

English SATS Revision: Useful Tips and Resources



Reading Skills

Retrieval

- Retrieval of information is often the starting point for discussing a text. This means asking your child to pick information out of the text that they have just read e.g.
- What was the character's name?
- What did they eat for dinner?
- What colour was the car?



Inference and Deduction

Inference: This is an interpretation that goes beyond the literal information given.

Deduction: This is an understanding based on the evidence given in the text.

e.g. *the police find a body with a knife sticking out of it.*

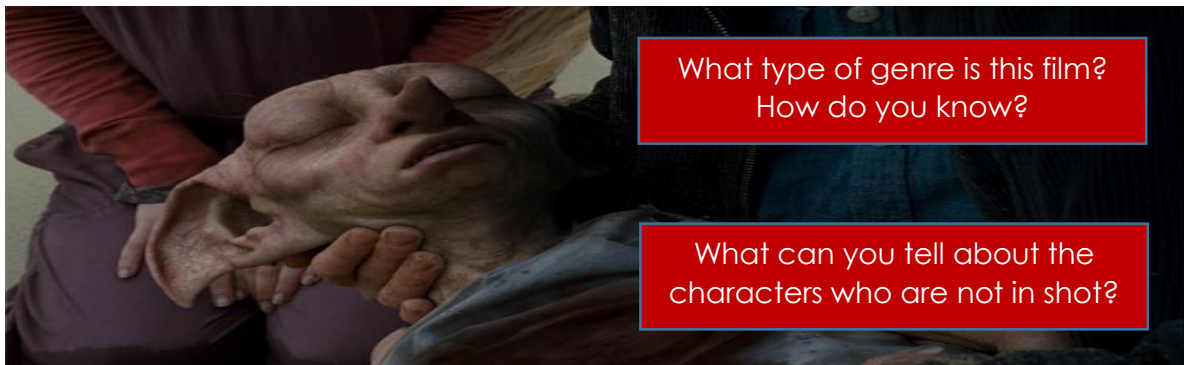
We could infer that someone didn't like that person.

We can deduce that the person has probably been murdered because it has a knife sticking out of it.

Suggestions for Supporting at Home

- When your child chooses a book, look at the cover together. Ask your child what they can infer from the front cover – what can you tell about the genre of book and what the characters/plot might be.
- Encourage your child to relate to the characters. E.g. how do you think the character is feeling at this point? Why might they be feeling this way? How would you feel if you were in their situation?
- Picture books are suitable for children of all ages and can really help to develop inference and deduction skills.
- Encourage your child to answer questions about illustrations.
- Film clips can be a good tool for practising inference skills

- What can you infer about the characters in each of the stills?
- You can do this at home simply by pausing films and asking your children questions about them.



Questioning

- Asking questions about the text your child is reading encourages them to think more deeply about it.
- Eventually they begin to ask themselves questions about what they have read.

Example Questions

- What words give you that impression? Why?
- How do you feel about.....? Why?
- Can you explain why.....?
- At the end of the story the main character is feeling Does this surprise you?
- What does this tell you about whatwas thinking?
- Do you think this is true/untrue? Why do you think this?
- What do you think the is thinking? If it were you what would you do?

Variety is the spice of life

- Encourage your child to read a range of texts. This will allow them to develop their inference and deduction skills in both fiction and non-fiction.
- You could link non-fiction reading to your child's topics at school e.g. Shakespeare or extreme weather.
- You could also read extracts from a children's newspaper such as First News or the Newsround website.

Useful Websites for SATS Preparation

Past SATS Papers

Past SATS papers are available on this website. All are useful for practising SPaG and reading questions. However, the format of the SATS papers from 2016 onwards is the one that the students will receive in May 2022.

BBC Bitesize

BBC Education have produced a whole host of materials for KS2. Follow the KS2 link and then select either Maths or English. Each area usually has an information section for reading, plus an activity and then quiz which is marked online. Some aspects require a subscription.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

Education Quizzes

A site with both Maths and English based quizzes which are marked as you go along.

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/>

Crickweb

A range of English games and activities.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

Spelling Rules

Activities to reinforce and practise a range of spelling rules.

<http://www.keystage2literacy.co.uk/spellings-menu.html>

Pupils also have access to Educake and EdShed – two sites that enable pupils to practise their SPaG and reading skills. Usernames and passwords have been given to the pupils but if they are misplaced, please tell your child to ask their English teacher for this information.