

Questions to support reading



Retrieval

What can you see on the front cover?

Who is/are the main characters?

How did.....?

What does..... Do when.....?

What can you learn from.....?

What is.....?

Which genre of text is this text? How do you know?

What is the name of the main character?

Where does..... Live?

Who are the characters in this book?

How many.....?

Describe what happened before/after.....?

Who spoke to.....?

Which character did.....?

How did..... feel?

Where in the book would you find.....?

How does the help me to find information in this book?

What did he/she/it look like?

Where is the story set?

What do you think is happening here?

What happens in the story?

Is there a good/bad character? Who is it? How can you tell?

Is there a dilemma in this story? What is it?

How is the problem solved?

Which is your favourite part? Why?

What happened when.....?

What happened to make.....?

Who is the author?

Did anyone in the book do something you did not like? Why?

Can you list the facts you have learned from this book?

How does the book begin?

What other books has this author written?

What is the main event of this story?

Sequencing

How does the story start?

Who do you meet first?

Which event happened first?

What happened before/after?

Use three sentences to describe the beginning, middle and end
can you order the events in the story?

Can you find words which tell you the order things happened in?

Can you think of another way to begin this story?

Were you surprised by the ending? Is it what you expected?

What is the last step/information about?

What did you find out first?

What happened next?

What happened before this chapter?

Summarise the paragraph we've just read

Summarise the characters actions in this chapter

Could you read this in any order?

Which is the best part?

If you could continue the story, what would happen?

Vocabulary

What does the word....tell you about

Can you find a word /sentence that supports your opinion?

Why did the author use the word..... to describe.....?

What other words could the author used instead of.....?

How does this word/description make you feel?

Can you think of another way of saying.....?

Which words has the author used to make you feel happy/angry/worried etc?

Why is this word written in bold/italics or capitals?

What effect has the author created by repeating the word/phrase.....?

Can you give me another sentence with the word..... in it?

Give me a word which could replay the word..... in this sentence?

Which word could the writer have used to replace.....?

Can you figure out what the word means? Could you read around this work to work out its meaning?

How/where can we find out the meaning of this word?

Can you find any adjectives to describe....?

Can you find any suffixes?

Which words/phrases best describe the character/setting? Why are these effective?

Can you find any adverbs?

Which words tell you that.....?

Find a word in the text what means.....

Find a word that is a synonym of.....

Find a word that suggests show.....

Predicting

- What do you think this might be about? Does the blurb give you any clues?
- What information do you think we are going to find out about?
- Who do you think the characters are going to be?
- What do you think will happen next, based on what we know so far?
- Do you think..... will happen? Explain
- Find evidence that shows..... might happen.
- What would you do if.....?
- What has happened before this? Do you think it will affect the characters choices?
- Do you think that character will change? How? Explain?
- Where do you think..... will go next?
- What do you think..... will do/say next?
- What features might you expect to see in this sort of text?
- How do you think this will end?
- How do you think it should have ended?
- Can you think of any other stories that start like this?
- Do you think it will end the same?
- What might happen if.....?
- What might..... do if they.....?
- How do we know.....?
- What does this tell us about how..... is feeling/thinking?
- What do you think will do in response to.....?
- What do you think..... would be doing now?
- Based on the cover/this chapter, what do you think the book/next chapter will be about?
- Where do you think.....?
- How is..... Like someone you know? Do you think they will act in the same way?
- Do you know another story with similar characters in it? What story? How is it the same or different?
- Can you think of another story that has a similar theme? If so describe the similarities in these two stories.

Inference

- What do you think..... is saying/thinking/feeling at this point?
- What do you think the author meant when?
- Why does the author use the word here?
- What effect did the author want to create by.....?
- How do you think the author feels about? Find words or sentences to back this up.
- Can you explain why.....?
- Why do you think.....?
- Where do you think.....?
- Can we work out how feels about.....?
- How did you feel when.....?
- Which part made you feel.....?
- Can you describe how you felt when.....? Why?
- Why do you think he/she.....?
- Is there anything you've just read which reminds you of something that has happened to you? Why? How? Can you describe/compare it?
- What can we guess about where/when this is taking place?
- What would..... Say if.....?
- Do you agree with.....?
- What would you have done when.....?
- What evidence in the text suggest that?
- Why is important?
- How does the character feel at this point in the story? Can you find any clues in the text to show why you think this?
- Describe..... reaction
- In what way does?
- Is this someone's fact or opinion?
- How do you know what.....?
- Why do you think that?
- How can you tell that.....?
- Why did.....?
- Why did behave in this way?
- What is the relationship between the characters?
- When is the story set? How can you tell?
- What lesson did you learn from the story?
- Can you retell the story from another characters point of view?
- Which stories have opening like this?
- Through whose eyes was this story told? Who was the storyteller? How do you know?
- How does the way the title is written encourage you to read the book?