

Toby

Toby walked into the library, still laughing over a joke his friend Harry had told him during class. Mrs. Taylor, who was carefully placing books back on the shelf, glared at Toby and tapped a sign on the wall. Toby gave a sheepish smile and hurried on towards the back of the library. Toby was normally out kicking the ball with friends during lunch, but his report was due tomorrow, and he was more than a little behind in his work. In fact, all he had done so far was choose an animal. He had planned on asking for help finding a book, however the scowl still hadn't left Mrs. Taylor's face, so he wasn't sure that was a good idea.

Toby found the picture books. He then found the young adult books. Eventually, after wandering around for what felt like a very long time, Toby spotted a poster of a blue whale. Hopeful that he had found the non-fiction section, he walked towards it.

Bingo! he thought to himself.

He turned his head to the side and began to read the spines of the books. He saw a book on crocodiles, one on geckos, and another on lizards. He quickly realised he was in the reptile section. He needed mammals, and so moved to the next shelf.

Again, he read the spines. Apes... horses... wombats. *Bingo!* This was the shelf he needed. Now he just needed to find giant pandas. He kept looking, and looking, and looking.

There mustn't be any, he thought to himself.

He looked at his watch and was pleased to see that he still had a little time before the bell would ring. Walking out of the library past Mrs. Taylor, Toby decided he would ask his dad for help with his report when he got home.

1. Why was Toby in the library?

2. What animal was Toby writing a report on?

3. What do you think the sign Mrs Taylor tapped said?

4. Which word from the text means 'frown'?

5. Why did Toby decide not to ask Mrs Taylor for help finding the book?

6. What do you think Toby is going to do after leaving the library? Why do you think this?
