

Comprehension

English comprehension is your ability to understand and make meaning out of texts and books. It is used in lots of jobs and is a skill you need to have when you do your ATAR tests.

Read this text:

The Toad and the Farmer

Once upon a time, there was a toad that lived by the lake. The toad loved the lake; it was quiet, wet, and warm - the perfect location for Mr. Toad. One day, a farmer came and told the toad, "I need this lake so I can have water for my crops." "Sure," said Mr. Toad, "as long as there is still some water for my friends and I." The farmer looked at the toad with a pleasing smile that reached the edges of his mouth. "Thank you!" said the farmer, "there will be plenty left for you!" The farmer dug a trench from the lake to his farm, and the lake's water ran free, towards his crops. The water helped the farmer's crops grow right to the top of the trees. The toad and his friends still had plenty of water, but the farmer's crops grew too close to the lake. The toad was very cramped and wanted some more space. He went to the farmer and asked for more room, but the farmer said no - he wanted them all his crops to grow. So, the toad travelled to another stream and soon enough, the farmer came back. When the farmer came back, he said, "please come home, all of the fish are very sad. They are sad that you are gone and refuse to come out of the lake." The toad was touched, and he decided to come back to the lake. The farmer made sure that there was enough room for the toad and his friends, and everyone lived happily ever after.

- A) What is the name of the main character?
- B) Where does the toad live?
- C) How tall did the crops grow?
- D) Where did the fish hide?
- E) What did the farmer do to the lake?
- F) Why did the toad run away?
- G) Why did the farmer take water from the lakes?
- H) Why did the toad want more room?
- I) Why were the fish sad?
- J) Why did the toad feel 'touched'?

