



## Oxford Books - White

### 'Eric's Talking Ears'



#### **Retrieval Questions** with Rex Retriever

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

#### **Prediction Questions** with Predicting Pip

Predicting Pip tries to see the future and she will help you work out what might happen next.



#### **Look at the cover**

- Think about the title 'Talking Ears.' Do ears usually talk?
- Which character do you predict will be Eric?
- Where do you predict this story will be set? What gives you that idea?

#### **Chapter 1 - The Little Blue Book**

- How do you think Eric felt when he found the box of ears?
- Why do you think Erick took the box home with him? Do you think dad is right and it won't work?
- Predict what will happen next in the story.

#### **Chapter 2 - Jungle**

- How would you feel if you could talk to animals with your ears?
- Why do you think the elephants rushed off excitedly?
- What animal would you like to talk to if you could communicate with ears?

#### **Chapter 3 - What's going on?**

- Can you predict from the title of this chapter what this part of the book might be about?
- How do you think Eric feels when he learns about the animals plan to break out of the zoo? Why do you think this?

#### **Chapter 4 - You told us the truth!**

- Why did Eric not tell the truth? Why did he feel like he couldn't spoil the animals' dreams?
- Pause at page 27. If you were Eric what would you decide to do? Predict what might happen next.

## Chapter 5 - Traitor!

- Why do you think Dad doesn't believe Eric at first?
- How would you feel if you were an animal trying to escape?

## Chapter 6 - Rabbit Talk

- What do you predict Eric's plan might be when he finds the rabbit ears? Can you predict what will happen next?
- Can you predict how the story might end? Once you have read the ending can you discuss with your child whether they liked the ending and if they would prefer their own prediction!

## Extra ideas:

- Can you write a poem about talking to your favourite animal?
- Can you write down a script of what you would say if you could talk to your favourite animal?
- Could you write down a different end to the story? Perhaps the animals manage to escape and find a jungle?
- Can you draw a picture of your favourite animal and label all the body parts?