

Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How

Grade 2 • ELA • Answering who, what, when, where, why, and how questions about nonfiction passages •
Standards: RI.2.1

Read each short nonfiction passage carefully. Then answer the question in a complete sentence.

1. Passage: Bees make honey inside their hives. They use flowers to make the honey.

What do bees make?

2. Passage: Firefighters help people every day. They wear special helmets to protect their heads.

Who wears special helmets?

3. Passage: Birds fly south when winter comes. They go to warmer places to find food.

When do birds fly south?

4. Passage: Many fish live in the ocean. The ocean has salt water and is very deep.

Where do many fish live?

5. Passage: Farmers plant seeds in the spring. The warm weather and rain help the seeds grow into plants.

How do seeds grow into plants?

6. Passage: Squirrels collect acorns in the fall. They hide the acorns so they will have food to eat during the cold winter.

Why do squirrels collect acorns?

7. Passage: A library is a place where people borrow books. Librarians help people find books about many different topics. People must be quiet in the library.

What do librarians do?

8. Passage: Dentists teach people how to brush their teeth correctly. They say you should brush for two minutes every morning and every night. This keeps your teeth healthy and strong.

When should you brush your teeth?

9. Passage: Penguins cannot fly, but they are excellent swimmers. They use their flippers to move quickly through the water. Penguins dive deep to catch fish and other sea animals for their meals.

How do penguins move through the water?

10. Passage: Scientists study rocks to learn about the Earth's history. Some rocks are millions of years old. By looking at the layers in rocks, scientists can tell what happened long ago, like when volcanoes erupted or when oceans covered the land.

Why do scientists study rocks?

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For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

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