

Reading Homework Questions

Parent Prompt Sheet

Non-Fiction

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

What is the text about? What is the title of the text? Who is the author of the text?
What kind of things would you expect to see in this book?
Can you find examples of different features of this text type?
Find something that interests you from the text. Explain why you chose that particular part.
Where would you look to find out what a technical word means?
What is on the cover of the book? What does this tell you about the content inside?

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

Which parts of the book could help you find the information you need?
When would you use the contents page in the book?
When would you use the index page in the book?
What sort of person do you think would use this book?
When might someone use this book? Why?
Can you suggest ideas for other sections or chapters to go into the book?
Do you think the author of the book is an 'expert' about the topic of the book? Why/why not?

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

Can you find an example of a page you think has an interesting layout? Why did you choose it?
Why have some of the words been written in *italics*?
What are the subheadings for?
Why have some of the words been written in bold?
How does the layout help the reader?
What is the purpose of the pictures?
Can you find examples of words which tell you the order of something?
What kind of a text is this? How do you know?

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

Why does this book contain technical vocabulary?

Find an example of a technical word. Read the sentence it's in. What do you think it means based on how it's used in the sentence?

Are there any examples of persuasive language?

Why do we need a glossary in a text?

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

Why has the writer written this text?

Have you found any of the illustrations, diagrams or pictures useful? Why/why not? Try to explain fully.

Why did the writer choose to present the information in the way they did?

How could the information be presented better?

What makes this text successful?

Are there any features that it hasn't got? Why do you think it doesn't have them?

Can you think of another text that is similar to this one? What are the similarities and differences between them?