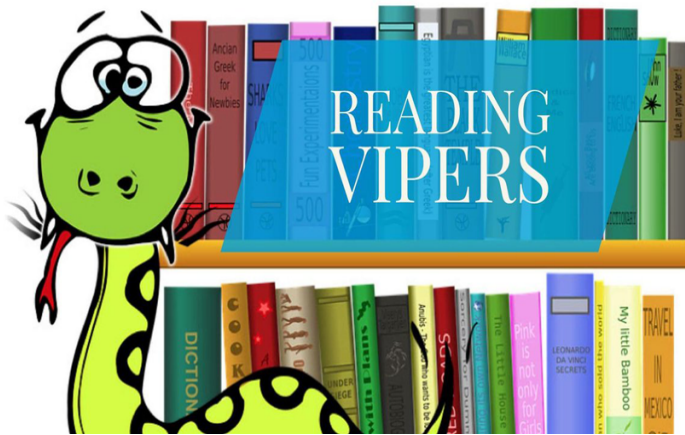


Reading Activities

Choose from the variety of activities and complete one or more daily.



Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



FLEUR HITCHCOCK

the
BOY
who
FLEW



V – How many more words do you know for flew?

I – Why does it use the word flew instead of flies?

E – What is happening on the cover?

S – What might have happened before this moment and what is going to happen next?

nosy
crow

KATE
DiCAMILLO
INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Once upon a time there
was a china rabbit who was
loved by a little girl...

The
MIRACULOUS JOURNEY of
EDWARD TULANE

ILLUSTRATED BY BAGRAM IBATOULLINE

V – What might make the journey miraculous?

P – Who lives at this house? What makes you think that?

E – Explain what is happening on the cover.

R – Tell me five facts about Edward Tulane.

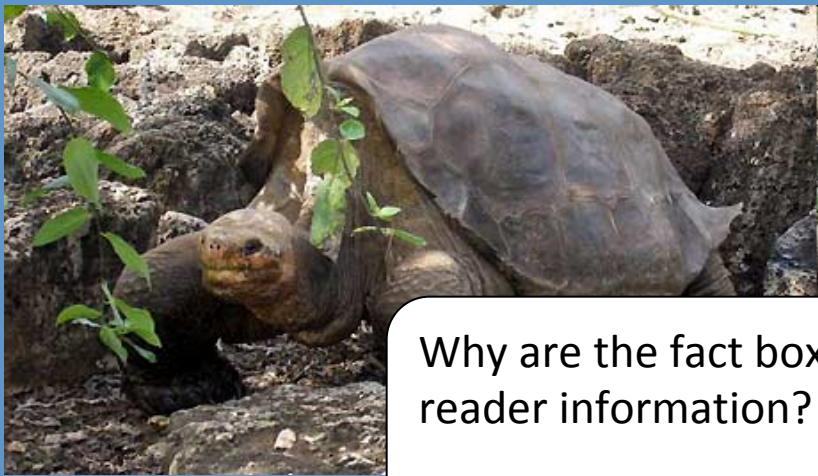


V – What does the word snatch mean? What other words could be used in the title?

I – Where is the story likely to be set? How can you tell?

P – What do you think will happen in the story?

E – What is happening in this image?



Lonesome George' at the bro
on the Galapagos' Santa Cru
Photograph: AFP/Getty Ima

GIANT Tortoise Facts

- Are the largest terrestrial reptiles on earth.

up to 300kg
for more than 150

Galapagos from
ica some 2-3 million

red on 10 islands.

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Why are the fact boxes an efficient way to give the reader information?

What do we call the text under a photograph?

There are two different functions of the caption?
What are they?

If this was a web page how would the underlined / coloured words be useful?

Further Details

There is a reward of \$10,000 for the discovery of a Pinta female

There are other giant tortoises which are located on other islands of the [Galapagos Islands](#).

Range: None present
George" resides at Charles Station

Status: Pinta species is nearing Extinction

Threatened by: introduced species, habitat destruction, historical predation by humans



Volcanoes fall into three groups, depending on how active they are. Volcanoes which are erupting are called **active**. Volcanoes which show no signs of eruption are known as **dormant** or sleeping and, if they remain dormant for tens of thousands of years, they may be described as **extinct**. When we hear of a volcano erupting, we think of a tallcone-shaped mountain sending out clouds of ash and liquid rock called **lava**.

A DAY IN POMPEII

VISIT VESUVIUS BY RAIL

DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE JOURNEY, ONLY A SHORT TRIP FROM POMPEII ITSELF!

- ✦ travel by mountain railway to the very summit ✦
- ✦ peer into the enormous crater ✦
- ✦ see the volcano in action ✦
- ✦ departures every hour from Pompeii town square ✦

P.S. DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!

**Not sure where to go?
Not sure what to see?
Why not try Lucio's all-inclusive
guided walking tour?**

We'll show you the best of Pompeii.

Highlights include:

Museum visit • The house of the silver wedding
The central baths • Designing your own mosaic
Dressing up in a toga • Activities for children

GOOD VALUE
- discounts for students, senior citizens,
children and families!

Departs:
Main Gate, 10am and 3pm

These questions are about the advertisements (pages 10 and 11).

8. Some words on pages 4 and 5 stand out because they are in **bold** print. Why are they written like this?

Tick **one**.

They are words from another language.

They are subheadings.

They are words that are explained in the text.

They are names in the text.

25. Look at these statements from the advertisement for the Café Vesuvio.

Tick each one to show whether its main purpose is to give information or persuade the reader.

The first one has been done for you.

	Inform	Persuade
<i>Vegetarian dishes available</i>	✓	
<i>The best pizzas in town</i>		
<i>Round the corner from the museum</i>		
<i>Open 11am to 11pm</i>		
<i>friendly atmosphere</i>		

On that fateful day in AD 79, the town nearest the volcano was completely smothered under a layer of ash and rock. This unusual blanket protected the remains of the town of Pompeii for hundreds of years. Gradually it has been uncovered and many fascinating discoveries have been made. By studying these remains experts have found out about life in the area near the volcano and about the day the volcano erupted. They found scenes preserved exactly as the people had left them: tables laid for meals with loaves of bread, baskets of eggs and nuts, all now solidified.

Today, thousands of tourists flock to see the remains of this unique town, trapped in time. People are fascinated by the opportunity to see what life was like two thousand years ago. Many also make the difficult climb up Mount Vesuvius to peer into the smouldering crater. The huge number of visitors who visit Pompeii every year is bringing a large set of problems. Parts of the ruins are being worn away just by the large numbers of people who pass through. Furthermore, not all visitors treat the site with respect. There has been vandalism, some treasures have been stolen and some people just don't realise the danger of clambering over the remains – both to themselves and to the ruins. One archaeologist has gone as far as to describe what is happening now as 'the second death of Pompeii'.

... *trapped in time.*

Why do you think Pompeii was described in this way?

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Explain why the archaeologist believes that he is watching *the second death of Pompeii.*

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Dear All, Italy, May 18th
Nature peaceful? Forget it! Mount Vesuvius is the most threatening thing I've ever seen. Yesterday, it was huffing and puffing clouds of smoke. So it was closed to visitors. Today we were in Pompeii. The ruins are impressive and feel as though the Romans have only just left. Mind you, I don't think the ruins will be here for ever. I saw an idiot hacking off and stealing a piece of mosaic. I only took photos.
Cheers, Neena

Citronella had to help her mother with the ironing. 'A fine thing to have to do on a day like this,' she said rather crossly. 'I bet you I'll melt all over the kitchen floor like a lump of butter.'
Garnet giggled at this picture and started on her way.
...
She looked up at the sky. It was as smooth, as empty, as it had been for weeks. 'I've got to get back to my precious ironing board,' said Citronella grimly.

Neena could have written

I saw someone taking a ...

but instead she wrote

I saw an idiot hacking off and stealing a ...

What does Neena's choice of words tell you about the way she felt?

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Citronella said:

'I've got to get back to my precious ironing board.'

How can you tell that she really did not like ironing?

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Each section of the advertisement below tries to attract customers in a different way.

a) Label each arrow with the correct letter:









A invites the customer

B explains what is on offer

C gives added encouragement

b) What does **section D** do?

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Forecast for Friday 16th May		
00:00 midnight		10°C
04:00		11°C
08:00		16°C
10:00		18°C
12:00 noon		20°C
14:00		24°C
18:00		26°C
20:00		20°C

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Main Gate, 10am and 2pm

D

27a

1 mark

These questions are about the information in *Rain and Shine – in Britain* (pages 10 and 11).

24. Look at the weather forecast for Friday 16th May.

a) At what time of day will it be the hottest?

b) Find **two** ways this chart has been made easy to read.

1. _____

2. _____

In the first century AD, in the period of the Roman Empire, Vesuvius had been dormant for hundreds of years. The mountain was green as farmers grew fig and olive trees on the slopes of the volcano and the local people had become used to the tremors of earthquakes from time to time. In the summer of AD 79 there had been more rumbling than usual but in the town of

Pompeii and in the whole area surrounding the volcano, most people went about their daily business.

One of them, a boy called Pliny, was 17 at the time. When the volcano erupted, he watched from a nearby town as the earth shook and a black cloud descended over the area. Pliny's uncle, the commander of a nearby naval port, also saw the unusual cloud forming above Mount Vesuvius. He was not content to stand by and watch. He wanted to get a closer look and set off to investigate with a scribe to whom he could dictate his observations.

As he was leaving, he received a message from his friend Rectina asking if he would help her. So he set out with several ships to observe the volcano and try to rescue the people. Years later, Tacitus, a historian, was collecting information about the event. Pliny wrote to him giving a vivid account of what he had seen and heard. Not only was he an eye-witness to the disaster, but Pliny also heard the stories told by survivors, some of whom had been rescued by his uncle. The following is an extract from Pliny's letter to Tacitus:

As my uncle was leaving the house, he was handed a message from Rectina, whose house was at the foot of the mountain and whose escape was impossible except by boat. She was terrified of the danger threatening her and implored him to rescue her from her fate. He changed his plans, and what he had begun in a spirit of inquiry, he completed as a hero. He gave orders for the ships to be launched and went on board himself with the intention of bringing help to many more people besides Rectina, for this lovely stretch of coast was thickly populated. He hurried to the place which everyone else was hastily leaving, steering his course straight for the danger zone. He was entirely fearless, describing each moment of the eruption to be noted down exactly as he observed it. Ashes were already falling, hotter and thicker as the ships drew near, followed by bits of pumice and blackened stones, charred and cracked by the flames. Then, suddenly they were in shallow water, and the shore was blocked by the rubble from the mountain. For a moment my uncle wondered whether to turn back, but when the helmsman advised this, my uncle refused, telling him that Fortune stood by the courageous ...

Some people think that Pliny's uncle was a brave but foolish leader. What do you think?

Brave foolish brave and foolish

Explain your answer using parts of the information to help you.

She decided to get a box to put the photographs in. She twisted round and ran to the stairs.

‘Those who hurry fastest are the first to fall’ was one of her Grampa’s sayings, and it was as if she heard him saying it now, right out loud in her ear as she stumbled on the top step. Seconds later she landed with a crash at the foot of the stairs. Her head hurt, her bottom hurt and her legs throbbed painfully.

Fiona was quite alone in the big empty house. She started to get up. Her legs were caught underneath her body and she tried to heave herself up and straighten them out. ‘Oww,’ she yelped. A stabbing pain flared in her knees. She moved again, this time more carefully.

Grampa said to Fiona,
‘Those who hurry fastest are the first to fall.’ (page 11)
Explain what he meant.

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... pain flared in her knees. (page 12)
Why is this an effective way of describing how Fiona felt after she fell down the stairs?

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