



VIPERS WEEKLY READING HOMEWORK

There are six key reading skills which relate to the KS2 Reading SAT Content Domains. These skills are known as **VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise)**; each week your reading homework is to focus on one of these skills. You will find below key questions related to one of the VIPERS skills – use these questions as a basis for discussion with a parent/carer about your reading.

1. Read aloud your Renaissance book for 10-15 minutes to a parent/carer, and discuss the questions below with him/her. Your parent/carer will need to help to construct questions which are relevant to your book, using the question examples.
2. Make notes in the section below, in answer to some or all of the questions. Some questions may not be applicable to the section of the book which you are reading at the moment, so don't worry if you can't answer all of the questions. **Enjoy your reading time together!**

VIPERS skill: 'EXPLAIN'

- Explain how content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole.
- Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language.
- Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text.
- Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.

Circle: **fiction** non-fiction

Title of book: Wind in the Willows

Author: Kenneth Grahame

a) *Why is the text structured in this way?*

Answer: The text is structured in paragraphs as it is part of a story (narrative).

b) *Is the use of alliteration effective ("...he scraped and scratched and scabbled and scooged, and then he scooged again and scabbled and scratched and scraped...")?*

Answer: The use of alliteration here and also the repetition of verbs makes the reader realise how hard Mole is working to climb up the tunnel, to get outside.

c) *The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy phrases which show this.*

Answer: In the first paragraph, Mole says, "Oh bother!/Oh blow!/Hang spring cleaning!" In the second paragraph he says, "This is fine! This is better than whitewashing!"

d) *What is the author's point of view?*

Answer: I think that the author is a lover of nature and animals. In particular I think he must enjoy rivers and the wildlife which surrounds them.

e) *Which section was the most interesting or exciting part?*

Answer: I think that the final section is the most interesting part, when Mole has escaped his domestic duties and leaves his home to go and have some fun. I wonder which adventures he might have.

Parent comment (optional):

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