

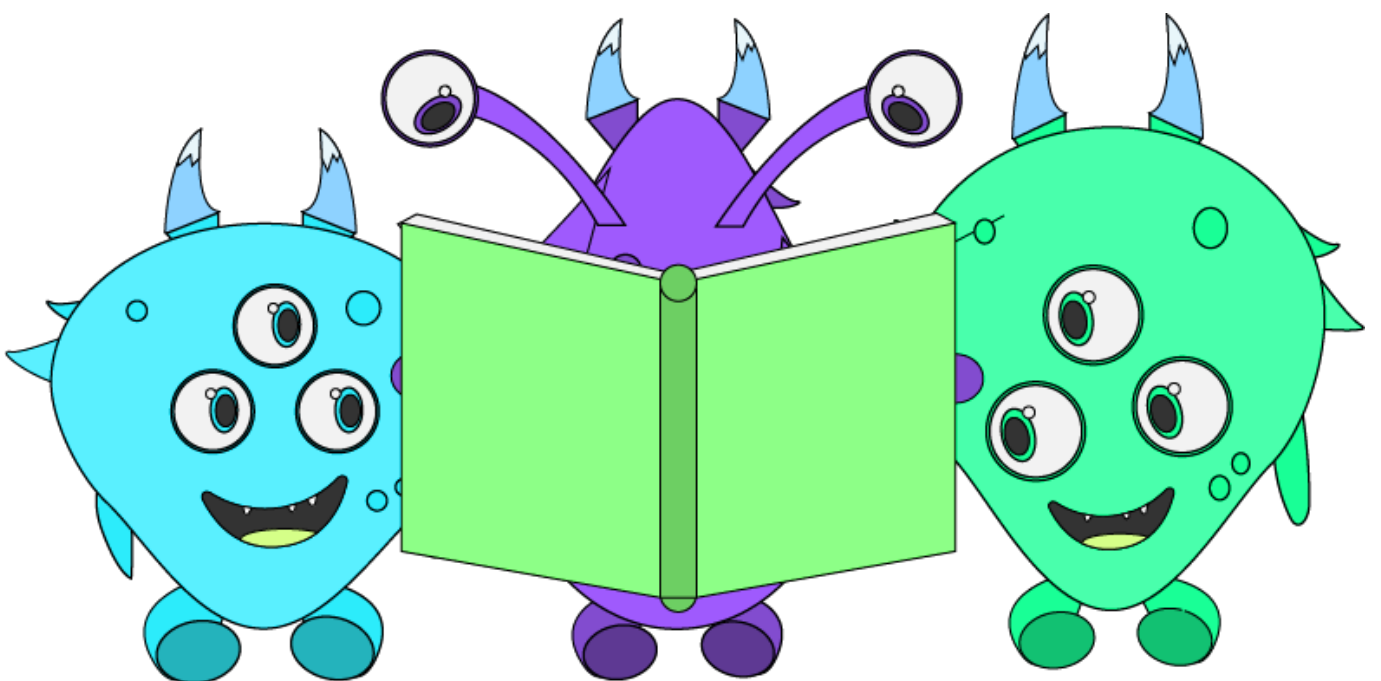
Learning Intention

I am learning how to read busy texts. A busy text has lots of words and pictures in different places.



Success Criteria

I will examine, or look carefully at all the words and pictures to work out an order, or sequence for reading, which makes sense.

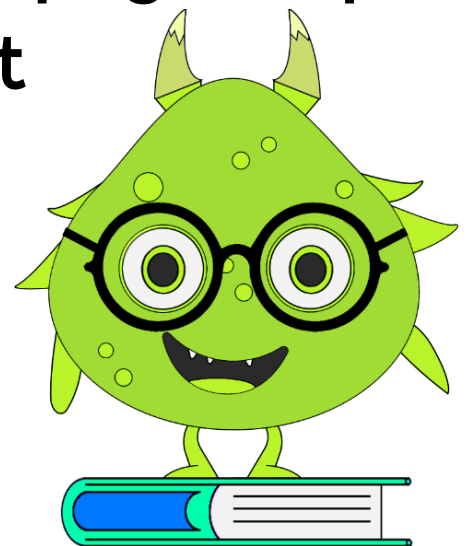


Busy Texts

Busy pages have lots of words and pictures in different places. It can be tricky to know what to look at first. Before reading, great readers notice:

- **headings** which tell the main ideas
- **subheadings** which sort information into smaller groups
- **images, labels, captions** and other interesting meaning helpers. These help readers to know more about the ideas before reading.

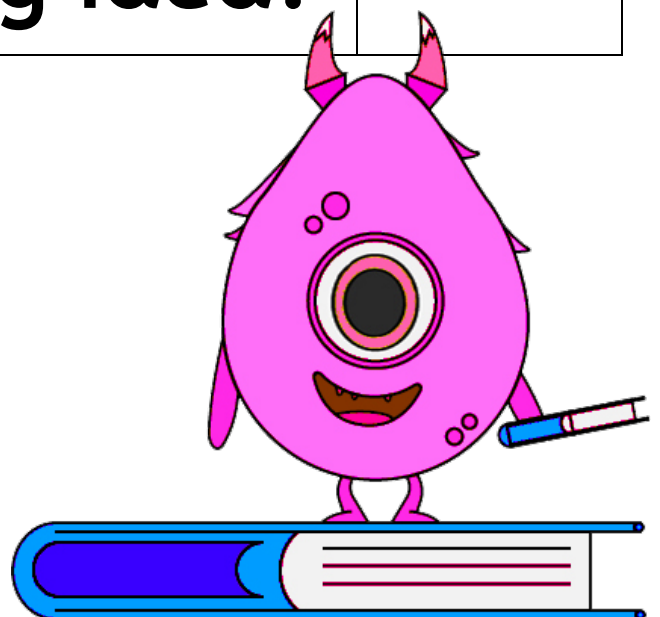
Examining what is on the page helps readers to work out what the ideas are mostly about. Then the text is usually read from the top.



Learning Checklist

Check these off as you go.

Tell a friend:	✓
What are some things you might look at before you start reading?	
How do you work out the main or big idea?	



Amazing Echidnas

Echidnas are found in mainland Australia. They are also found in Tasmania and Papua New Guinea.



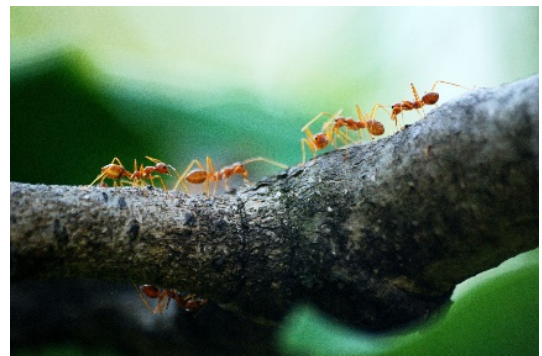
What is an echidna?

An echidna is an Australian mammal. This means echidnas have warm blood. They also have a pouch like the koala, kangaroo and platypus. The female echidna will lay one, soft-shelled egg into her pouch.

Ten days later, a baby echidna, or puggle, hatches from the egg. Baby echidnas are called puggles. When they are young, puggles live in the pouch and drink their mother's milk.

What do echidnas eat?

Echidnas eat insects and worms. small animals like termites, ants and worms. They flick out their long, sticky tongues to catch their prey.



Echidnas like to eat termites and ants

What are spines?

Echidna spines are made from keratin. Keratin is what your hair and nails are made from.

Echidnas have sharp claws. They dig into the ground to escape predators.



Echidnas spines help protect echidnas from predators.