

Questions to support your child during reading

Vocabulary Questions

- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?
- By writing..., what effect has the author created?
- Do you think they intended to?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why?
- How has the author made you/ this character feel by writing...? Why?

Inference Questions

- What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?
- I think....; do you agree? Why/why not? • Why do you think the author decided to...?
- Can you explain why....?
- What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?

Retrieval Questions

- Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?
- When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text
- Find the part of the story that best describes the setting
- What do you think is happening here? Why?
- Who is telling this story?

Prediction Questions

- Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?
- Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?
- Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?

Summarising Questions

- What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?
- Sum up what has happened so far in... words/seconds or less
- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?
- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?

Compare, contrast and comment

- What is similar/different about two characters?
- Did the author intend that?
- Explain why... did that
- Describe different characters' reactions to the same event
- Does this story have a moral?
- Which... is better and why?

Be an author

- Which words do you think are most important? Why?
- Which words do you like the most? Why?
- What does the word... tell you about...? How?
- Find two ways that the author tells you...
- What do you think the author meant by...?
- How has the author made you feel happy/sad angry/frustrated?