

Developing comprehension skills at home

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| Question Type | Common features |  | Examples questions |
| Understanding  Vocabulary | Often quotes *a word or phrase* directly from the  text in inverted commas    Is assessing understanding of vocabulary in context    Often expects the reader to retrieve an exact word or phrase from the text |  | * Find and copy a word that shows…What does the word ... suggest about .... * Which word most closely matches the meaning of the word... Give the meaning of the word ... in this sentence Write down 3 things you are told about ... * Find and copy a phrase that explains... * Give two impressions that you are given by the phrase “..........” * What impressions are you given from the paragraph beginning “...” * Explain what the phrase “ ...” suggests about ... |
| Understanding character, plot and setting | Often points the reader to focus on a specific part or aspect of the text    E.g.-    Look at the paragraph beginning ...    Look at page 4 ....    On page 11 ...    Look at the whole story... |  | * Why does ... Why was ... Why were ... Why did ...   What does... What was ... What were ...   * What evidence is there that ... What evidence is there of... * What is this text about? * Where does... Where was ... Where were... Where did... * Give 2 reasons why ... * Do you think that ... ? Explain your answer using evidence from the text * In what ways might this character appeal to the reader? Explain fully referring to evidence from the text... * How might people feel about this character? Explain fully, using the text as evidence... * How do you know that ... * According to the text how did ... * Give 2 things that the character did that show that they… * How can you tell that… * Which one of these illustrations best represents… |
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| Ordering /  Summarising | Is assessing whether the reader can interpret and  order a range of events or  information across a larger  piece of text |  | * Number these events to show the order that they happened in. Number these summaries of different paragraphs from the text to show the order in which they occur. * What was revealed at the beginning of the text? What was   revealed at the end of the text? |
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|  |  |  | * Using information from the text, state whether these statements are true or false. |
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