



Supporting Reading at Home

You may find these question stems useful when you are discussing books together with your child. We use 'Reading VIPERS' in class to develop reading and comprehension skills.

Vocabulary

What do the words _____ suggest about the character, setting and mood?

Which words tells you that _____?

Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood?

Find one word in the text which means _____

Find the word that is closest in meaning to _____.

Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that _____.

Infer

Find a group of words which show that _____. How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this?

How do the descriptions of _____ show that they are _____?

How can you tell that _____?

What impression of _____ do you get from these paragraphs?

What voice might these characters use?

What was _____ thinking when _____?

Who is telling the story?

Predict

What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after?

What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this?

Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops?

Do you think _____ will happen? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Explain

Why is the text arranged in this way?

What structures has the author used?

What is the purpose of this feature?

Is the use of _____ effective?

The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find the phrases which show this.

What is the author's point of view?

What affect does _____ have on the audience?

How does the author engage the reader here?

Which words and phrases did _____ use effectively?

Which section was the most interesting/exciting part? Why?

How are these sections linked?



Retrieve

How would you describe this text? What genre is it? How do you know?

How did _____?

How often _____?

Who had _____?

Who is _____?

Who did _____?

What happened to _____?

What does _____ do?

How _____ is _____?

What can you learn from _____ in this section?

Give one example of _____



Summerise

Can you number these events in the order they happened?

What happened after _____?

What was the first thing that happened in the story?

Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?

In what order do these chapter headings appear in the book?