

Progression in Reading Comprehension Skills (VIPERS)



Teachers follow a clear and structured progression map in all VIPERS strands. This underpins our teaching and learning and sets out the expectations for each phase in the school ensuring that each year group builds on children's prior learning and understanding.

| Progression in Comprehension | Skills – Nursery & Reception | ELG Comprehension |
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| Asks questions about stories. | Answer questions about a text that has been read to them. | Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary |
| Repeat words and phrases from familiar stories. | Begin to predict what might happen next in a story. | Anticipate — where appropriate — key events in stories |
| Repeat new vocabulary in a context of a story. | Begin to use modelled vocabulary during role play for example in the Small World. | Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play. |
| Has favourite books and seeks them out, to share with an adult, with another child, or to look at alone. | Seeks familiar texts or stories to re-read in the book area. Requests favourite stories and poems for example during Vote for a story. | Can share a favourite book with a peer, retelling the story in their own way repeating known phrases from the text. |

| PROGRESSION IN VIPERS - VOCABULARY | | | | | |
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| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Discuss word meanings, | Discuss and clarify the | • Use dictionaries to check | Use dictionaries to check | Explore the meaning of | Evaluate how the |
| linking new meanings to | meanings of words; link | the meaning of words. | the meaning of words | words in context, | authors' use of language |
| those already known. | new meanings to known | Discuss words that | that they have read. | confidently using a | impacts upon the reader |
| • Join in with predictable | vocabulary | capture the readers | Use a thesaurus to find | dictionary. | find examples of |
| phrases. • Use vocabulary | Discuss their favourite | interest or imagination. | synonyms. | Discuss how the author's | figurative language and |
| given by the teacher. | words and phrases | Identify how language | Discuss why words have | choice of language | how this impacts the |
| | recognise some recurring | choices help build | been chosen and the | impacts the reader | reader and contributes to |
| | language in stories and | meaning find the meaning | effect these have. | evaluate the authors use | meaning or mood. discuss |
| | poems. | of unfamiliar words using | | of language. | how presentation and |
| | | | | | structure contribute to |





| | | substitution within a | • Discuss new and unusual | Investigate alternative | meaning. explore the |
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| | | sentence. | vocabulary and clarify the | word choices that could | meaning of words in |
| | | | meaning of these. | be made. | context by 'reading |
| | | | Find the meaning of | • Begin to look at the use | around the word' and |
| | | | unfamiliar words using | of figurative language. | independently. |
| | | | the context of the | • Use a thesaurus to find | \cdot Explore its meaning in |
| | | | sentence. | synonyms for a larger | the broader context of a |
| | | | | variety of words. | section or paragraph. |
| | | | | • Re-write passages using | |
| | | | | alternative word choices. | |
| | | | | • Read around the word' | |
| | | | | and explore its meaning in | |
| | | | | the broader context of a | |
| | | | | section or paragraph. | |
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| That words have | That many different | Alphabetical order in | Alphabetical order in | • That an author chooses | How to use a dictionary, |
| meanings. | words can mean the same | order to use a dictionary | order to use a dictionary | words carefully and that | thesaurus, and glossary, |
| • That different words can | thing or offer an extra | or thesaurus. | or thesaurus. That a | changing these can | confidently using |
| mean the same thing. | layer of meaning e.g., the | • That a dictionary defines | dictionary defines words | change the mood of the | alphabetical order. |
| That stories and poems | difference between walked | words whereas a | whereas a thesaurus | text. | To evaluate means to |
| can have repeating | and wandered. | thesaurus provides | provides synonyms. | • To know that figurative | think about how well |
| patterns. | • That simple thesaurus | synonyms. | To know that different | language includes simile, | something worked. |
| | cards can help me find | • To know that different | texts have different | personification, and | To know that an author |
| | words that have similar | texts have different | vocabulary choices e.g., | metaphor. | chooses words carefully |
| | meanings. | vocabulary choices e.g., | the difference between | To know that features | and that changing these |
| | To know that stories | the difference between | fiction and nonfiction. | such as the glossary can | can change the mood of |
| | have a beginning, middle | fiction and nonfiction. | To know that features | help to find the meaning | the text. |
| | and end and that I can | To know that features | such as the glossary can | of unfamiliar, subject | To know that words |
| | use actions or story | such as the glossary can | help me to find the | specific words. | have similar or different |
| | boards to help retell a | help me to find the | meaning of unfamiliar, | | meanings. |
| | story. | meaning of unfamiliar, | subject specific words. | | To know that figurative |
| | To know to listen | subject specific words. | | | language includes simile, |
| | carefully to a story in | | | | personification, hyperbole |





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| C | order to find repetition. | and metaphor and be |
| To | know where a glossary | able to find these in texts. |
| is | and that this will define | |
| th | e meaning of unfamiliar | |
| | words. | |



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To know that some words can hint at meaning e.g., 'cried' means they were upset.
To know that pictures can show me how a character feels or what a setting is like.

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That inference means looking for clues in a word, text, or image.
That a word can hint at how a character is feeling e.g., 'he panted heavily' means a character is tired.

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- That words provide hints or clues about actions or events, including figurative language.
- To answer inference questions with evidence, sometimes from more than one place in a text.
- That authors often show, rather than explicitly tell, the reader.
- That authors choose powerful, meaning-laden words to create atmosphere or mood.

| PROGRESSION IN VIPERS - PREDICTION | | | | | | |
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| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | |
| Predict what might | Predict what might | Justify predictions using | Justify predictions using | Predicting what might | Predicting what might | |
| happen on the basis of | happen on the basis of | evidence from the text. | evidence from the text. | happen from details | happen from details | |
| what has been read so | what has been read so far | Use relevant prior | Use relevant prior | stated and implied. | stated and implied. | |
| far. • Make simple | make predictions using | knowledge to make | knowledge as well as | Support predictions with | Support predictions by | |
| predictions based on the | their own knowledge as | predictions and justify | details from the text to | relevant evidence from the | using relevant evidence | |
| story and on their own | well as what has | them. | form predictions and to | text. | from the text. | |
| life experience. • Begin to | happened so far to make | • Use details from the text | justify them. | Confirm and modify | Confirm and modify | |
| explain these ideas | logical predictions and | to form further | Monitor these | predictions as they read | predictions in light of new | |
| verbally or though | give explanations of them. | predictions. | predictions and compare | on. | information. | |
| pictures. Adults might | | | them with the text as they | | | |
| scribe their ideas. | | | read on. | | | |
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| | | • That stories contain a | | That implied means a | | |



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That a prediction is me giving my opinion about what might happen next.
That some stories have similar plots e.g., happy endings in fairy stories.
That I can use picture clues to make a

prediction.

- That many stories have similar endings or characters. That a prediction is a sensible guess.
- problem/dilemma and resolution.
- That knowledge of other texts can help a reader to make predictions (make links between texts).
- That predictions must be justified e.g. I think this because...
- Can use own experiences or evidence from other stories to make predictions,
- That knowledge of other texts can help me to make predictions (make links between texts).
- That predictions must be justified e.g. I think this because...

- hint or suggestion in the text.
- To use a wide range of evidence to justify my predictions.
- That to justify my opinion means to support it with more than one piece of evidence. That many stories / genre share plot development.
- That implied means a hint or suggestion in the text.
- To use a wide range of evidence to justify my predictions.
- That to justify my opinion means to support it with more than one piece of evidence.
- That many stories / genre share plot development.

| PROGRESSION IN VIPERS - EXPLANATION | | | | | | |
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| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | |
| Give opinion including | • Explain and discuss their | • Discuss the features of a | Discuss words and | • Provide increasingly | • Provide increasingly | |
| likes and dislikes. | understanding of books, | wide range of fiction, | phrases that capture the | reasoned justification for | reasoned justification for | |
| • Link what they read or | poems, and other | poetry, plays, non-fiction, | reader's interest and | my views recommend | views. | |
| hear to their own | material, both those that | and reference books. | imagination. | books for peers in detail. • | Recommend books for | |
| experiences. | they listen to and those | Identify how language, | Identify how language, | Give reasons for authorial | peers in detail giving | |
| • Explain clearly my | that they read for | structure, and | structure, and | choices. | reasons for authorial | |
| understanding of what | themselves. | presentation contribute to | presentation contribute to | • Begin to challenge points | choices. | |
| has been read to them. | Express my own views | meaning. | meaning. recognise | of view. | • Begin to challenge points | |
| | about a book or poem. | • Recognise authorial | authorial choices and the | • Begin to distinguish | of view begin to | |
| | • Discuss some similarities | choices and the purpose | purpose of these. | between fact and opinion. | distinguish between fact | |
| | between books. | of these. | | • Identify how language, | and opinion. | |
| | • Listen to the opinion of | | | structure and presentation | • Identify how language, | |
| | others. | | | contribute to meaning. | structure and presentation | |
| | | | | Discuss and evaluate | contribute to meaning. | |
| | | | | how authors use | Discuss and evaluate | |
| | | | | language, including | how authors use | |





| | | | | figurative language, | language, including |
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| | | | | considering the impact on | figurative language, |
| | | | | the reader. | considering the impact on |
| | | | | • Explain and discuss their | the reader. |
| | | | | understanding of what | Explain and discuss |
| | | | | they have read, including | understanding of what |
| | | | | through formal | they have read - through |
| | | | | presentations and | formal presentations and |
| | | | | debates. | debates. |
| | | | | | Distinguish between fact |
| | | | | | and opinion explaining |
| | | | | | how they know this. |
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| • That my opinion is what | That answers should | That texts are arranged | That texts are arranged | • That I need to back up | That I need to back up |
| I think, backed up with | contain because or as. | in order to aid meaning. | in order to aid meaning. | my answer with evidence | my answer with evidence |
| evidence from the text. | • That own experiences | The title, contents page, | The title, contents page, | from the text. | from the text or my own |
| • That characters often | can be used to answer | index, glossary, | index, glossary, | That people have | opinions / experiences. |
| have the same | questions. | subheading, captions, | subheading, captions, | different points of view. | That people have |
| experiences. That because | • That some books can | diagrams. | diagrams. | To listen to differing | different points of view. |
| helps me to explain my | share similarities. | That the mood is the | ullet That the mood is the | views and weigh up | To listen to differing |
| views. | | feeling created by the | feeling created by the | arguments. | views and weigh up |
| | | author. | author. | • That predictions must be | arguments. |
| | | That stories often have | That stories often have | justified with more than | • That predictions must be |
| | | messages. | messages. | one piece of evidence e.g. | justified with more than |
| | | • That my opinion must be | That a point of view is | I think this because of | one piece of evidence. |
| | | justified with evidence | an author or characters | and | |
| | | from the text. | belief. That my opinion | | |
| | | | must be justified with | | |
| | | | evidence from the text. | | |





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| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| · Answer a question about | · Independently read and | • Learn the skill of 'skim | · Confidently skim and | Confidently skim and | · Children confidently skim |
| what has just happened in | answer simple questions | and scan' to retrieve | scan texts to record | scan, and also use the | and scan, and also use |
| a story. | about what they have just | details. | details | skill of reading before and | the skill of reading before |
| • Develop their knowledge | read, asking and | • Begin to use quotations | Use relevant quotes to | after to retrieve | and after to retrieve |
| of retrieval through | answering retrieval | from the text. | support their answers to | information. | information. They use |
| images. recognise | questions | Retrieve and record | questions. | • Use evidence from across | evidence from across |
| characters, events, titles, | • Draw on previously | information from a fiction | Retrieve and record | larger sections of text | whole chapters or texts |
| and information. | taught knowledge. | text. | information from a fiction | · Read a broader range of | · Read a broader range of |
| recognise differences | | Retrieve information | or non-fiction text. | texts including myths, | texts including myths, |
| between fiction and non- | | from a non-fiction text. | | legends, stories from other | legends, stories from other |
| fiction texts. | | | | cultures. | cultures, modern fiction, |
| Retrieve information by | | | | Retrieve, record, and | plays, poetry and archaic |
| finding a few key words. | | | | present information from | texts. |
| | | | | non-fiction texts. | Retrieve, record, and |
| | | | | • Ask own questions and | present information from |
| | | | | follow a line of enquiry. | a wide variety of non- |
| | | | | | fiction texts. |
| | | | | | Ask own questions and |
| | | | | | follow a line of enquiry. |
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| \cdot To listen carefully to a | • That words or phrases | • Where a glossary or | • Where a glossary or | • How to skim and scan. | • That there are many |
| story and join in with | carry meaning. | index is and where I can | index is and where I can | That there are many | genre of fiction book, |
| actions. | • That answers can be | locate these. | locate these. | genre of fiction book, | each with their own |
| That some books are | found directly in the text. | To look back at the text | To look back at the text | each with their own | unique features. |
| fiction, and some books | • That I can underline an | for exact words or | for key words or phrases, | unique features. | • That non-fiction texts are |
| give me information (non- | answer in the text. | phrases. | these are often in the | Some of the features of | organized in different |
| fiction). That fiction and | | To scan the text for key | question. | the different genre e.g., | ways e.g., fact boxes, |
| non-fiction books are | | words. | \cdot To scan the text for key | traditional tales, quest, | captions, diagrams, flow |
| organised differently and | | | words. | myths etc. | charts. Some of the |
| be able to find a contents | | | | | features of the different |





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| page, title, blurb. That a | | · Can use some question | genre e.g., traditional |
| blurb gives me | | stems to ask and answer | tales, quest, myths etc. |
| information about a text. | | my own questions. | • Can use some question |
| • That a key word in a | | | stems to ask and answer |
| question will help me find | | | my own questions. |
| an answer in the text. | | | · |

| PROGRESSION IN VIPERS - SEQUENCING/SUMMARISING | | | | | |
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| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Retell familiar stories | • Discuss the sequence of | • Identify main ideas | Use skills developed in | Summarise the main | Summarise information |
| orally e.g., fairy stories | events in books and how | drawn from a key | year 3 in order to write a | ideas drawn from more | from across a text and |
| and traditional tales | items of information are | paragraph or page and | brief summary of main | than one paragraph, | link information by |
| sequence the events of a | related. retell using a | summarise these begin to | points. | page, chapter, or the | analysing and evaluating |
| story they are familiar | wider variety of story | distinguish between the | Identify and use | entire text identifying key | ideas between sections of |
| with. | language. | important and less | essential information. | details to support the | the text. |
| Begin to discuss how | Order events from the | important information in | Identify main ideas | main ideas. make | Summarise the main |
| events are linked. | text. | a text. | drawn from more than | connections between | ideas drawn from more |
| | • Begin to discuss how | • Give a brief verbal | one paragraph. | information across the | than one paragraph. |
| | events are linked focusing | summary of a story. | Identify themes from a | text and include this is an | Identify key details to |
| | on the main content of | teachers begin to model | wide range of books | answer. | support the main ideas |
| | the story. | how to record summary | • Summarise whole | Discuss the themes or | make comparisons across |
| | | writing. | paragraphs, chapters or | conventions from a | different books. |
| | | Identify themes from a | texts. | chapter or text | • Summarise entire texts, |
| | | wide range of books. | | • Identify themes across a | in addition to chapters or |
| | | | | wide range of writing. | paragraphs, using a |
| | | | | | limited number of words |
| | | | | | or paragraphs. |
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| • The plot of a few key | • A variety of time words. | • That a summary is the | • That a summary uses | • That a summary uses | • That a summary uses |
| traditional tales and fairy | • That story boards or | main point or events of a | only essential words or | only essential words or | only essential words or |
| tales. | actions can help me to sequence events. | text. | phrases. | phrases, including those | phrases, including those |





| Traditional story |
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| language such as once |
| upon a time, happily ever |
| after. |
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- Know some simple time words e.g., after, next, then.
- That stories often share plot development and need a beginning, middle and end.
- How to retell orally using story maps.
- How to use time adverbials to sequence key events.
- How to condense information into key words or sentences (in a nutshell).
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- derived from the text to give an overview. • How to condense
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- How to condense information into key words or sentences (in a nutshell).