

Questions for Reading: Years 5/6

Identifying the most relevant points

What has happened so far?

Can you sum up what has happened in 3 sentences?

What is the author's main point?

What do we know now that we didn't know before?

What would you still like to find out?

How is the order of events significant?

Find evidence to support your opinions.

What are the key words from paragraphs to sum up the main points?

Making predictions

What do you think is going to happen next?

What clues are there to make us think that?

What do you think has already happened?

Does the author tell us that or make us work it out?

If....happened, what might the ending have been?

What do you see as other possible outcomes?

Can you find the part of the book that makes you think that?

Themes in texts

What is the theme/message of this book?

How do we know?

Have you read other texts with this theme? (e.g. good over evil, wise over foolish, weak over strong)

Reasons for events & actions of characters

How do you know that...?

What was....thinking as he....? How do you know?

Describe in your own words...

What were the motives behind...?

What assumptions have you made and why?

What evidence do you have? Justify your answer.

In this part, what does this speech/action tell us about the character/event?

Why did..... do.....?

How can you work out what..... is thinking?

Why has the author decided not to tell us how is feeling?

Writers' opinions and language choices

What words has the author chosen to make us feel.....?

Why has the author used?

What effect does..... have?

What does the writer want you to do/think/believe?

Can you tell what the author thinks? Where can you tell this in the text?

Personal response

Would you read this book again?

Would you recommend this book to someone else?

Why/ why not?

Who would enjoy this book?

Non-Fiction text features

Tell me about the blurb/ subtitles/ layout/ diagrams. Are they effective? What is their purpose?

Why has the author chosen to set it out this way?

How is this text different to....?