



Prompts and Questions to Support Reading at Home

In order to help your child with their reading at home, we have created a list of questions that can be used at home. We have separated questions into different categories in-line with the national curriculum. Your child will be familiar with the language used within these questions as we use them as part of our whole-class guided reading lessons, interventions and 1:1 reading.

Question Categories
Give / explain the meaning of words in context
Retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction
Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph
Make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text
Predict what might happen from details stated and implied
Identify / explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole
Identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases
Make comparisons within the text



Content domain	Questions
Give / explain the meaning of words in context	Find and repeat a word which shows... What does the word ____ mean in this sentence? Find and repeat a group of words that mean the same as _____ What do the words ____ mean? Which of the following is closest in meaning to _____ What does this word suggest about _____? Find a word which suggests that _____
Retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	Which drawing best represents...? What did the character have to do in order to...? How did the character...? When did things go wrong? What helped to solve the problem? What was revealed at the end of the story? According to the text, how.... How do you know that...? Look at page 7. Why did...? Explain why...
Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	What is the main message / theme in this text? Summarise the key events of this story. What motivated the character to ...? Summarise this paragraph in one sentence. What are the main ideas within this text?

Make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	How can you tell that...? Look at the paragraph beginning ... What impressions of ... do you get? Why did the character find it difficult to...? How did the character react to ...? What evidence is there that the character felt happy / angry / sad /disappointed...? Explain what this description suggests about ... In what ways might this character appeal to many readers? What else in the text tells us that...?
Predict what might happen from details stated and implied	Do you think the character will change her behaviour in future? Explain your choice using evidence from the text. Is the character likely to... ? Give your reasons based on the text. Which of these two consequences is more probable? Explain why, using the text to support your view
Identify / explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole	In the final paragraph, how do the events resolve the situation for the characters? How does the final paragraph link to the introduction? Why did the author write this? How has the author created atmosphere? How will the reader feel after reading this text? What is the purpose of the text?
Identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases	How do these words add to the character's feelings? How does this alter the description of the <i>forest</i>? What effect do these words have on ...? Give one example of the use of humour... Why has the author used this word/phrase/sentence?



	How are these words effective in describing...?
Make comparisons within the text	Read the paragraph beginning... How does the atmosphere compare with that of the opening paragraph? How does the author achieve a contrast between this section ... and the final paragraph? Compare the openings of these two paragraphs: which description is more effective in showing suspense? Explain your answer using the text. How has the character changed? How has the character's thoughts/feelings changed? Compare two characters within the story. What are their similarities and differences? How was the problem resolved?