

# 50 Rapid Reading Activities For Key Stage 1

Quick comprehensions designed to last up to 10 minutes. Based on texts from previous curriculum tests including new and original questions. Answers also included.

## Question Types

w/p	Words and Phrases
i	Inference
kf	Key Facts (Retrieval)
ot	Other (e.g.: Language Choice, Comparisons)

## Text Difficulty

l	Low Level Text
m	Middle Level Text
h	High Level Text

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# Living in a Castle (part 3)

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kf What could Frog see on the horizon?

a boat the sun an island a beach

i Why did the boat start to sink?

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“You go on ahead,” said the farmer.

**kf** There are two men in the story. Which man is kind and which man is greedy?

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