

Wednesday- retrieval

1. Read the non-fiction text about opossums again.
2. Answer the retrieval questions below. Remember to highlight words in the question that will help you find the answers in the text.

1. Find and copy one word from the first paragraph that means pouched mammal.	Marsupial
2. How tiny can the baby opossums be?	As tiny as honeybees
3. How many babies may the opossum give birth to in a litter?	20 babies
4. Name two things an opossum may raid.	Garbage cans and dumpsters (note this is American English, British English would be rubbish bins and refuse centres/ tips)
5. Opossums will “play possum” when threatened by what 3 animals?	Dogs, foxes and bobcats
6. What do they do with their eyes when “playing possum”?	Eyes closed or staring into space
7. True or false: Opossums are excellent tree climbers.	True
8. What part of their body helps them dig into bark on a tree?	Sharp claws
9. True or false: Opossums are nocturnal.	True
10. How do they find food?	Smell (you can also have long tactile whiskers to feel in the dark)