

Please ask your child some of the questions below.

Fiction Questions

How do you know this is a fiction text?
When did this story take place?
What does the character look like?
What happened in the story?
Explain what happened in a specific part of the story.
If you were going to interview the characters/ author, what would you ask?
Who was the storyteller? How do you know?
Which is your favourite part? Why?
Predict what you think might happen next.
Who would you like to meet in the story? Why?
Were you surprised by the ending?
Why do you think the author uses shorter/longer sentences?
Can you find any examples of effective description?
What makes this a successful story?
What did the story make you think of?
How would you feel in the same situation?

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Non-Fiction Questions

What is this text about?
Can you find any features of the text type?
What is on the cover of the book?
What does this tell you about the content inside?
Which parts of the book could help you find the information you need?
When would you use the index page of the book?
Do you think the author of this book is an 'expert' about the topic of the book? Why/why not?
What is the purpose of the pictures?
How does the layout help the reader?
Can you find an example of a page you think has interesting layout?
Why did you choose it?
Why do we need a glossary in a text?
How could the information be presented better?
Why has the writer written this text?
Have you found any of the illustrations, diagrams or pictures useful? Why/why not? Try to explain fully.
Can you think of another text that is similar to this one? What are the similarities and differences between them?