Reading Questions

A range of questions to choose from before, during and after hearing your child read.

Knowledge

Where is the story set?

When is the story take place?

Who are the main characters?

What does the main character look like?

Where does the main character live?

Where in the book would you find...?

How does the story begin?

Comprehension

What is happening?

What happened at the end of the story?

What might this mean?

Who is telling the story?

Which parts of the story do you like best?

Which parts of the story describe the setting?

What is the problem faced by the character?

Application

Can you think of another story with a similar theme?

Can you think of another story that deals with the same issue?

Can you think of another story that uses the same techniques?

Can you think of another story character who acted in this way?

Have you ever had an experience like this?

Have you read a story that begins in the same way as this one?

If you were to write your own opening, what ideas would you borrow from this story?

Analysis

What makes you think…? What gives you that impression?

How do you feel about…? Can you explain why?

What did the author intend by…?

Why did the author decide to…?

What do these words mean and why did the author choose to use them?

How has the author used descriptions to show that this character is happy/afraid etc?

Why did the author choose this setting? Do you agree with_____'s opinion?

What evidence do you have to support your view?

Synthesis

What is your opinion about…?

What evidence do you have to back up your opinion?

Using the evidence available, what do you think about…?

What would the main character think about…?

How would the views put forward in this text affect your views on…?

If you were the main character, how would you have reacted to…? Why?

How do you know that…?

Evaluation

What makes a successful story? What evidence do you have?

Which one is better? Why?

Do you think this story has the effect intended by the author?

Could the story be improved? How? Is this story as good as…?

Do you think the ending was effective?

Was this character believable?

Who would enjoy reading this story? Why?

Is the story better if read alone and silently or read aloud to others? Why?