

Top Reading Questions

A selection of questions that you can ask your child when reading a book with them at home. This could be their school books, a library book or any other book.

Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the word mean in this sentence? • What does this word or phrase tell you about? • Which of the words best describes the character/setting/mood? • Can you think of any other words the author could have used?
Infer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was..... feeling.....? • Why did happen? • Why did say? • How does make you feel?
Predict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the book cover/blurb – what do you think this book will be about? • What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this? • How does the choice of character or setting affect what will happen next? • What is happening? What do you think happened before?
Explain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is your favourite character? Why? • Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not? • Is there anything you would change about this story? • Do you like this text? What do you like about it?
Retrieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who did.....? • What happened when.....? • Why did happen? • How did? • What happened to.....?
Sequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened? • What happened after? • What was the first thing that happened in the story? • Can you summarise the opening/middle/end of the story?
Non-fiction (fact book)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we find information in this book? What features can we use? • Can you find the glossary? / What is the glossary for? • How does the first line in each paragraph help the reader? • How does the picture help us to understand? • Why is there a label/ caption with the picture? • How does the front cover tell us this is a factual book? • Can you find the index? What is it for?