

Reading Question Stems

Use these question starters to ask questions about the book your child is reading. This will really support the development of a range of different reading skills.

| Comprehension | | | | Inference | Language for effect | Themes and Conventions |
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| clarify | monitor & summarise | select & retrieve | respond and explain | | | |
| What do these words mean? | What happened: -first | Who was it that . . .? | Based on what you know, what is your view of the character? | How do you know...? | How does the writer describe...? | How is the theme of X presented within the text? |
| What has happened? | -before -after? | Who spoke to..? | | Why did...? | | |
| Why is...significant? | What are the key events? | Where is the word that means...? | Based on what you know so far, where/when do you think the book is set? | How did...react? What does this tell us about them? | What does the writer want us to think/feel about...? | What are the writer's views on X? |
| How did the writer show...? | Describe the relationship between...? | How did...happen? | | | Can you describe the character in your own words? | What do you see as other possible outcomes? |
| How has the writer used...? | What do you know about (chosen character)? | What were some of the motives behind . . .? | Why did character x react in that way? | What clues does the writer give to the setting? | | |
| What do you think about...? | | | Is this similar/different to a text you know? | What will happen next? | Why did the writer choose to...? | Do you agree with the writer's view on? |
| | | | How did X make you feel? | | | |
| | | | What do you think about..? | | | |