

## For information books (non-fiction)...

What did you learn from this book?

Which special pages do information books have? (contents, index, glossary)

What are they used for?

How are the titles on each page helpful?

Are the pictures/photos helpful? How?

Why are some words written in **bold**?

How would you find out what they mean?

Use the contents/index page. On which page in the book would you be able to read about \_\_\_\_\_?

## Some tricky questions (fiction or non-fiction)...



Can you find two words which tell you what the main character is like?

Which words help to describe the main character's feelings or emotions?

Which words or phrases help to describe the setting?

Which characters did the author want you to like? How do you know?

Which characters did the author not want you to like? How do you know?

Can you think of a different way to end the story?

Can you think of an idea for a sequel (next part) to the story?

## Talk About Your Book!

Being able to read the words in your reading book is only one step along the journey to becoming a reader. You also need to understand what each book you read is about, how to find out information from it, and why the characters act the way they do.



When your teacher hears you read, he or she has to check you know the answers to all sorts of questions about your books. This booklet contains examples of the sorts of questions you need to be able to answer.

**Don't answer all the questions every time you read a book, or you will be up until past bedtime! Choose 3 or 4 questions and try to answer them in as much detail as you can.**

## For any book (fiction and non-fiction)...

What made you choose this book?

What do you think it will be about?

Which part did you like best? Why?

Did you find anything funny/sad?

Who did you like best in the story? Why?

What did you not like? Why?

Did any part of the story surprise you?

What might happen next? Why?

Did you think any of the words were interesting or unusual? Why?

What sort of a book is this? (information, story, poetry)

Have you read any books that are similar to this one, or by the same author?



## Just for story books (fiction books)...

Why do you think the book is called \_\_\_\_\_?

Which part of the story is the funniest/saddest/most interesting and why?

Do the pictures and layout help you understand the book better? How?

Are the pictures clear?

Do they make the book more enjoyable?

Did you learn anything from reading this book?

How did \_\_\_\_\_ behave in the story?

Why did they behave that way?

Where does this story take place?

How do you know?

Why has the writer suddenly used lots of very short sentences here?

What effect do the short sentences have on you?

What effect do the long sentences have on you?

What is the reason the writer made this sentence so long?

How did you know that you needed to pause there?

How did you know you needed to **shout** that bit?

Why do you think the word \_\_\_\_\_ is written in capital letters?

Did the end surprise you? Why?

How do you think \_\_\_\_\_ felt at the end of the story?

How did this story make you feel?