

Parent Question Bookmark Y3-Y6



Look at the front cover and the title

- Which type of genre is the story going to be: sci-fi, mystery, historical, fantasy, adventure, horror or comedy? What tells you this?
- What does the title tell you? What does it leave you thinking?

Look at the pictures/illustrations

- How has the illustrator shown that this character is powerful/powerless?
- How do the illustrations make you feel? Why?
- Why has this picture been drawn in this way?
- What does the illustration tell you about the character or setting?

While they read ask them some of these questions

- What has happened in the story so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Who is the character you like least? Why?
- Do you think the author intended you to like / dislike this character? How do you know?
- Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
- Find two things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable?

When reading fact books ask these types of questions

- How do the title/contents page/chapter headings/glossary/index... help me find information in this book?
- Which part of the text should I use to find...?
- Why has the author organised the information like this?
- How do I use the book to find the meaning of the words in **bold**?
- How does the layout help you as a reader?
- What is the purpose of this book? How do you know?

Once they have read ask them some of these questions

- If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him / her?
- Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?
- Would you change any part of the story? How?
- Would you change any of the characters? How?
- Which part of the story was the funniest/scariest/ saddest/ happiest? Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.
- Pick three favourite words or phrases from this chapter. Can you explain why you chose them?
- How did the book make you feel? Explain your reason and why?
- Have you read anything else by this author? Is anything similar?
- Do you think the title of the book is appropriate? What would you have called it?
- If the author had included another paragraph before the story started what do you think it would say?
- Does this book remind you of anything else? How?
- When do you think this book was written? How do you know? Does it matter? What would it be like if it was written now?
- What are the features that make you think this?
- Would you like to read another book by this author? Why/ why not?