

Reading Question Prompts for KS1 parents

When assessing your child's reading, teachers will ask questions from 7 different aspects. This enables your child to demonstrate their understanding of the text as well as their ability to decode the words.

Aspect 1: Accurate decoding of text

Aspect 2: Understand, describe or find information, events or ideas

Aspect 3: Deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas

Aspect 4: Identify and comment on structure and organisation

Aspect 5: Writers' use of language

Aspect 6: Writers' purposes and viewpoints and the effect on the reader

Aspect 7: Social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions

Each day, when you read with your child, spend some time discussing the book using some of the question starters provided. Ensure to choose a range of different colours and encourage children to use evidence from the book to explain their answers.

What does ... mean?

What extra information
did the picture add?

What happened at ...?

What did ... do/ask?

Which word told you
that?

Where did go?

Describe...

What did.../you find out
about...?

Where/when are...?

Why do/did...?

How did?

What words tell us...?

Why did...?

What is the purpose
of...?

What is the same
about...?

What does
think/feel?
How do you know?

When does this story
begin?

How can you tell...?

Why do you think...?

What is the purpose of...?

What does the list tell you?

Why is ... in bold?

Why are ... used?

Why has the information been presented in this way?

Why does each instruction have a number?

Why is ... important in the story?

Why does the author use ...?

What do these words... tell us about ...?

What words told you how ... was feeling?

What does ... tell you about ...?

Why did the author use ...? (*e.g. rhymes, repetition*)

Which poem was more effective in ... (e.g. creating a picture of night?)

How was it different when you read the poem aloud?

Find 3 words that tell you how ...?

On page... it says .. What does this tell you about the setting?

Why did the author choose the words ... and ...?

What is the main idea of the story?

Does the author like...?
How do you know?

What was the main purpose of the text?

What did you like about the text/story?

What did you dislike about the text/story?

This story is both sad and happy. Explain why.

What kind of text is in the boxes?

Which text did you prefer?
Why?

What characters were in the story that we find in traditional tales?

How was ... (animal) rather like a human in the story?

How did you know...? (e.g. the wolf would be bad?)

Did anything surprise you in this retelling of the story?

What else do you know by the same author?

How was the information in the text different from the pictures?

How was the video version of the story different from the book?

What features did you find that told you this was a text?