

Helping your child with Reading

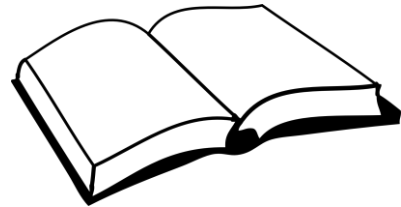
Here are some questions and ideas to help your child to become a more confident reader.

Discussions and Questioning

Ask the reader to summarise sections of the story.

Ask the reader to predict what may happen next.

Ask the reader to justify their answers using the text.



Information Retrieval

Identify a word from paragraph 2 which shows that...

What was happening at the beginning of the story?

What is 'animation'?

True/False based on text

How many...

Give one example...

Match answers from text evidence

Which character...

Fill in the gaps in the table

Choose the best word to fill the gap...

Deduction

What does this quotation suggest about...?

Explain the use of the word...

What impression do you get about the feelings of this character from the text?

Why did...?

If you made a movie of this, what type of music would you use for it, and why?

How are the experiences of these two characters similar?

Why did they feel...?

How did the character feel before... and after...?

How did the characters feelings change?

What would you buy / do / see / ask?

What evidence is there that...?

What is this characters attitude towards...?

The Author

What do you think the writer thinks about this topic? Why?

How does the writer show his positive / negative attitude towards...?

How does the author make you feel...?

Why has the author included...?

Use of Language

Explain how the use of language shows...

Why does the writer use the word...

Underline the word / noun / verb / phrase which shows that...

How does the choice of language create the impression that...

Why is this style of formal / informal language used in this text?

Choose a word to describe this character. Why?



Structure and Organisation

How does this first sentence help to guide the reader?

How does this paragraph link back to the opening paragraph?

How does the writer link the conclusion to the introduction?

How does the writer build up to the conclusion?

How does the timeline / image / diagram / layout make it easier to understand?

What would be a suitable heading for this text?

Give two features that tell you it is written as a formal letter / diary etc