



'When Animals Invade' by Chloe Rhodes



Retrieval Questions with Rex Retriever

Rex Retriever will help you to go into a text and retrieve the facts.

Discuss the features of a Non-fiction book

Contents page, index, photographs, labels, diagrams

Questions:

- *Look at the front cover.*
What type of book do you think this will be? A non-fiction book tells us information. What do you think we will find out about in this book?
- *Contents Page.*
Read the contents page. Is there anything interesting you want to find out about first? Do we have to read the book in order from start to finish or can you choose which part to start with?
- *Child to choose pages to read from the Contents Page list.*
On the pages chosen, allow your child to read the information. If applicable to the pages, point out examples of the features highlighted at the top of this sheet. Child to then read other parts of the book and discuss their findings with you.
- *Contents page-*
Lists the subject and what page they can be found on.
- *Index-*
Found at the back of the book. Shows a list (always alphabetical order) of where to find information.
- *Photographs-*
Often used because non-fiction books have to accurate and true. Looking at an illustration is not always exact.
- *Labels-*
Used to show exactly what is being described in the text.
- *Diagrams-*
Illustrations to explain something. Usually used with labels.

Challenge: Can you answer these questions about the book?

- 1 On which page will you find out about Rats in the UK?
- 2 Why do 'other animals find it hard to live' in Australia? (Page 5)
- 3 How many Polar Bears go to Churchill? What are they looking for? (Page 6)
- 4 How many Monkeys can you see in the photograph crossing the road? (Page 8)
- 5 How do Racoons get into houses in Germany? How many Racoons were there in 1934? (Page 10-11)
- 6 How many Rats are there in the UK? (Page 12)
- 7 How do Humans invade animals' homes? Give me two reasons. (Page 14 - 15)
- 8 On which pages will you find information about litter? (Page 16)
- 9 Can you name all of the countries in the book?
- 10 Which country is the biggest? (Page 2-3)
- 11 Can you show me a good example of labels being used? (Page 2-3)
- 12 Are there any words in the book that you don't understand? How can you find out what they mean?

Extra ideas-

- Make a Wanted poster for the Monkeys.
- Look at a map or an atlas to find see where all the countries are.
- Do all Non-Fiction books have the same features? If you have any at home, take a look and check.
- Write your own Non-Fiction book about something that you know a lot about. Don't forget to include a Contents page, page numbers, pictures, labels, index and lots of facts!
- What is a Glossary?

