



'Blast Off'



Retrieval Questions with Rex Retriever

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

Vocabulary Questions with Vocabulary Victor

Vocabulary Victor will help you to look at how authors and poets have chosen to use certain words and phrases.



Your child should be able to read most of the words in this book by saying the letter sounds then blending them together. Remind your child to spot alternative pronunciations for certain letters, e.g. the 'y' in 'very' is pronounced /ee/. Ask your child to practise their phonic skills by reading these words:

energy excitedly gym really cry flying

Questions:

- *Read the title on the front cover.*
What do you think this story will be about? When have you heard the words 'Blast Off!' before?
- *Read up to page 5.*
"What's happening, Nok?" yelled Max.
Why is Max yelling to Nok? How do you know? Encourage your child to point to the part of the story that reveals the answer.
- *Read to page 7.*
Why does Tiger feel sick? Is the answer in the story or do you need to use your own knowledge and understanding of the world to answer?
- *Read to page 11.*
What does it mean when Nok says 'They are not responding!' Can you think of any other words that would work instead of responding?
- *Read to page*
"Hurry Seven!" said Nok.
Can you think of a different word choice for said the author could have used?
- *Read to end of story.*
Why did Max think they would not be able to go to Planet Exis with Nok?
Did you enjoy the story? Why/Why not?
Did this story remind you of any other books you have read before? Why does this story remind you of those ones?

Challenge

Can you create a different story adventure for the crew and Nok? Where will they fly to? What planet do they discover? You could draw pictures and add captions to explain your story.