



'East of the Sun, West of the Moon'

Prediction Questions with Predicting Pip

Predicting Pip tries to see the future and she will help you work out what might happen next.



Inference Questions with Inference Iggy

Inference Iggy will help you hunt for clues in a text about how someone might be feeling or why something is happening.



Look at the Cover -

- Read the title. Predict what you think this book might be about? What do you already know about East and West? Explain that long ago, people used the sun, moon and stars to direct them on journeys.
- Can you predict what the setting of the book will be?
- Can you predict where the little girl and Polar Bear might be going?

Chapter 1 - The Bear

- How do you think the family felt when they saw the Polar Bear at the door?
- How do you think Astrid feels when she is to be taken?
- What do you predict will happen in the next chapter of the story?

Chapter 2 - At the Castle

- 'They were in a splendid hall made of the finest gold and silver.' What does this description tell us about the person who lives here?
- How do you think Astrid feels now she is at the castle?
- How would you feel if you had a bell that got you anything you wanted?

Chapter 3 - Two promises

- Why do you think Astrid told her mother the secret?
- Can you predict what might happen in the next chapter of the story?

Chapter 4 - Candle Wax

- What do you predict will happen now that Astrid has spilt some magic wax onto the prince?
- What do you think Astrid will do to try and save the prince?

Chapter 5 - Three Hags

- Why do you think Astrid dressed in her old rags?
- Can you predict what Astrid might do with a golden apple, a golden comb and a golden spinning wheel?
- Can you think of any other stories which have these items in?

Chapter 6 - Four Winds

- Do you think the Four Winds are kind? Why do you think this?

Chapter 7 - Long Nose

- What kind of character do you think Long Nose will be? Can you think of interesting expanded noun phrases to describe him?
- At the end of chapter 7, can you predict the ending for the story? Who do you think will marry the prince?

Extra Challenge: Can your child retell the story in their own words? You can encourage them to use lots of expression when reading.