

**Questions to talk about - *not all of the questions will suit every book.***

### **Stories**

Who are the main characters?

How are they related to each other? - friends, enemies, sisters etc.

What do they look like? What are they like as people? - happy, friendly, kind,

*At appropriate points in the story:* Why did he / she (do that / behave like that?) .... Would you have done the same?

How does he / she feel? How do you know?

Where is the story set? How do you know?

Is it a real place or a fantasy place?

How does the story start?

What happens next?

What happens in the middle of the story? (What is the problem?)

Why does that happen? What makes that happen?

How is the problem solved?

What happens at the end of the story?

Did you enjoy the story? Why?

Have you read any other stories like this? (similar plot, similar characters, same author)

Who else might enjoy this story?

### **Information books**

**Look at the front cover and the blurb on the back**

What is the book about?

What are you hoping to find out?

**Check for index, contents and glossary pages**

**Look at the layout of pages** - text boxes, captions, is it more picture than text or more text than picture?

**Look at pictures** - What kind of picture is it? - diagram, drawing, photograph. What can you find out from the picture?

**Child may choose to read book as a whole or browse through it**

Encourage use of index or contents pages to find specific information.

Ask factual questions based on the text, eg. How fast can a cheetah run?

Ask inferential questions based on the text, eg. if the text says that a cheetah chases gazelle ask What does a cheetah eat? or Why does it need to run so fast?