

Questions for Reading Bookmark

Cut out the shapes below and stick them back to back. Whilst reading with your child, try to choose one question from each section. You could ask more than one type of question per page. This will check that your child really understands what they are reading and could lead you into further conversations about the book.

Questions to consider while listening to your child read:

- Is this text challenging enough?
- Does this text explore any new themes/messages?
- Is this text written by an author my child hasn't read books from before?
- Does my child understand every word they are reading?



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/ this character 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?
- 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 with Rex

- 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 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... 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.
- Does this story have a moral?
- 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?