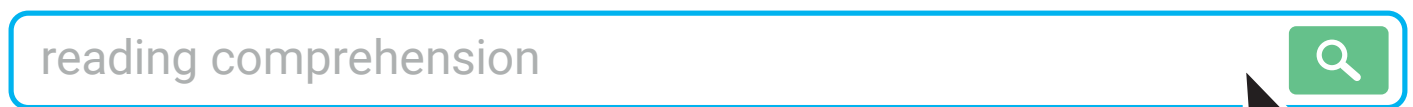


# Year 2 Reading Comprehension: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation of reading comprehension can help you support your child's learning at home. Each subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring, whether your child is just learning to read short passages fluently or is ready for reading comprehension questions like those in the year 2 SATs tests.

Within **this area of the website**, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities, designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.



We hope you find the information on our website and resources useful. The contents of this resource are for general, informational purposes only. This guide is intended to offer parents general guidance on what subject areas tend to be covered in their child's year group and where they could support their children at home. However, please be aware that every child is different and information can quickly become out of date. There are some subject areas that we have intentionally not covered due to the nature of how they are taught or because a trained professional needs to teach these areas. We try to ensure that the information in our resources is correct but every school teaches the national curriculum in its own way. If you would like further guidance or are unsure in any way, we recommend that you speak to your child's teacher or another suitably qualified professional.

# What Is Reading Comprehension?

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Reading comprehension is a vital part of learning to read. In reading, teachers distinguish between decoding (where children need to know how to sound out and pronounce a word) and comprehension (which tells us what children understand about what they are reading). It is very important that children develop understanding as they learn to read words, so that they can gain meaning and interest from what they read.

## How Do I Help to Build Comprehension Skills with My Child?

It is easy to give a child a 'comprehension' (a text with an accompanying set of questions to answer) but there are steps before this. Children comprehend more when their vocabulary is wider. The more a child reads and talks about what they read in their early school years, the better their comprehension will become. Talking to your child about what they're reading and even discussing how they're choosing a book is part of the process of building comprehension. Always look at the cover of a book together and talk about it: What do you think this book is about? Will it be a funny or a serious book? Is it fiction or non-fiction?

## What Does the Year 2 English Curriculum Say about Comprehension?

The year 2 English curriculum says, 'The sooner that pupils can read well and do so frequently, the sooner they will be able to increase their vocabulary, comprehension and their knowledge across the wider curriculum.' This quote makes clear the importance of reading. Children should be encouraged to ask and answer questions even when they are read to. This helps because adults will often read aloud trickier books than their child can read independently, which further expands vocabulary and improves comprehension.

### Act It Out!

When your child reads a particularly entertaining passage in a book or, even more likely, you read one in a story you're sharing together, why not act out a scene? Acting helps a child to engage with the text, understand it and then present it in their own way.

### Add Another Chapter

To develop your child's understanding and imagination, encourage them to tell you the next chapter or an alternative ending for a book they read. These helpful **New Chapter Worksheets** encourage your child to add a chapter to 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'.

### Book Review

Encourage your child to review some books to get them talking about what they've read. There's a simple, free Twinkl **Book Review Template** to help your child make a start with book reviews. Why not download it and give book reviews a try?

## Step 1

### 60-Second Reads

For younger children, concentrating through long passages of reading can be difficult and so Twinkl's 60-Second Reads are a great way to start the process of comprehension. You'll find that these quick reads help with fluency. The questions follow a similar pattern with each comprehension, so it's best to start with your child choosing the one they fancy and with you reading the passage and reading the questions aloud while your child answers verbally. Move this on to shared reading together, one sentence at a time, while supporting your child to write in the answers. Once you've done this, your child's confidence in the method will grow. The aim is to move during the course of year 2 to working alone, where your child reads the passage, reads the questions and independently writes in the answer.



### The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

Enjoy reading the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson with your child. As you read along, talk to your child about Plop's story. This helpful Reading Comprehension Activity has three reading comprehensions so you can pick the right one for your child. There's a helpful answer set to help you guide your child if you need to. Some children find it helpful if an adult starts a sentence for them by writing in two or three words, so if your child is reluctant to start writing an answer, give this a try.

## Step 2



## Step 3

### All About Owls

Children study non-fiction as well as fiction texts in year 2 and these comprehensions are different. This lovely Barn Owl Reading Comprehension links into the story of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' but will develop your child's skills in comprehending more factual information.

### Getting Ready for the Year 2 Reading Test

Our Reading Assessment Practice Pack is designed to be like the KS1 test papers that your child will be assessed on in the summer term of year 2. We've included the reading passage and answer booklets. The tests are perfect for spotting any gaps your child has.

## Step 4

# Explore and Discover More

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Twinkl Book Club is our book subscription service. Enjoy our original works of fiction in beautiful printed form, delivered to you each half-term and yours to keep!

Twinkl Boost is a range of intervention resources, created to support and lift learning with children at every level. These include our easy-to-use SATs and Phonics Screening resources.



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Imagine resources are designed to help your children to think creatively, question and imagine. Every week, a new topic consisting of five photos, each with related activities, is created.

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Twinkl Kids' TV is our wonderful YouTube channel dedicated to fun and informative video-style resources full of new and creative activities you can try at home!