

Session 1: Reading (pages 5–15)

Before Reading

Ask children whether they have ever been to the zoo. What sorts of animals do they have there? What do children think would happen if one of the animals escaped?

During Reading

Children consider the main question as they read to page 15.

Main question: **What do we learn about Louis?**

(Y3 t1, Literal Comprehension)

Additional prompts

Page 6: What do we find out about Louis here?

Page 8: Why does the man think the dog is acting strangely?

After Reading

Discuss the events of Chapter 1 and what children have learned about Louis, making sure they reference the text carefully.

Follow-up: children read to page 29, making notes about what happens to Louis.