

Improving Your Reading Skills with...

# Vocabulary Victor



# What Does **Vocabulary Victor** Do?

Vocabulary Victor helps with content domain **1a**:

Draw on knowledge of **vocabulary** to understand texts.

This means that he is there to help you to think about the **words** the author uses.

He might help you to work out **what words mean**, ask you to **find words** the author has used or give another word which **means the same** as one of the author's choices.

# Where Have We Seen **Vocabulary Victor**?

The kind of questions that Vocabulary Victor helps with appear quite a lot in SATs papers. Here are some recent examples:

**7** Then she had an idea...

The word *idea* means...

Tick **one**.

a dream.	<input type="checkbox"/>	a feeling.	<input type="checkbox"/>
a thought.	<input type="checkbox"/>	an adventure.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8** Find and copy **two** words that describe how scared the king was.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**9** Find and copy **one** word which tells you that Monster was not feeling well in the boat.

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**15** Look at the section headed: **Re-use**

Find and copy the word that means the same as "given away".

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**17** my neck hides in a scarf

What does this mean?

Tick **one**.

The child's neck is hurting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The child's neck is covered.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The child is playing hide and seek.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The child's scarf is lost.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**17** Draw lines to match the words below to their meaning.

words	meanings
Re-use	use the same thing more than once
Reduce	turn an object into something else
Recycle	use less of something

Click on the image of each question to find out more.

# What Might **Vocabulary Victor** Ask?

Vocabulary Victor might ask questions like these:

What does this word tell us about...?

Which word did the author use to describe...?

Can you think of another way of writing...?

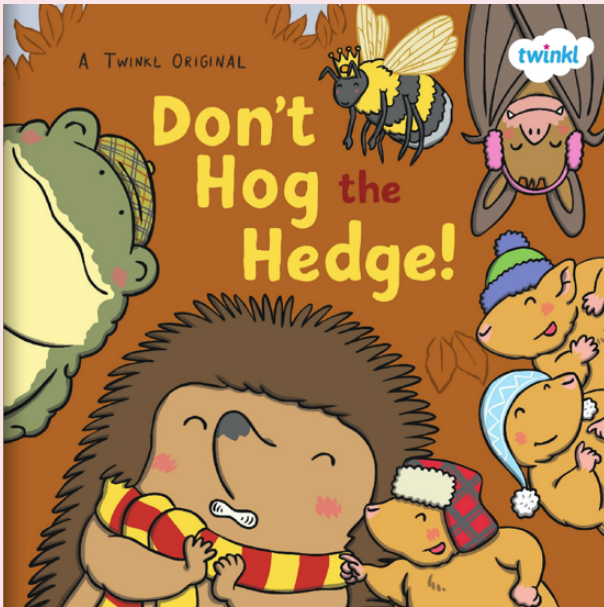
How can we work out what this word might mean?

Why did the author write this word in capital letters?

Can you find any adjectives in the text?

# Let's Explore **Vocabulary Victor** Questions Together

Read the extract from Don't Hog the Hedge and answer the questions as a class.



Click on the image to read the text.

Read the rest of Don't Hog the Hedge! [here](#).

# Let's Explore **Vocabulary Victor** Questions Together

Read this page from *Don't Hog the Hedge* and answer the questions as a class.

*Hattie worked hard to prepare her winter home.*

What does the word *prepare* mean? Tick **one**.

get ready

fix

get rid of

buy

**Find and copy two** words that the author uses to describe Hattie's hedge.

*as the leaves grew crispier*

What does this phrase mean? Tick **one**.

The leaves are harder to eat

The leaves are getting drier

The leaves are getting hotter

The leaves are disappearing

# Summing Up Vocabulary Victor

Prove your understanding of what Vocabulary Victor does by answering the following questions:

What does Vocabulary Victor help you to do?

What sort of question might Vocabulary Victor ask?

What is the trickiest thing about Vocabulary Victor questions?

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