



Example Comprehension Questions

<p style="text-align: center;">Understanding Words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What word in the text tells you...? • Find a word/phrase that tells you... • The author uses this word _____. What does it mean? • The writer uses words such as _____ to describe _____. • What does this tell you about _____? • The writer uses words such as _____ to describe _____. • How does it make you feel? • Find a word that describes how _____ • Find a word that means the same as _____ • In the story, _____ is used repeatedly. Why? • Which words and /or phrases make you think/feel _____? • Explain two things that the words _____, _____ suggest. • Find a word/a phrase that shows _____ • The author uses the word _____. Why do you think they chose this word? • The author uses the word _____. Which words could be used to give a similar meaning in the sentence? • Which word best describes _____? • Find one word that suggests that _____ • What does this word/phrase tell you about _____? • Highlight a key word/phrase or line. By writing in this way what effect has the author created? • What other words/phrases could the author have used? • Can you find an example of a word that means _____? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Finding Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which...? What...? How...? Where...? When...? Why...? Who...? • Give one example of _____ • Which character _____? • Where/when does _____ take place? • What did _____ look like? • How did _____ feel? Why? • Who was _____? • Where did _____ live? • Who are the characters in the book? • Who is the narrator? • Where in the book would you find _____? • What happened in the story? • How does the _____ help me to find information in this book? • Identify how _____ • Give two reasons why _____ • When did _____ take place? • From whose point of view is the story told? • Which part of the story best describes _____? Explain why. • Find the sentence/paragraph where _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">Predicting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think will happen next? Why? • What do you think would happen if _____? • What do you think will happen to _____? • Where do you think _____? • Can you think of another story, which has a similar theme, e.g. good vs evil? Do you think this story will end the same way? • How is _____ like someone you know? Do you think they will act in the same way? What do you think will happen next? • What do you think would happen if _____? • Based on what you have read, what does the last paragraph suggest might happen next? • Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence how the story develops? • Choose one character from the book and predict how you think they will behave/react? • Can you predict several possible outcomes and explain your answer? • What if...? • If there was a sequel, what might happen? Why do you think this?
<p style="text-align: center;">Inferring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you think _____? • How do you know that _____? • When do you think _____? • How can you tell that _____? • True or False • Why did/is _____? • How do you feel about _____? • How does _____ feel? Explain how _____? • Explain why _____? • How does _____? • Which words give you the impression that _____? • Which word tells you that _____? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Concluding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using what you have read, what can you say about _____? • What does the text tell you about _____ • What have you learnt from the text about _____ • What information/events in this text support the conclusion that _____? • What evidence from the text shows that _____? • What can you conclude from this paragraph? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sequencing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put these events in the order that they happened. • Which of these events happened first/next/last? • What happened after _____? • What happened before _____? • Use three sentences to describe the beginning, middle and end of this text? • Sort these sentences/paragraphs/chapter headings from the story
<p style="text-align: center;">The Main Idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the main message of the text? • What is the main point in this paragraph? • Explain what this book was about in one sentence. • What part of the story do you think is the most important? Explain why you think this. • What is the moral/main theme of this story? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Summarising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the _____ most important events in this story? • What are the _____ most important pieces of information in this text? • Explain what this book was about in _____ sentences. • Which is the most important point in each of these paragraphs? • Sum up what has happened so far in _____ words. • What is the main message of this text, and the _____ most important points? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Fact or Opinion</p> <p>Is this true or something that the writer believes? Could we prove this statement or not? How?</p> <p>Is this a fact or an opinion? How do you know?</p> <p>What word in this sentence proves that it is a fact/opinion? Which of these sentences is a <i>fact</i> and NOT an <i>opinion</i>? Which of these sentences is an <i>opinion</i> and NOT a <i>fact</i>? Which fact supports the idea that _____?</p> <p>Which sentence from the story helps the reader form an opinion about _____?</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Similarities and Differences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the character's mood change throughout the text? • How is the main character similar/different at the start and end of the text? • Compare and contrast different characters, reactions, settings, themes within the text. • How are the lives of the people different as a result of _____? • How is it similar to _____? • How is it different to _____? • Compare your book to another on the same topic. Which do you prefer and why? • Would you like to read more books by this author? Explain your reasons. • If you have read other texts by this author, can you see any similarities/differences between them? • What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that? • Can you think of another text you have read that is similar to this one? How are they similar? How are they different? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Point of View and Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this story have a moral or a message? Explain how you know using the text. • Why do you think the author chose to use _____ to present the information? • How does the _____ encourage you to read on/find information? • Why has the writer written/organised the text in this way? • In what ways do the illustrations support the instructions? • Who do you think this information is for? • What atmosphere is the author trying to create? What words/phrases help to create that feeling? • Why did the author write this story? • What has the author done to make you want to read on? • What technique has the writer used? • What do you think the writer meant by '_____ '? • When the author uses this sort of sentence, what is the impact? • Why did the author _____? • Why has the author used this word/phrase/sentence? • How does the author create this mood/atmosphere? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Cause and Effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How or why did this occur ...? • What are the effects of...? • What caused the? • What were the reasons for...? • What was the outcome of ...? • How did the events turn out...? • What happened when...? • What the result of this event?