



Unit focus: Dinosaurs
Text focus: Narrative (280L)

STAGE 1

Ben The Dinosaur

Ben is a dinosaur. He is a diplodocus. Ben is still very small. This means he finds some things hard.

Ben's family eat leaves from the big tree. Ben can't reach the leaves. This makes him upset.

R: What kind of dinosaur is Ben?

Diplodocus

Tyrannosaurus Rex

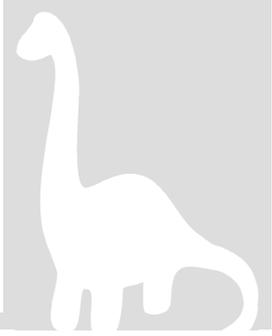
Triceratops

V: Which word tells you that Ben is sad?



His mummy pulls the leaves off to give to him. This makes him smile.

S: Draw a picture of Ben and his mummy eating the leaves.



Ben's family like to splash in the river. The river is deep. Ben is too small to swim. This makes him feel angry. His mummy carries him on her back. This makes him laugh.

R: Circle how Ben feels when he can't swim.

Happy Angry Silly



Ben's family play fetch. His brothers are fast. Ben is slow. This makes him feel left out. His mummy always cheers him on. This makes him feel better.

R: Who is fast? Circle the answer.

Ben Ben's mummy Ben's brothers



Ben's family like to sing. He is very quiet.

This makes him feel shy. His mummy sings with him. This makes him feel brave.

Ben's family like to cuddle. His brothers are too big. Ben is very good at cuddling. This makes his mummy smile.

R: How does Ben make his mummy smile?



Ben is good at some things. He tries hard at everything. He knows that his mummy will help him if he gets stuck.

I: Who can always make Ben feel better?



Answers

R: Diplodocus

V: Upset

S: Look for understanding that he is smaller than his mummy and is being helped by her in the task.

R: Angry

R: His brothers

R: With cuddles

I: His mummy





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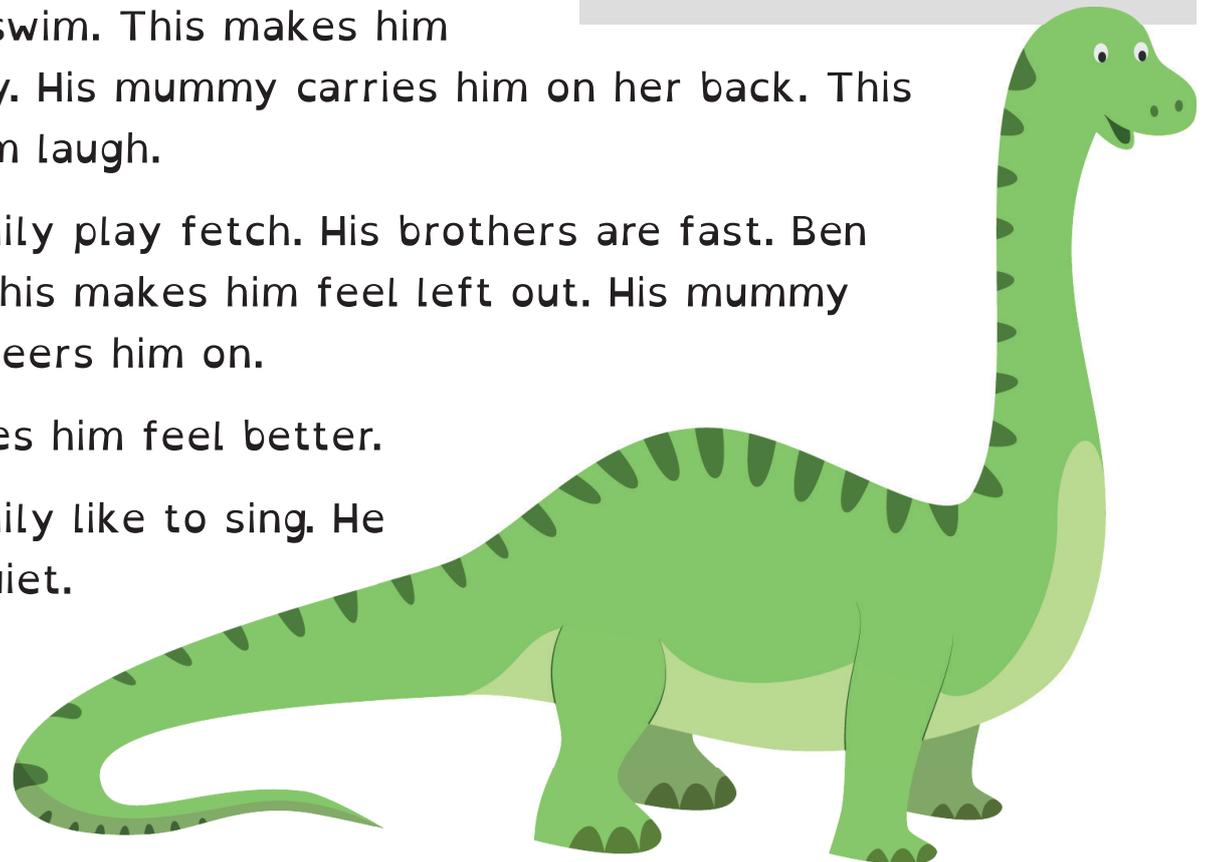
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RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What kind of dinosaur is Ben?
2. Where do they get leaves?
3. How does Ben feel when he can't swim?
4. Who are very fast?
5. What does Ben do to make him mummy smile?



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VIPERS QUESTIONS

S

Write two things that you know about Ben.

I

Who can always make Ben feel better?

V

Find a word that tells you that Ben is sad.

I

Why are his brothers good at fetch?

S

Draw a picture of Ben and his mummy doing one of the things in the story.



Answers

1. Diplodocus
2. The big tree
3. Angry
4. His brothers
5. Cuddle her

S: Any two facts that are taken from the text. They could be things he can or can't do or the fact that he is small.

I: His mummy

V: Upset

I: They are fast

S: Look for understanding that he is smaller than his mummy and is being helped by her in the task. Alternatively, if they are cuddling, that he is making her happy.

