# Learning Intention I am learning to answer questions which have answers in the words and pictures. © 2020 Literacy Solutions Pty Ltd. THE COMPREHENSION TOOLKIT (AGES 5-8)

## <u>Success Criteria</u>

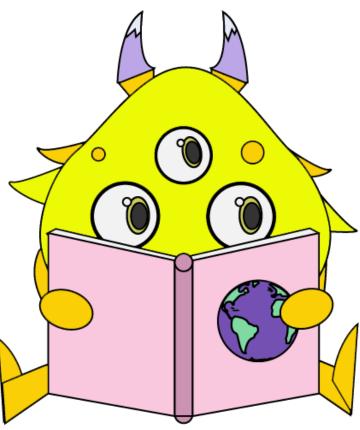
I will answer 'Yes' or 'No' questions by placing my thumbs up to show 'Yes' and my thumbs down to show 'No'.

I will find the clues in the words or pictures which prove I am right.

# <u>Questions</u>

A question is what someone asks if they do not know something.

Great readers will find the answers to some questions by searching the words and pictures with their eyes.



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### <u>Questions</u>:

#### **<u>Right there</u>** or In the text The answer to some questions is right there in the words or pictures. It is in the text and the reader will see the it if they look carefully. This means the reader does not need to work out the answer on their own. 0

# Learning Checklist

#### Check these off as you go.

Did I:
give Yes or No
answers?
find clues in any words?
find clues in any pictures?
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# Dugongs

Dugongs are gentle sea creatures. They are found in warm coastal waters including around Australia.

Dugong are large, grey-brown animals with flat tails, flippers and rounded heads. The part of a dugong's face with the nose and mouth is called a snout or muzzle. Near the top of the muzzle are two nostrils which are used for breathing air. A dugong's body is the perfect shape for gliding slowly through the water.

Dugong's have excellent hearing and can communicate with their offspring by squeaking and making pip-like noises. The offspring stay with their mothers for up to two years until they can survive on their own.

Dugongs have poor eyesight. On the muzzle, dugongs have long bristles which are very sensitive and help dugongs to locate food. These mild-mannered herbivores feed on seagrass which grows from the seabed. Dugongs can hold their breath for 10 minutes at a time to graze.

Dugongs are mammals and are sometimes called sea cows.





# Porcupines

Porcupines are large rodents. The largest porcupine can grow to almost one metre long. The smallest is a type of dwarf porcupine which grows up to 38 centimetres. Their relatives include rats, mice, squirrels, beavers and guinea pigs. Unlike the other rodents, porcupines have sharp quills on their backs. The quills on large porcupines can grow to 30 centimetres and on small porcupines grow only to 10 centimetres. The quills are good protection from predators. When frightened, porcupines shake the quills. This makes a rattling sound. If this does not scare away a predator, porcupines may charge backwards into the predator.

Porcupines are nocturnal and forage for food at night. They are mostly vegetarian but occasionally eat bugs and small lizards. Unlike other plant eaters, porcupines like to eat most of the plant. They eat wood, bark, stems, nuts, seeds, grass, leaves and fruit. To keep their teeth sharp porcupines chew on bones, even though they don't usually eat meat.

Porcupines live in many countries but are not found in Australia.





