

Questions for Reading Discussions

Predicting	Making	Clarifying	Asking	Summarising	Inference	Evaluating
Predict events Discuss the significance of the title and images Use knowledge of character and past events to make predictions	Connections Link reading to own experience. Link reading to other books. Link reading to films/songs/theatre	Check that the reading makes sense and self corrects Clarify the meanings of words, phrases or events	Questions Ask and answer questions about the text, including 'what if?'	Discuss events in chronological order Identify the key events Identify overarching themes	Infer what characters are like from actions Infer what characters are feeling from actions	Discuss favourite words and phrases Listen to and discuss a wide range of texts Compare texts
What can you predict about the text from the image? What can you predict about the text from the Title? What do you think the character would do in this situation? Why? What do you already know about this character that will help you predict what he/she will do next? If the book were to continue, what do you think would happen next? Why?	Does the text remind you of anything? Can you think of a time when you felt similarly to this character? Can you think of a story with a similar plot? Can you think of a story with a similar character? Can you think of a story with a similar setting? Have you ever been in a similar situation? In what way is this text similar to? In what way is this text different to?	Are there any words that you are unfamiliar with? Can you use clues from the text to predict what they mean? Is it like another word you already know? Can you use a dictionary to clarify the word? Which word is most likely to mean? How do you know?	I wonder Why do you think this character decided to? How do we know? What if? What can we learn from this text? Any comprehension question Who? Where? Where? When? How? Why?	What is this story about? Can you answer using only 3 sentences? Who are the main characters in the story? Why are they important? What is the problem in the story? Are there any themes in the story? Is there a moral to the story? Can you give this paragraph a subheading? Explain your choice. Can you think of a better title for the text? Why is it effective?	How does the character feel I this paragraph? How do you know? Which words tell you that this character feels? What clues can you find in the text about what the character is thinking? Which words give us clues about where/when the text is set? Which part of the text tells you? What is the overall mood of the text? Explain your reasoning. Why has the author chosen to use the word?	Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why/Why not? Who do you think would enjoy this text? Why? Which part of the text did you like best? Why? Which were your favourite words? How did the text make you feel? Why do you think the author chose to Which text did you think was most effective? Why?