



These notes are designed so that you can use them as a guide for teaching or alternatively you can give them to a group of students who will then complete the reading and activities independently or with a partner.

Each set of notes has:

- An activity grid
- The science content and knowledge
- The science vocabulary in the glossary
- The answers to the quiz
- Questions for each chapter to guide reading

There is more than one way to read this book. Here are four examples. No one way is better than the another. You may also like to use the graphic organizers to help guide your reading.

- You can skim through the pages of the entire book, stopping at and studying the diagrams. Then check the glossary to clarify your understanding of any unknown science-related words. This will give you the background science information before you read the story. Then go back and read the story.
- You can read the blurb on the back cover, then jump straight into reading Chapter 1. Read the story as if there were no diagrams or bolded words at all. When you have finished, go back and study the diagrams and glossary words to add to your knowledge.
- You can do a combination of both the above. Read the back cover blurb to find out the storyline. Study the initial diagrams. Then read the book, stopping to consolidate your understanding of the science concepts. Check out the bolded words in the glossary if you are unsure of their meaning.
- You can read the book chapter by chapter, stopping and discussing the story and the science as you go.

When you have finished reading, take the test. You should get six out of six. If you aren't sure of an answer, follow the quiz clues at the end of the book.

Now do one or both of the activities. When you have finished these, complete the black line master activities.

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Book Activity 1</b>	<b>Book Activity 2</b>	<b>Graphic Organiser 1</b>	<b>Graphic Organiser 2</b>	<b>Black Line Master 1</b>	<b>Black Line Master 2</b>	<b>Black Line Master 3</b>
<b>The Funniest Ferret</b>	Literacy Vocabulary	Science Inquiry	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Comprehension Inferential	Multiple Intelligence Musical	Values Tolerance
<b>Sky Farmer</b>	Multiple Intelligence Linguistic	Science Experiment	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Science Vocabulary	Comprehension Inferential	Values Caring
<b>Net Navigator</b>	Comprehension Inferential	Science Experiment	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Visual Spatial	Values Understanding
<b>Rumbling Beneath the Surface</b>	Comprehension Inferential	Science History	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Intrapersonal	Values Care & Compassion
<b>Slimy Slug Planet</b>	Comprehension Inferential	Science Inquiry	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Visual Spatial	Values Respect
<b>Revenge</b>	Comprehension Inferential	Science Experiment	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Intrapersonal	Values Feelings
<b>Bad moon Rising</b>	Comprehension Literal	Science History	Comprehension Inferential	Science Inquiry	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Naturalist	Values Freedom
<b>T.C. Ami</b>	Comprehension Inferential	Science Numbers	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Logic	Values Caring
<b>Against the Odds</b>	Comprehension Inferential	Science Inquiry	Comprehension Literal	Science Vocabulary	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Bodily Kinaesthetic	Values Doing Your Best
<b>Get Me Out of Here</b>	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Comprehension Inferential	Science Inquiry	Literacy Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Visual Spatial	Values Caring
<b>Jed and the Master Robot</b>	Comprehension Inferential	Science Experiment	Comprehension Literal	Science Inquiry	Science Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Interpersonal	Values Honesty
<b>The Useless Tree</b>	Comprehension Literal	Science Experiment	Comprehension Inferential	Science Inquiry	Science Vocabulary	Multiple Intelligence Logic	Values Fair Go Freedom & Responsibility

# The Funniest Ferret

## Science Content and Knowledge:

Life Science: Animals

**Level:** Lower

**Genre:** Humour

**Reading age:** 9.5 years

## Science Vocabulary

amphibians	inherit
camouflage	mammals
cold-blooded	migration
carnivores	mimicry
classified	Neanderthal man
environment	omnivores
extinct	reptiles
habitats	traits
hibernation	warm-blooded

## Quiz Answers

*Question 1:*

Oxygen, food, shelter, water

*Question 2:*

Any of the following answers are acceptable:  
Vertebrates, fed from mother's milk, have hair, warm-blooded, large developed brains and protect and train their young

*Question 3:*

They live double lives – part life on water, part life on land.

*Question 4:*

Any of the following answers are acceptable:  
Crocodiles, alligators, snakes, turtles, tortoises and lizards

*Question 5:*

To keep warm

*Question 6:*

Camouflage, hibernation, migration, mimicry

## Study Guide

Chapter 1 – Laughing at Ourselves

Have you ever been to a live show,

performance or sports game? What was it like? Read Chapter 1 to find out where the story is set.

Chapter 2 – Horrible Humans

Given what you have read in the previous chapter, what do you think the main character thinks of humans? Jot down some ideas. After reading the chapter look back at your notes to see if you were right.

Chapter 3 – Mocking the Mammals

In Chapter 3 the main character mocks the mammals. What types of mammals could the comedy be based on? Write down a couple of mammals and jokes for them. Read the chapter and see what the main character's jokes were about.

Chapter 4 – Raptiles or Reptiles

Before reading Chapter 4 jot down some notes on reptiles. After reading the chapter look back at your notes. Add any information that you learnt in Chapter 4 to your notes.

Chapter 5 – Amphibians and Birds

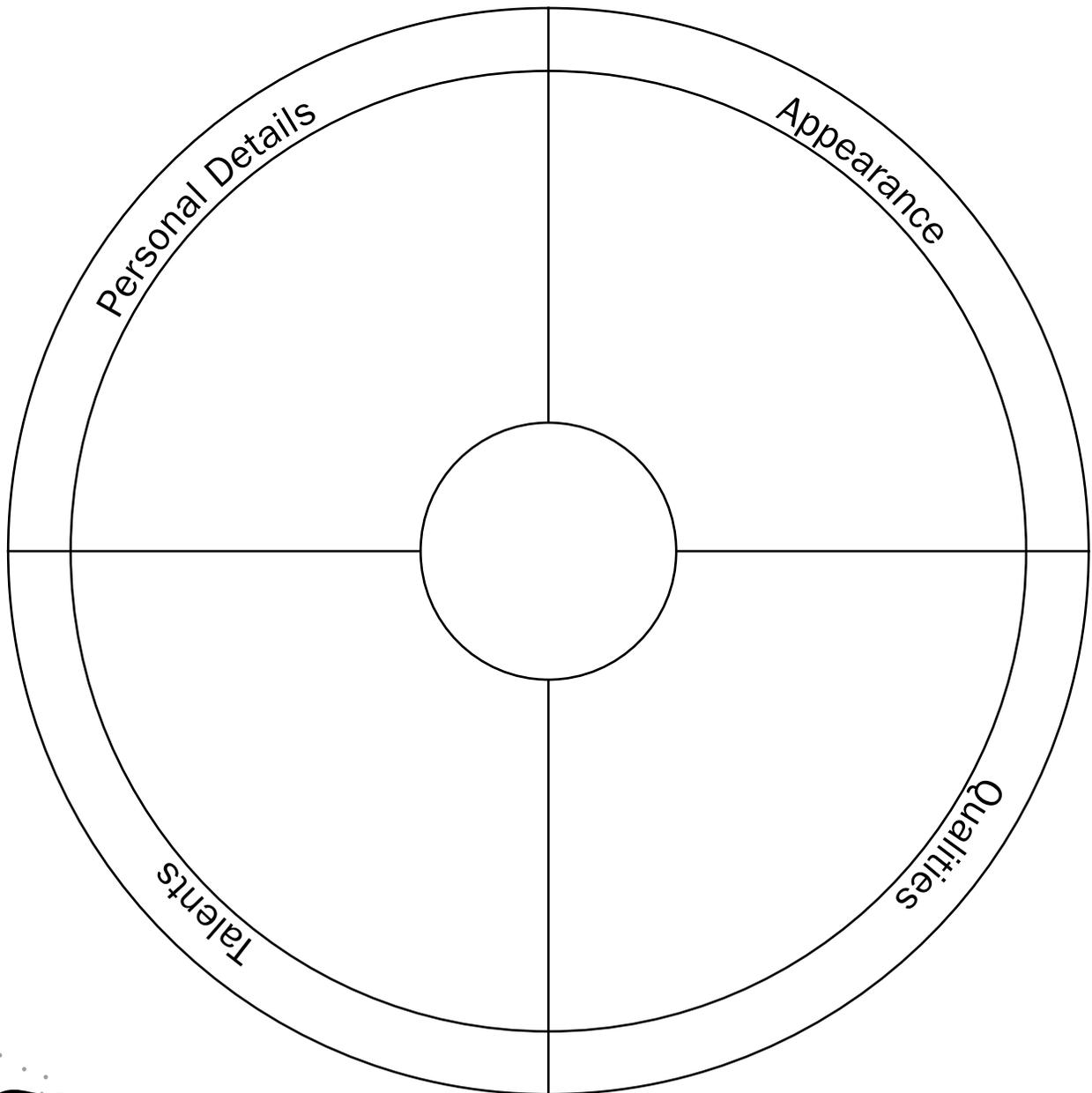
Chapter 5 is the end of the show for the comedian. Read the chapter. What do you think Fernando Ferret is like as a comedian? Do you think he was funny? What do you think he could have done to make his show funnier?

# The Funniest Ferret

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Comprehension – Literal

As you read the story, complete the character wheel of Fernando Ferret. Draw a picture of Fernando in the centre of the wheel once you have finished reading.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Science Inquiry

Make a list of the animals mentioned in the book. List them under the correct heading.

Mammals	Reptiles	Amphibians	Birds



## The Funniest Ferret

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

- Comprehension – Inferential

Choose one of your favourite jokes from the book. Explain the meaning of the joke. Explain why you think it is funny.

Funniest Joke

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Why I chose this joke

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Write your own joke

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## The Funniest Ferret

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

- Tolerance

Complete the following chart.

In this book Fernando Ferret uses humour to mock many things. Is it OK to mock through humour? Explain your answer.

List things in the story that offended you.

List things in the story that made you laugh.

