

KS1 - How can I effectively question my child at home during home reading?

This resource will assist you with questioning your child effectively during their home reading. The questions below align with the objectives outlined in the national curriculum.

To record and retrieve information	To develop inference and prediction	To identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning	To discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
<p>Where does the story take place? When did the story take place? What did the character look like? Where did the character live? What happened in the story? What kinds of people are in the story? Explain something that happened at a specific point in the story?</p>	<p>If you were going to interview this character/author, which questions would you ask? Which is your favourite part? Why? Who was the storyteller? How do you know? Predict what you think is going to happen next. Why do you think this? Who would you like to meet most in the story? Why? Is this a place you could visit? Why/why not? What do you think would happen next if the story carried on past the ending in the book? How is the main character feeling at the start/middle/end of the story? Why do they feel that way? Does this surprise you?</p>	<p>Were you surprised by the ending? Is it what you expected? Why/why not? How did you think it would end/should have ended? What is the main event of the story? Why do you think this? Has the author used an unusual layout in the text? If so, describe it and say why you think they did this? How has the text been organised? Has the author used a variety of sentence structures? Why do you think authors use short sentences? Has the author put certain words in bold or <i>italic</i>? Why have they done this?</p>	<p>Why did the author choose this title? Do you want to read the rest of the text? How does the writer encourage you to read the rest of the text? Can you find some examples of effective description? What makes them effective? Which part of the story best describes the setting? Can you find examples of powerful adjectives? What do they tell you about a character or setting? Find an example of a word you don't know the meaning of. Using the text around it, what do you think it means?</p>