

Reading Questions



These are the reading dogs we use to aid the children's reading skills. Have a look below at our friendly set of canine helpers who ask different types of questions about what they have read.

Vocabulary Questions with Vocabulary Victor

Vocabulary Victor will help you to look at how authors and poets have chosen to use certain words and phrases.



Retrieval Questions with Rex Retriever

Rex Retriever will help you to go into a text and retrieve the facts.

Sequence Questions with Sequencing Suki

Sequencing Suzi likes everything in order! She will help you sequence the events in a text.



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.

Prediction Questions with Predicting Pip

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



Pick a dog to focus on with your child when you are reading and then choose some questions.

Vocabulary Victor questions



1. Why do you think the author used the word...?
2. Can you find a word in the text which means the same as...?
3. Find an adjective in the text.
4. How/where can we find out the meaning of this word?
5. Can you find a word/sentence that tells you/shows that...?
6. Can you read around this word to have a guess at what it means?
7. Which words has this author used to make you feel happy/angry/worried/frightened/nervous.

Rex Retrieval questions



How can you tell?

1. Where is this story set?
2. When is this story set?
3. Is there a good/bad character? Who is it? you tell?
4. How does the story end?
5. Which is your favourite/worst/funniest/scariest part of the story? Why?
6. What happened to make...?
7. Can you think of a different title for this story/poem/text/section/chapter?
8. Tell me three facts you have learnt from the text.

Sequencing Suzi Questions



1. What is happening at the beginning?
2. Who do you meet first?
3. What did you find out first?
4. Put these sentences in the order they happened...
5. What happened next/in the middle/at the end of...?
6. Draw a picture to show what happened in the beginning/middle/end.
7. Write a sentence to show what happened in the beginning/middle/end.

Inference Iggy Questions

1. What do you think ... is saying/thinking/feeling at this point?
Why?
2. Why does the author use the word ... here?
3. What do you think the word ... means? Why do you think that?
4. Can you explain why ... ?
5. Why/where do you think ...?
6. Which bit made you feel happy/sad/scared/excited? Why?
7. How did you feel when ?
8. What can we guess about where/when this is taking place?
9. Is there anything you've just read which reminds you of something that has happened to you, or someone you know? Why? How?



Predicting Pip Questions

1. What do you think will happen next?
2. Where do you think Will go next?
3. What do you think ... will say/do next?
4. How do you think this will end?
5. Can you think of any other stories that start like this?
How do they end? Do you think this will end the same way?
6. What sentence do you think will come next?
7. Draw what you think is going to happen next.
8. Write three questions you would like to find the answer to in this text.
9. What could happen if ?



Suggested books for year 1

- Numenia and the Hurricane by Fiona Halliday. ...
- Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman. ...
- I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt. ...
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. ...
- Goodnight Everyone by Chris Haughton. ...
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. ...
- Peace At Last by Jill Murphy.
- The Bad Tempered ladybird by Eric Carle
- Cops and Robbers by Allan Ahlberg
- Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd

