

Reading Homework Questions

Parent Prompt Sheet

Fiction

Questions to understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text

Explain something that happened at a specific point in the story?
What kinds of people are in the story?
What happened in the story?
Who are the key characters in the book?
Where did the character live?
What did the character look like?
When did the story take place?
Where does the story take place?

Questions to deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts

If you were going to interview this character/author, which questions would you ask?
Who was the storyteller? How do you know?
Which is your favourite part? Why?
Predict what you think is going to happen next. Why do you think this?
Who would you like to meet most in the story? Why?
Is this a place you could visit? Why/why not?
What do you think would happen next if the story carried on past the ending in the book?
How is the main character feeling at the start/middle/end of the story? Why do they feel that way? Does this surprise you?

Questions to identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level

Were you surprised by the ending? Is it what you expected? Why/why not? How did you think it would end/should have ended?
What is the main event of the story? Why do you think this?
Has the author used an unusual layout in the text? If so, describe it and say why you think they did this?
How has the text been organised?
Has the author used a variety of sentence structures?
Why do you think authors use short sentences?
Has the author put certain words in bold or *italic*? Why have they done this?

Questions to explain and comment on writers' uses of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level

Why did the author choose this title?

Do you want to read the rest of the text? How does the writer encourage you to read the rest of the text?

Can you find some examples of effective description? What makes them effective?

Which part of the story best describes the setting?

Can you find examples of powerful adjectives? What do they tell you about a character or setting?

Can you find examples of powerful adverbs? What do they tell you about a character, their actions or the setting?

Can you find examples of powerful verbs? What do they tell you about a character, their actions or the setting?

Find an example of a word you don't know the meaning of. Using the text around it, what do you think it means?

Questions to identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints and the overall effect of the text on the reader

Can you think of another story that has a similar theme eg good over evil, weak over strong, wise over foolish?

Why did the author choose this setting?

What makes this a successful story? What evidence do you have to justify your opinion?

How could the story be improved or changed for the better?

What was the most exciting part of the story? Explain your answer as fully as you can.

What genre is this story? How do you know?

What was the least exciting part of the story? Explain your answer as fully as you can.

When the author writes in short sentences, what does this tell you?

Questions to relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions

Do you know another story, which deals with the same issues e.g. social, cultural, moral issues?

Have you ever been in a similar situation to a character in the book? What happened?

How would you have felt in the same situation?

What would you have done differently to the character in a particular situation from the book?

How would you feel if you were treated in the same way as the main character?

What did the story make you think of?

Have you read any other stories that have similar characters to this one? If so, which story was it and what happened?

Do you think this book is trying to give the reader a message? If so, what is it?