

#### Compare Your Think Aloud With Martin's Think Aloud:

**Martin's Think Aloud:** When I look at the first question, "What did Ethan's Hamster do all day long?" I notice the word "what." This word tells me to think about "what" has been written in the text. I know this signals an "In the Book" question, and that I'll have to read something in order to determine the answer. I'm not sure if it will be in one spot, or if I'll have to search multiple sentences. This reminds me of when Q Law said, "Keep looking. The answer is right there!" I understand that I must go back and scan the text in order to find a sentence that talks about Ethan's hamster in the daytime. Here it is! "His hamster slept all day long." Since the answer is stated directly in the text in one sentence, I know it is an "In the Book: Right There" question type. My answer is, "His hamster slept all day long."

When I read the second question, "Describe what the hamster cage has in it," I notice that it doesn't have a question mark. It is written more like a statement. I can't let that fool me. When I see word "describe," I know that I need to include details in my answer. I will reread the text to find the objects in the cage so that my answer is complete. I'm thinking they could be scattered throughout in the text. This question reminds me of Kris Q'Lumbus. "I'll have to explore!" I know it must be an "In the Book: Think and Search" question type because I will search for the answer in several sentences. As I reread I find there are "climbing tubes," "an exercise wheel," "bedding," and "treats." So my answer to this question is, "The hamster cage has climbing tubes, an exercise wheel, bedding, a hamster, and treats in it."

#### Questions and Answers:

##### In the Book: Right There

What did Ethan's Hamster do all day long?

**His hamster slept all day long.**

##### In the Book: Think and Search

Describe what the hamster cage has in it.

**The hamster cage has climbing tubes, an exercise wheel, bedding, a hamster, and treats in it.**

#### Hello Hamster

Ethan counted his money. "I have enough to buy a hamster!" he said. Ethan picked out a hamster, and a cage with **climbing tubes**. He also bought an **exercise wheel**. But when Ethan put his hamster in the cage, he burrowed in the **bedding**. **His hamster slept all day long.**

"I didn't know hamsters were so sleepy," Ethan said, disappointed.

In the quiet of the night, Ethan heard something. It was his hamster racing on the exercise wheel. Ethan watched as his **hamster** skittered up the tubes, twitched his whiskers, and munched his **treats**.

"I don't have a night owl," he laughed. "I have a night hamster!"



#### Questions to Think About:

- How do *question stems* help signal "In the Book" questions?
- What type of thinking do you need to do in order to answer "In the Book" questions?
- Why is it helpful to scan or explore the text when answering an "In the Book" question?
- Why might this strategy be useful?
- When might this process be helpful?