

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>/18th June 2020

## WALT make inferences from a text

Good morning Year 6. We would love to see what you have been reading and the work you have been doing. Here is the link for our padlet page:

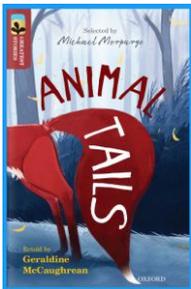
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### Oxford Owl

1. Go to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-school/default>
2. Log in using your login details.
3. Go to 'e-book library'.
4. Select books for 9-11 year olds.
5. Find the correct book.

This week, we are going to read another e-book together: *Animal Tails*, retold by *Geraldine McCaughrean*.

This is the front cover:



### Task

Answer these questions about the story. You will need to **infer** from the text.

1. Why did the author suggest that cats **should** be aboard the Ark? Give evidence for your suggestions.
2. *'You and I might have left behind scorpions, millipedes, tarantulas and asps...'*  
Why do you think the author chose to directly address the reader in this line of the story?
3. Which word suggests the rats were not welcome on the Ark?
4. What impression do we get of the rats? Which words/phrases give you that impression?
5. On page 16, the author uses lots of rhyming words. Why do you think she has done this?  
Can you give several examples of the rhyming words?
6. The lion sneezed out 'two balls of fluff' that turned into cats. Why are the cats important?
7. What did the author mean when using this phrase to describe the cats on page 17; *'they cannot help themselves'*?
8. Read on to page 18. Do you think the frog had meant to be a plug for the hole? What makes you think this?
9. *'Her bulging eyes gazed out on dead cities, on shark and squid and a million drowned things.'* What does the author mean by *'a million drowned things'*?
10. How do you think the frog felt when plugging the hole?

## Answers

1. The author suggests cats should be aboard the Ark because they normally don't like water.
2. The author used direct address to make us feel that there is a relationship between us and them.
3. Uninvited
4. We get the impression that the rats are selfish and a nuisance. On page 15, the rats are 'nibbling, gnawing and breeding', eating the other animal's food and leaving their droppings in their beds.
5. Den to pen, hump to rump, table to stable. The use of rhyming words helps the story to flow by creating rhythm and helps us to imagine the movements of the cats as elegant or fast.
6. The cats were made to hunt and kill the rats.
7. It means they want to bite and nibble everything they see; it's in their nature.
8. This answer is your opinion. I think the frog did mean to because he jumped up into Noah's hand on purpose and blew himself up to show how he could be used. However, the author also describes how frightened the frog had been of water so he might have meant to seek assurance from Noah (he was scared).
9. According to 'Noah's Ark', the flood had killed everything on Earth that wasn't on the Ark.
10. I think he felt proud of his usefulness but also scared.