RWI Groups English Activities
Monday 1st February 2021

In our lesson today we will learn about the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts.

Today's activities

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Please read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

This symbol shows optional challenges. You don't have to do these but you can if you want to and if you have the time.

1. **SPaG revision**

Add the correct punctuation to these sentences

2. **Fiction v Non Fiction**

Watch the lesson video and read the Learn Screens to find out all about the differences between fiction texts and non fiction texts.

3. **Time to write!**

Sort the different features of non fiction and fiction texts.

SPaG Revision

Add the punctuation to these sentences.

today sarah and sally went to school

the boy saw his friends when he went to london

why have you done that
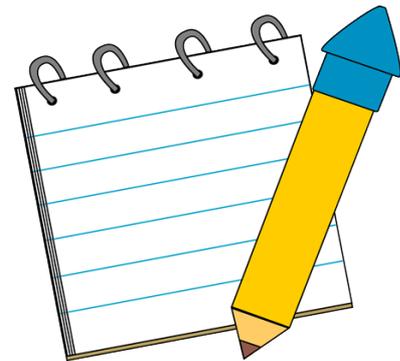
Answers

Add the punctuation to these sentences.

Today **S**arah and **S**ally went to school**.**

The boy saw his friends when he went to **L**ondon**.**

**W**hy have you done that**?**
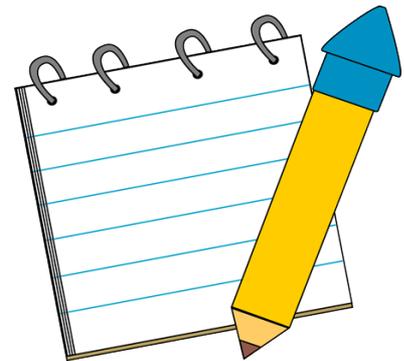
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Fiction V Non Fiction

Watch the first part of today's lesson video then read through the next few pages to find out the difference between fiction texts and non fiction texts. Talk to your grown up as you learn about the **features** (**things you find in each type of text that tells you a text is either fiction or non-fiction**) of each type of text.

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## Fiction v Non Fiction

Fiction

This type of writing is: made up; it is not real; it is based on the writers imagination. Stories are fiction. Fiction is written to entertain the reader.
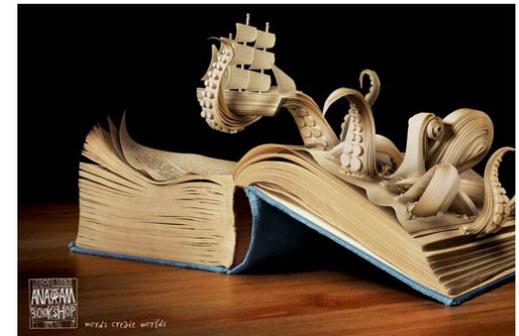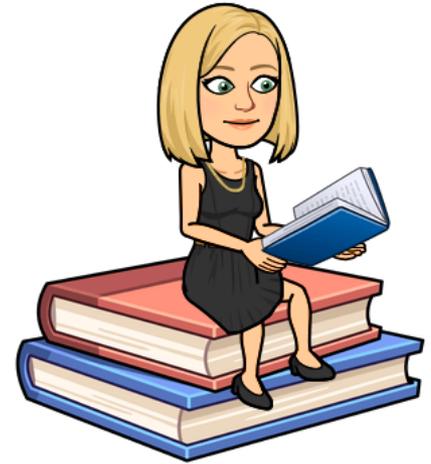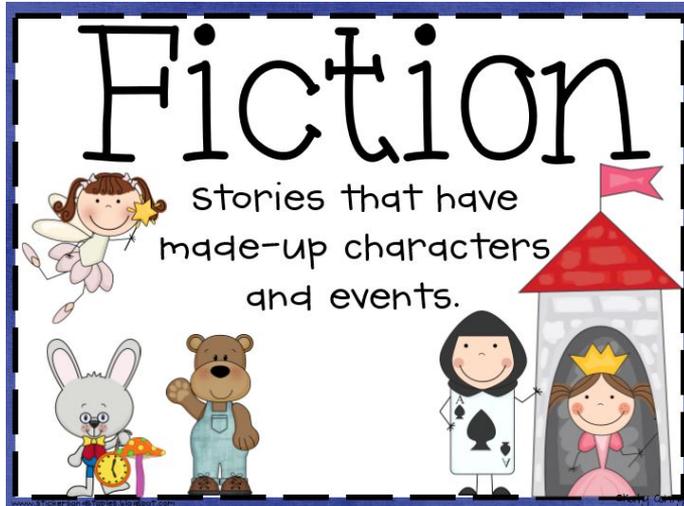
Fiction writing will include character, a plot and a setting. There will often be a problem for the character to solve e.g. Tomas keeping the dragons a secret. Fiction books may have chapters.

Fiction
Stories that have made-up characters and events.

Fiction
Fiction books are made-up stories. Fiction is not real.
illustrations
characters
pretend
setting
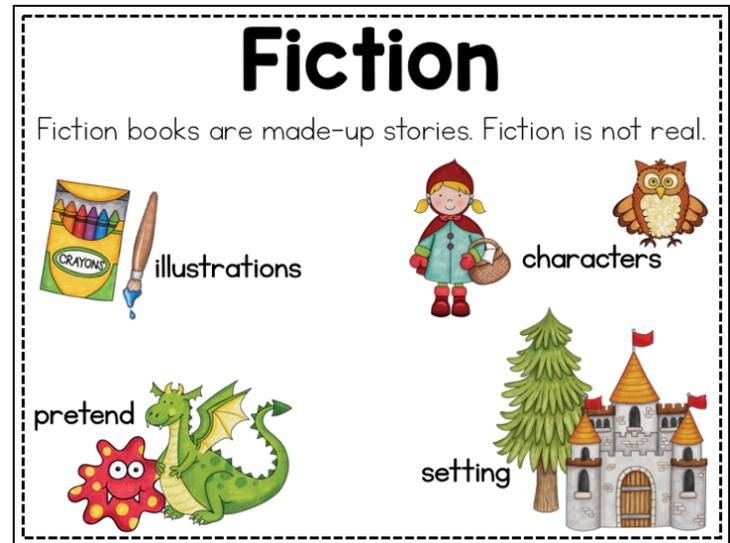
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Nonfiction
REAL books that tell, inform, teach, and explain.

Non fiction

This type of writing is: about fact; it's about real events; it gives information or explains ideas. Non – fiction texts are written to inform or persuade the reader.

Non fiction writing has many features that are designed to help us understand what the text is about. They help us make sense of what we are reading.

Nonfiction Text Features

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All About FICTION

What is fiction?

Fiction is writing that is fake, or made up, by an author.

What are elements of fiction?

Character	Setting
A person, or animal, in a story	Where and when a story takes place

Plot	Problem/Solution
The key events that make up a story	Something that happens to a character and how it is fixed

How is it written?

Fiction is written in a clear order of events from beginning, middle, to end.

1 2 3

What is its purpose?

The author's purpose is usually to entertain.

Fiction

You can tell that a text is fiction if it has:

A plot

A setting

Characters

Some kind of problem

It has to be read in order from the beginning to the end

It is written to entertain.

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## Fiction v Non Fiction

Fiction

You can tell that a text is fiction if it is:

Factual (contains facts)

Is written to entertain

Uses text features such as an index, table of contents, glossary, photographs, captions, diagrams & labels, maps etc. to help the reader understand the text.

Can be read in any order.

Non-Fiction

Purpose: To Learn
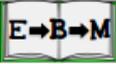
- Read for info   I found a fact!
- Read in any order   E→B→M
- Text Features
    - Table of Contents
    - Index
    - Keywords
        - ★Bolded, *Italicized*, or highlighted
    - Glossary
    - Photographs
    - Captions
    - Diagram & Labels
    - Maps, Charts, & Graphs

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Examples of Fiction v Non Fiction Texts

Fiction

Non fiction
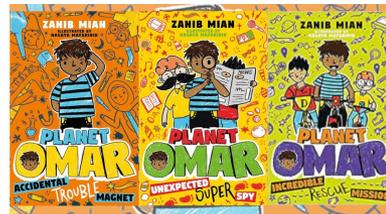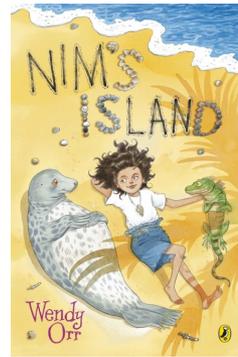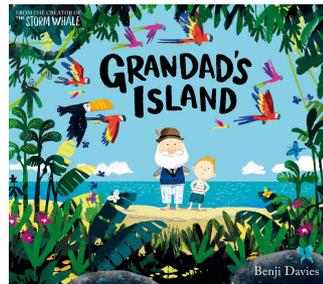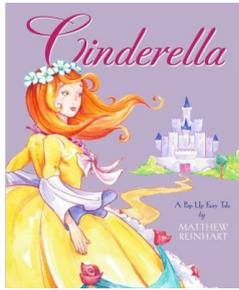
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Examples of Fiction v Non Fiction Texts

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR
by Eric Carle

LEVEL 1

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS

Caterpillar to Butterfly

BE A NAT GEO KIDS SUPER READER
SEE BACK FOR DETAILS

Laura Marsh
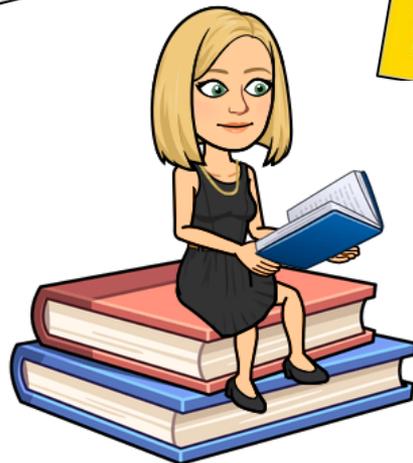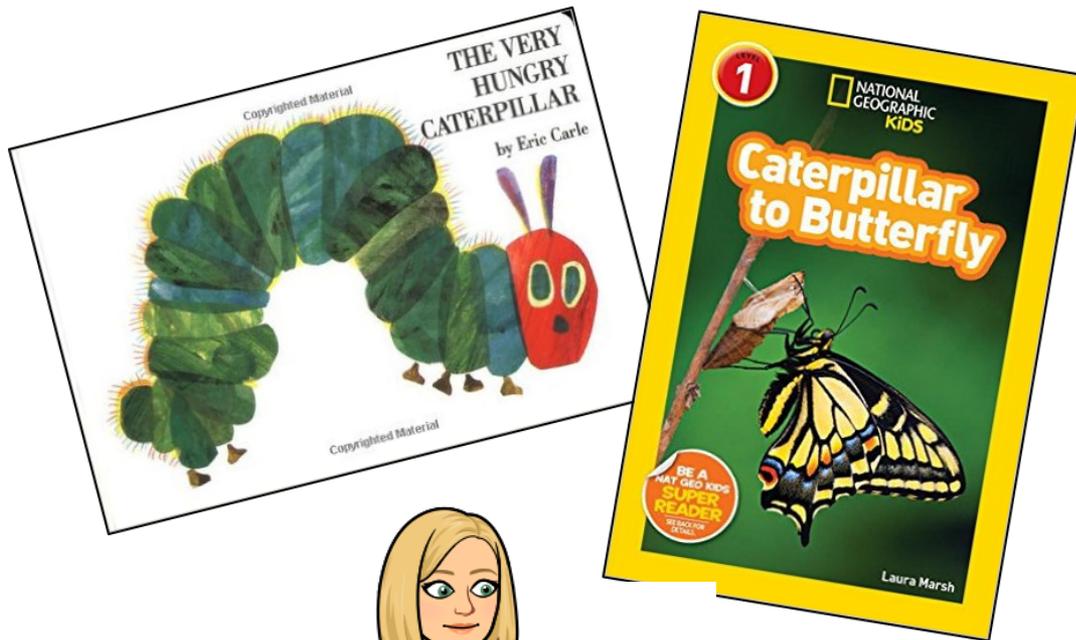
You need to be careful when deciding whether a text is fiction or non fiction. Both types of text can be about the same topic. Use the features of fiction and non fiction to help you. Talk to your grown up about the differences between these two texts.

Then complete the activity on the next page.

Sort Them Out!

Activity 2: Sort these texts into fiction and non fiction

Name:_____   Date:_____

Fiction and Non-Fiction

Fiction	Non-Fiction

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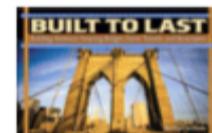
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More about Non Fiction Texts

We can recognise a non- fiction text by the way it is set out. A non fiction text will use different features to help the reader understand. **Watch the lesson video to see examples of these different features before completing the next task.**

If you have any non-fiction texts at home, have a look at them to see if you can find any of the features we look at. You probably won't find them all in one text!

Text Features

BOLD PRINT

Colored Text

Italics

BIG TEXT
small text

Diagrams

Timelines

Hightlighted Text
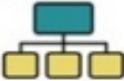
Pictures/Captions

Buses like this one take children to school.

Picking flowers to give to a sick friend is one way to help.

After picking apples, you can make apple pie.

Frogs live in wet habitats like this one.

• Bullets
• Bullets
• Bullets
• Bullets
• Bullets
• Bullets

Table of Contents
Frogs' Diet 3
Frogs' Habitat 5
Frogs' Physical Traits 7
Other Information 9

Index

Glossary
amphibian – (n) an organism that can live on land and in water
frog – (n) an amphibian with smooth skin that lives in water more
toad – (n) an amphibian with bumpy skin that lives on land more

Maps

Tables/Charts

Graphs

Text Feature	Definition	Visual
heading	A heading is a title at the top of a page or section that tells the reader what they will read about.	
subheading	A subheading is a smaller title that breaks up headings into even smaller categories.	
glossary	The glossary is an alphabetical list that gives important words from the text and their definitions.	Glossary **bud:** a flower that is not open or fully grown **cone:** makes seeds for conifer plants **embryo:** a tiny new plant inside of a seed
table of contents	The table of contents is at the beginning of a book. It lists the headings in the book and what page they can be found on.	Table of Contents The Ocean ....1 Octopuses.........2 Whales............3 Sharks............4 Jellyfish ....5 Sea Turtles 6
index	An index is at the back of a book. It is an alphabetical list of topics, people, and places and the page they are found on.	Index A alligator...8 ape...........6 B baboon.....9 bear........11 C cat..........7 cheetah...8 D dog..........9 E elephant..2
bold print	Bold print is text that is thicker or darker than the rest of the text. It shows new or important words.	
italics	Italics is text that is slanted. It tells the reader the words are important and to put stress on them.	
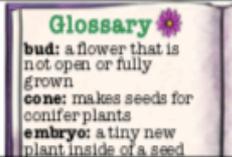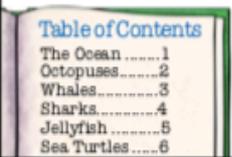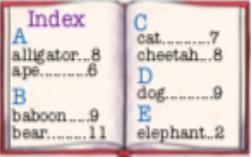
Text Feature	Definition	Visual
image	An image is a picture or photograph that helps the reader comprehend the main text.	 A monarch butterfly is attracted to the petals of a bright zinnia flower.
caption	A caption is words that are usually next to, or below an image, diagram, or chart that describe it.	 A monarch butterfly is attracted to the petals of a bright zinnia flower.
diagram	A diagram is an outline or drawing that shows how something works.	
label	A label names what specific parts of a diagram or an image are.	North Pole / South Pole
graph	A graph is an organized way to show information and relationships between 2 or more things using numbers.	
chart/ table	A chart, or table, is an organized way to show information using rows and columns.	Summer Vacations Around the World Country / Length of time Australia 6 weeks 18 months Bangladesh 4 weeks 1 month Belgium 8 weeks 2 months Brazil 8 weeks 2 months Chile 10 weeks 2.5 months China 8 weeks 2 months
timeline	A timeline shows the order, or sequence, that events happen on a line with dates.	
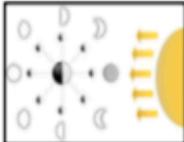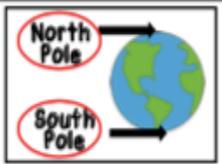
All about Non-Fiction

Activity 3: Recognise the key features of fiction and non fiction text.

Fiction Vs. Non-Fiction 23

"Story" Talk (Make Believe) | "Fact" Talk (True Information)

* Read to ENJOY
* Must read in order
* Can have a theme, moral or lesson for the reader to learn
* Doesn't always give the reader information directly (must infer/draw conclusions)
* Not based on true events
* Uses literary elements: plot, setting, theme, characterization, point of view, conflict

* Read to LEARN
* Can read in almost any order
* Can inform the reader or teach "How to" do something
* The information is usually given directly to the reader
* Based on real events/ information
* Uses text features: table of contents, index, charts, glossary, graphs, lists, pictures/illustrations, diagrams, captions, timelines, labels, bold/italicized words, etc.

Purpose: **Entertain** | Purpose: **Inform**

Your task is to sort the features of the two different types of text we have looked at today.

Use the chart and list of features on the next two page to help you. You don't need to print anything, you can complete this task on paper.

Fiction vs Non-Fiction

Do these text features belong to Fiction or Non-Fiction texts? Cut, sort and stick them into the chart.

Fiction	Non-Fiction

glossary	not real	characters	photographs
beginning, middle, end	index page	animals can talk	problems and solution
facts	setting	contents page	should be read in order
headings and sub-headings	does not need to be read in order	labels	gives information
tells a story	illustrations	read for fun	diagram

Well done Year 2. I can't wait to see your work.