



Reading comprehension

A guide for parents

Guided reading at Ark Atwood

- Gain an understanding of guided reading at Atwood
- Gather information about how to support reading at home
- <https://arkschools.sharepoint.com/sites/ArkNetforSchools/primary/SitePages/Home.aspx>

*The more extensive the depth and breadth of one's vocabulary,
the better one's comprehension of texts is likely to be.*

- Reading ability and vocabulary size are related.
- Without knowledge of word meaning, it is difficult to see how text meaning may be accessed.
- Children's everyday conversations use words they already had when they began school; conversations they hear around them are unlikely to be a source of vocabulary extension.
- There is a place for vocabulary within the context of teaching reading comprehension.

Compare these texts – what's the difference?

Text A Joe and Ann went to school in Portland. They were enemies. They saw each other often. They had lots of fights. At the end of high school Ann said bad things about Joe. Then Ann moved away. Joe stayed in Portland. He worked for a judge. One day Joe was working, and he saw Ann. Ann did not see Joe. Ann looked afraid. She was under arrest.

Text B Joe and Ann went to school in Portland. They were antagonists. They saw each other often. They had lots of altercations. At the end of high school, Ann maligned Joe. Then Ann moved away. Joe stayed in Portland. He got a job as a bailiff. One day Joe was working and he saw Ann. Ann did not see Joe. Anne looked apprehensive. She was being incarcerated.

Resources

- Guided reading strategy check sheet
- CGP support books (available for order online –
- <https://www.cgpbbooks.co.uk/Parent/primary2016#english>

Our English range for Years 1-6



Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Targeted Question Books

There's a sharp focus on these writing skills in the new KS1-2 English curriculum, so we've carefully crafted these Yearly Targeted books to help pupils master everything from colons to subordinate clauses!

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Each of these books contains fifteen varied texts, with a range of questions to build pupils' comprehension skills and expand their vocabularies! Better still, there are now two Question Books for each year for even more practice.

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Each of these brilliant new anthology books tells the life-stories of four famous people — between them, they cover a range of fascinating personalities from King Alfred to Amelia Earhart. What's more, we've prepared all the teaching resources you'll need for 68 guided reading sessions in Years 5 & 6!

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