

# Reading at Home Support Guide: Non-Fiction



## Information retrieval

- 1) Who? What? Where?
- 2) What is the text about?
- 3) What does the cover tell you about the content of the book?
- 4) What did they pack in their bags?
- 5) When should you take the cake out of the oven?
- 6) Where would you look to find out about ....?

## Inference and deduction

### (Reading between the lines)

- 1) Which section could help you find the information you need?
- 2) When would you use the contents page in the book?
- 3) When would you use the index page in the book?
- 4) When might you use this book? Why?
- 5) Can you suggest a different subheading for this page?
- 6) Find a word that implies that the task was tiring.

## Structure and organisation of the text

- 1) Can you find different features of non-fiction books?
- 2) How is the diagram used to help the reader?
- 3) Why did this section end with a question?
- 4) Can you find examples of words which tell you the order of something?
- 5) How does the layout help the reader?

## Use of language

- 1) Why does this book contain technical language?
- 2) Explain what .... means.
- 3) What do you think that phrase means based on how it is used in the sentence?
- 4) Are there any examples of persuasive language?
- 5) Why is the description of ... a good metaphor to use?

## Purpose and viewpoint of the text

- 1) Why has the writer written this text?
- 2) What did you find interesting and why?
- 3) Why has the writer chosen to present the information in the way they did?
- 4) How the writer feel about ...?

## Use of comparisons with social, cultural and historical knowledge

- 1) Which text is the easiest to follow? Why?
- 2) Give two pieces of evidence that...?
- 3) What is it about ... that tells you ...?