

Reading With Your Child

Year 4

Below are some questions and prompts you can use when reading with your child at home. Using these will support the needs of your child and build on their understanding of texts.

Vocabulary Questions with Victor

- 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 feel by writing...? Why



Inference Questions with Iggy

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



Retrieval Questions with Rex

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



Prediction Questions with Pip

- 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 with Sheba

- What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?
- Sum up what has happened so far in X 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 with Cassie

- What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?
- Explain why... did that.
- Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.
- Is this as good as...?
- Which is better and why?



Be an Author with Arlo

- What does the word... tell you about...? How?
- Find two ways that the author tells you...
 - What do you think the author meant by...?



- Which words do you think are most important? Why?
- Which words do you like the most? Why?
- How has the author made you feel happy / sad / angry / frustrated?