



Oxford Books - Gold

'Things that Sting'



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.



Discuss with your child what sort of book this might be? Do they think it is a fiction or non-fiction book? Why?

The features listed below that tell us it is a non-fiction book:

- Contents Page
- Glossary
- Photographs
- Labels
- Captions
- Index Page
- Headings
- Sub-headings

Discuss these features with your child and find them in the book.

Introduction 3-7

- Can you name three animals that can sting?
- What does the word harmless mean?
- Do all animals that sting look dangerous? Can you give an example of an animals that looks harmless but can sting?

Bee 8-9

- Where can you find the sting on a bee?
- What comes out of the sting into the enemy's skin?
- What happens to the bee after it stings?

Jellyfish 10-13

- What are the differences between a human and jellyfish body?
- Where is the sting on the jellyfish?
- What does the sting look like?
- What do the threads let out if the curtain is touched by another creature?

Stingray 14-15

- What is the spike called?
- What does the word 'attacked' mean? Can you think of any other words that also mean 'attacked'?
- What adjective is used to describe the poison?

Nettle 16-17

- What expanded noun phrase is used to describe the nettle? (adjective, adjective noun)
- How does the nettle sting?

Scorpion 18-20

- Where does a scorpion live?
- How many legs does a scorpion have?
- What does 'prey' mean?
- What does 'vicious' mean? Can you think of another word to describe the sting?

What to do if you get a sting? 22-23

- What do you need to do if you have trouble breathing?
- What should you do if you get stung by a nettle?
- What should you do if you get stung by a jellyfish?

Extra ideas:

Can you make a poster with a title 'Beware of things that sting!' You could use some of the animals from this book or research different animals that sting on the internet. You can draw pictures with captions and then label the body parts of each animal.