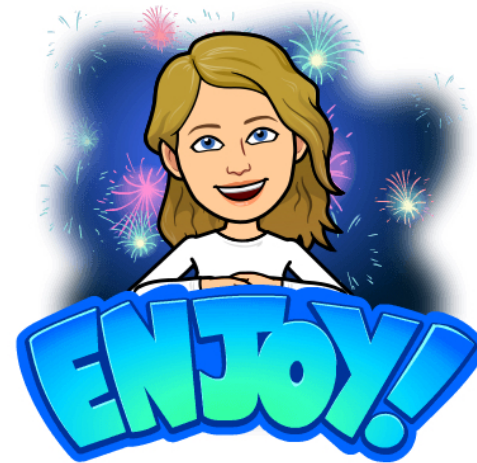


# WELCOME

to today's English lesson

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
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Good morning, Year 3.

Happy Monday! I hope you are all okay and have had a lovely weekend.

First of all, THANK YOU for all your hard work last week on your Stone Age Boy stories. I was SO impressed with all of your work.

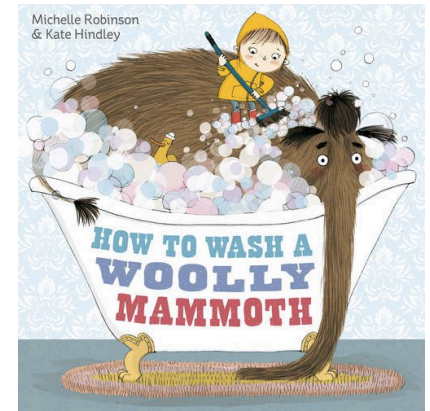
For the next few weeks, we are going to be looking at a new story called '**How to wash a woolly mammoth**'. It is a very funny story that I'm sure you will enjoy.

Today, we are going to be thinking about retrieving (finding) information from a text and finding out lots of information about woolly mammoths.

*Please watch the video of me reading the story to help you with today's lesson (link on the website).*

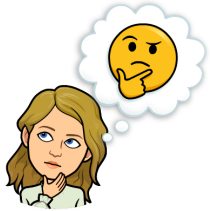
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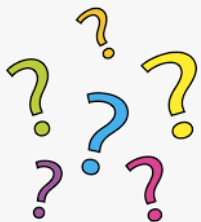
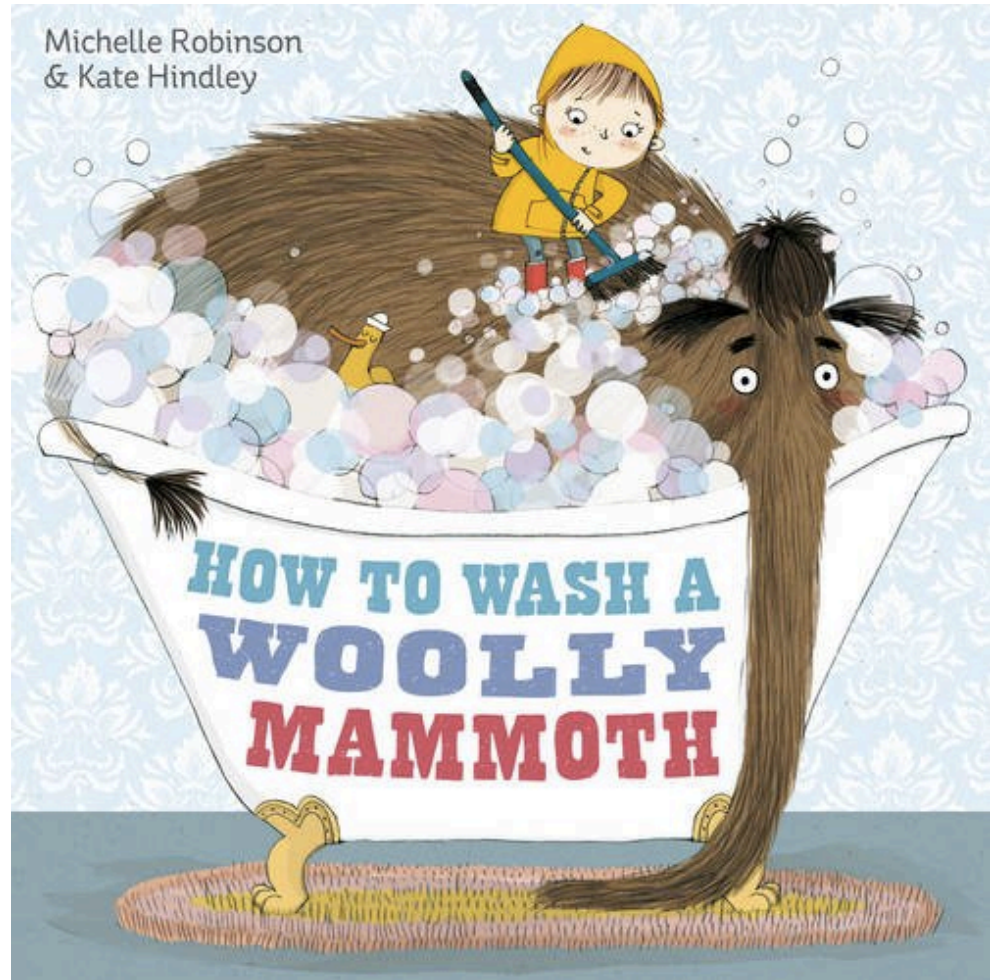
**Activity 1:** Look closely at the front cover. What questions would you like to ask about the front cover of this story?  
Write them down onto paper.



**My examples:**

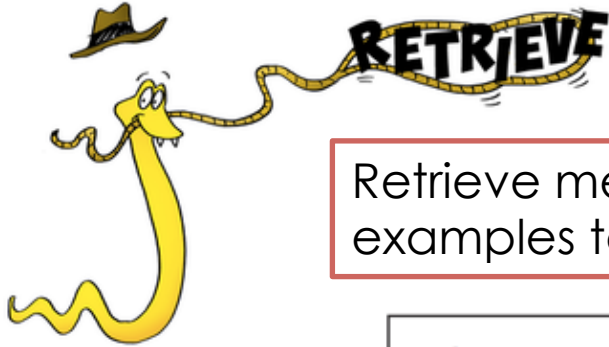
How did the girl get the mammoth into the bath?

Why does he need a bath?





In today's lesson, we are going to be retrieving information from a text. Our text today is a non fiction text all about woolly mammoths.



Retrieve means to find information from a text. Look at my examples to help you with how to do it.



**What was it?**

The woolly mammoth was an extremely large animal that roamed the Earth long, long ago. This animal existed during the last ice age, which was between 200,000 and 4,000 years ago. It is known to have lived in Northern Europe and Asia, as well as North America.

**Where did woolly mammoths live?**

**Step 1:** Look for information about where mammoths lived.

**Step 2:** Underline/ highlight key information.

**Step 3:** Write your answer to the question.

**Answer:**

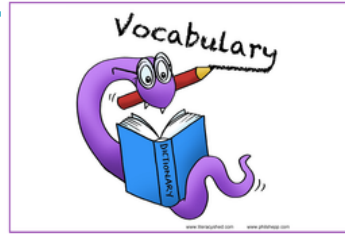
Woolly mammoths lived in Northern Europe, Asia and in North America.





**Activity 2:** Read through the information text about woolly mammoths on the next page.

Below, you will find some key words that you might not know the meaning of.



**roamed:** to move about or travel over a large area

**existed:** to live

**Ice Age:** a time in history where large amounts of ice covered the land

**extinct:** no longer lives or exists

**climate change:** a dramatic change in the weather caused by the heating up of the planet

**evolved:** changed/ developed gradually

**tusks:** large pointy long tooth

**ivory:** white material inside mammoth tusks

**herbivore:** an animal that eats mostly plants

# The Woolly Mammoth

## What was it?

The woolly mammoth was an extremely large animal that roamed the Earth long, long ago. This animal existed during the last ice age, which was between 200,000 and 4,000 years ago. It is known to have lived in Northern Europe and Asia, as well as North America.



## Why did it become extinct?

About 4,000 years ago, the woolly mammoth became extinct. The main reason for the disappearance of this species is climate change. This animal evolved to live in extremely cold weather, and planet Earth has become much warmer since its existence. Another reason it went extinct is because humans began hunting the woolly mammoth for the ivory that came from their tusks.

## What did it look like?

Because the woolly mammoth lived during the ice age, it was covered with long fur to help it keep warm. It also had two very long ivory tusks. The woolly mammoth was so big that it weighed about 6 tons! That is around the size of an African elephant. Mammoths and elephants actually come from the same family of animals, and they look very similar. One difference is that mammoths actually had very small ears!

## Fun facts!

- The woolly mammoth was a herbivore!
- Their tusks were 15 feet long! ←
- Mammoth ivory is sometimes used in making violin bows today!



*This is as heavy as about 3 and ½ cars!* ←

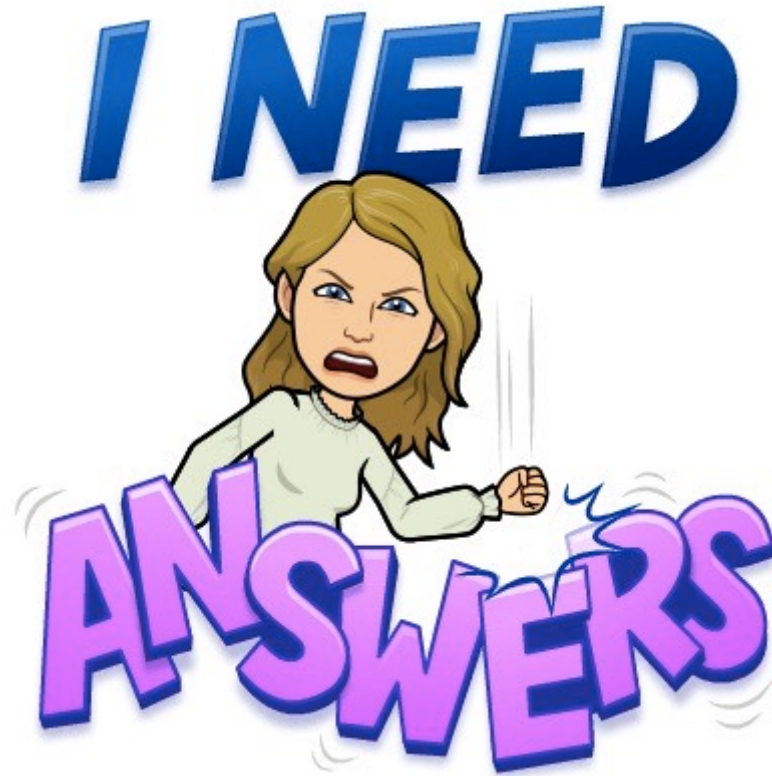


*This is about twice as tall as a Christmas tree or a fridge*

**Activity 3:** Once you have read through the information text, answer the following questions. Answer in full sentences. Remember to look for information in the text to help you.

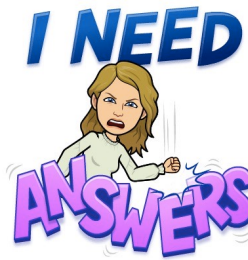


1. When did woolly mammoths live?
2. How long ago did woolly mammoths become extinct?
3. Give **two** reasons why they became extinct.
4. Why did the woolly mammoths have long fur?
5. How heavy were the woolly mammoths?
6. What other animal does the woolly mammoth look similar to?
7. What is one key difference between that animal and the woolly mammoth?
8. What is mammoth ivory sometimes used for?



**Answers are coming up on the next slide.  
No peeking until you have completed the  
questions 😊**





1. When did woolly mammoths live?

*They lived during the last Ice Age which was 200,000 to 4000 years ago.*

2. How long ago did woolly mammoths become extinct?

*They became extinct about 4000 years ago.*

3. Give **two** reasons why they became extinct.

- *Climate change – the planet has become a lot hotter.*
- *Hunters hunted woolly mammoths to get ivory from their tusks.*

4. Why did the woolly mammoths have long fur?

*The long fur helped to keep them warm.*

5. How heavy were the woolly mammoths?

*They weighed about 6 tons (3 and ½ cars)*

6. What other animal does the woolly mammoth look similar to?

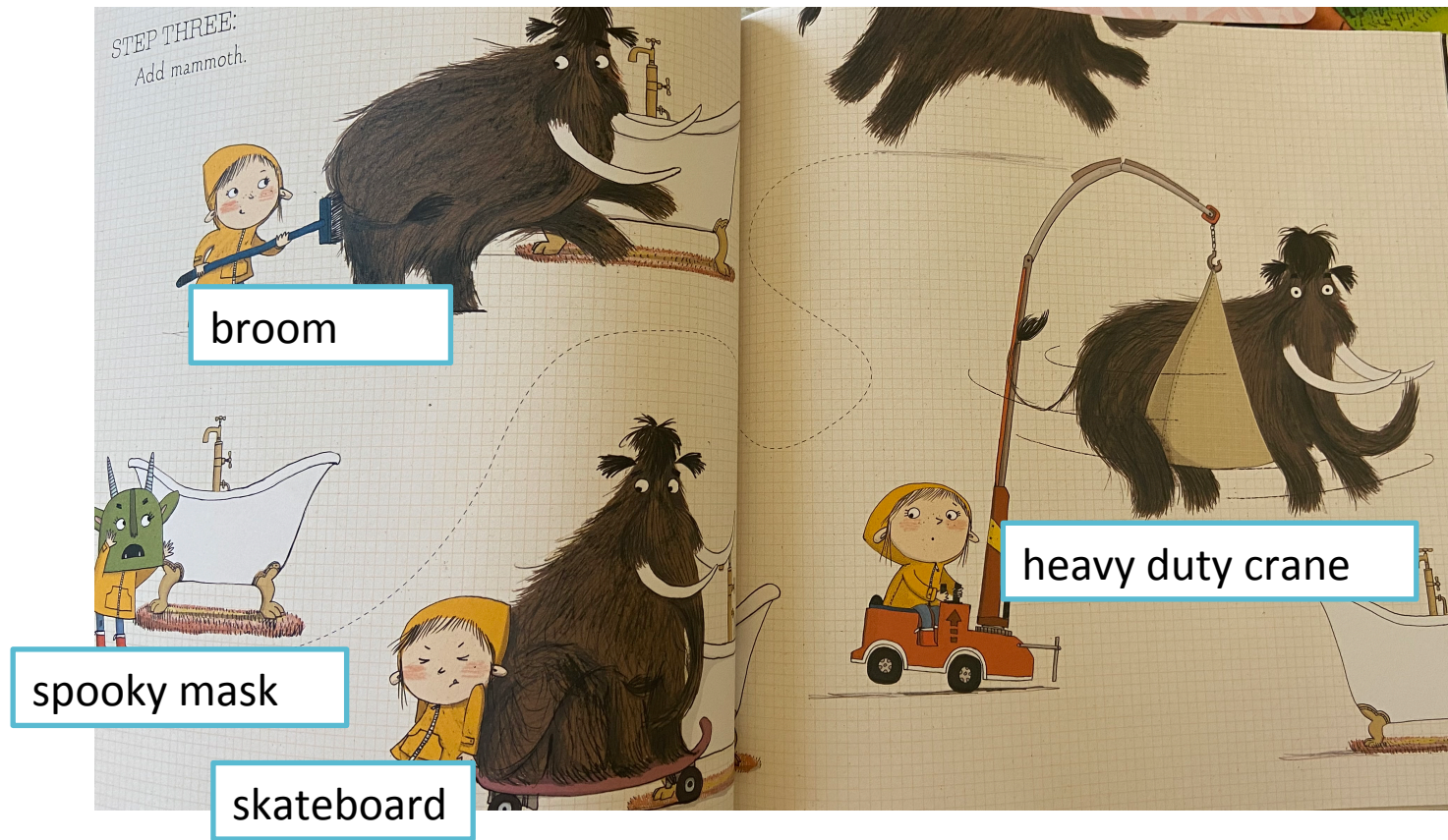
*The woolly mammoth looks similar to an African elephant.*

7. What is one key difference between that animal and the woolly mammoth?

*Woolly mammoths had small ears.*

8. What is mammoth ivory sometimes used for?

*Mammoth ivory is sometimes used for violin bows.*



**Activity 4:** Look carefully at the picture and think about the information you have read about woolly mammoths.

Why would the task of washing a woolly mammoth be so tricky?  
*Washing a woolly mammoth is not an easy thing to do because...*

Thank you for working so hard.

Please send in any photos of your work or any questions you have to [yearthree@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:yearthree@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

It is always a pleasure to see all of your work.

