

Y5 Non Fiction Retrieve Debate

KS2 Y5 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

Retrieve: How far might a hedgehog travel in one night?

Step 1 · Key words

travel, one night

Step 2 · Skim subheadings

'Night-time travellers' looks right

Step 3 · Scan for the answer

'one or two kilometres'

Answer: One or two kilometres.

Check: Short answer, taken straight from the text.

2. Now try one with the steps

Record the hedgehog's diet

Step 1 · Find the section

Step 2 · Pick out key facts only

Step 3 · Set out points

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Hedgehogs are 'nocturnal'. What does this mean?

2. Name two things hedgehogs eat naturally.

3. Which two foods can make hedgehogs ill?

4. In which months do hedgehogs hibernate?

5. Where do hedgehogs make their winter nests? Give one place.

6. What is a 'hedgehog highway'?

7. How do subheadings help you retrieve information?

8. What is the difference between skimming and scanning?

9. Why do hedgehogs' heart rate and breathing slow down in winter?

10. Record the information about hibernation bullet-point notes.

11. Give one reason FOR the motion 'Every garden should have a hedgehog highway'.

12. Give one reason someone might argue AGAINST the motion.

13. Write a sentence that politely challenges someone's view in a discussion.

14. Why should you put notes into your own words?

4. Before you hand it in

Reading the whole text from the start for every question

Find the key word, skim the subheadings, then scan the right section.

Copying whole sentences as 'notes'

Pick out key words and set them out, a table or a diagram.

In a debate: 'I'm right because I just am.'

Give a reason and back it up: 'because the text says...'

Interrupting or ignoring other speakers

Listen, then link: 'I agree with...', 'Building on what Amir said...', 'I see your point, but...'