

Questions to encourage discussion when reading

Explain the meaning of words

- What does this... word/phrase/sentence... tell you about... character/setting/mood etc?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used?
 - The writer uses ...words/phrases...to describe ... How does this make you feel?
- How has the writer made you and/or character feel ...happy /sad/angry/ frustrated/lonely/bitter etc?

Retrieve information/identify key details

- Where/when does the story take place?
- What did s/he/it look like?
- Who are the characters in the book?
- What do you think is happening here?
- What happened in the story?
- What part of the story do you like best?

Summarise main ideas

- What's the main point in this paragraph?
- Can you sum up what happens in on this page/ in this chapter/ story?

Make inferences

- What makes you think that?
- Which words give you that impression?
- How do you feel about...?
- Can you explain why...?

Predict what might happen

- What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?
- Can you think of another story, which has a similar theme; e.g. good over evil? Do you think this story will go the same way?
- Which stories have openings like this? Do you think this story will develop in the same way?
- How is character X like someone you know? Do you think they will react in the same way?