

## Sheet 9: Reading for Clues

### Worked example:

Read this: 'Max the monkey sat under a tree, checking his watch every minute. He tapped his foot and looked up at the path. When he saw Leo the lion approach, Max let out a big sigh of relief.' Why was Max sighing?

**Answer:** Max was waiting for Leo and was worried he might be late, so he felt relieved when Leo arrived.

• **Read the story:** Pip the caterpillar sat on a large leaf. She carefully folded her silk blanket and tucked it into her tiny bag. She looked at the dark, grey clouds gathering above the garden and shivered. 'I must find a dry spot before the drops fall,' she whispered. She crawled quickly towards the hollow trunk of the old oak tree.

- 1. Why did Pip decide to pack her bag?
- 2. What did Pip notice in the sky that made her feel worried?
- 3. What does the word 'shivered' tell us about how Pip felt?
- 4. Why did Pip choose the hollow trunk of the oak tree?
- 5. What do you think will happen next in the story?
- 6. How do we know Pip was in a hurry?

*Self-check: Look back at the text; check that your answers use evidence from the story rather than just guessing.*

**Ready for next:** Once you can explain why a character acts a certain way based on the text, you are ready to try this with a non-fiction passage.