

Some questions to ask your child when they are reading

Prediction

What do you think this story will be about? What makes you think that?

Is this a fiction or non-fiction book? How can you tell?

What do you notice on the cover or in the illustrations?

Have you read other books by this author?

Why did you choose this book?

Recall

Can you tell me what has happened so far?

What do you think will happen next?

Where does the story take place?

When did the story take place?

What did he/ she / it look like?

Where did he/ she / it live?

Who are the characters?

Where in the book would you find....?

Style

What did you like/ dislike about the way the story was told?

What makes this a good story?

Who would you recommend this book to?

How did the author try to make you interested in the story at the beginning?

Pick out words that show...

How has the author described the character? Pick out any words or phrases that really help you to paint a picture in your mind.

How does the author show you what the characters are thinking?

What type of story is this?

Does this story remind you of anything else you have read?

Summarising

Write a hashtag (six words or fewer) to summarise the story/ a part of the story.

Does the story have a message? Do you know any other stories with the same message?

Plot

Which part of the story do you like best?

Choose three important events from the story and say why you have chosen them.

Was there a problem in the story? How was it resolved?

General

Can you explain why...? .?

What makes you think...? .?

How do you feel about...? .?

What do you think this word means?

Why has the author chosen this word?

Find a word which means...

Why did the author choose this setting/ weather/event?

How does this story/ poem make you feel?

Are there any unusual words/ phrases you'd like to know more about? Can you use the other words around them to help you work out their meaning?

Characters

What impression do you get of (this character) on page...? .?

What do you learn about the character from their appearance?

Did your opinion of the characters change throughout the story?