

Vocabulary Questions

- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?
- By writing in this way, what effect has the author created?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used here?
- How has the author made you feel by writing...?

Inference Questions

- What do you think... means? Why do you think that?
- Why do you think...?
- 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

- Who are the characters in this text?
- When / where is this story set? How do you know?
- Which part of the story best describes the setting?
- What do you think is happening here?
- What might this mean?

Prediction Questions

- Can you think of another story with a similar theme?
- 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

- What is the main point in this paragraph?
- Sum up what has happened so far in X words or less.
- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs?
- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?

Compare, Contrast and Comment

- What is similar/different about two characters?
- 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

- What does the word... tell you about...?
- 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?