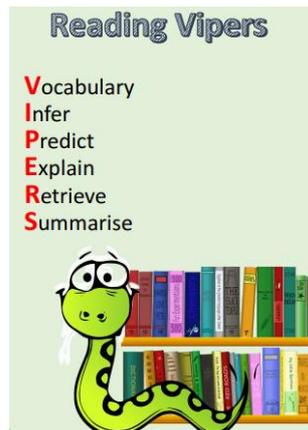


## Developing Comprehension in Key Stage Two



**V**ocabulary  
**I**nfer  
**P**redict  
**E**xplain  
**R**etrieve  
**S**ummarise

### **Vocabulary**

Find and explain the meaning of words in context.

#### Example questions

- What do the words ... and ... suggest about the character/setting/mood?
- Which word tells you that ...?
- Find one word in the text which shows that ...
- Why do you think the author has used this word/phrase?
- Find the word that is closest in meaning to ...
- Can you find a simile/metaphor that the author has used to describe ...?

### **Infer**

Make and justify inferences using evidence and clues from the text.

#### Example questions

- How might these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this?
- How can you tell that?
- How can we tell that something is wrong at this point in the story?
- What do you think ... was thinking when they...?
- What impression of the character is the author trying to give to the reader?

### **Predict**

Predict what might happen from the details given and implied.

#### Example questions

- From the book cover what do you think this text is going to be about?
- What is happening now? What happened to lead up to this? What could happen next?
- 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? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence and quotes from the text.

### **Explain**

Explain themes and patterns that develop across the text.

#### Example questions

- Why is the text arranged in this way?
- What structure/layout has the author chosen to use?
- Is the use of ... effective?
- The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy phrases that show this.
- Explain what you think the author's point of view is.
- How does the author engage the reader here?
- Which section was the most interesting/exciting part?

### **Retrieve**

Understand, describe, select or retrieve information from a text. The answer can be found in the text.

#### Example questions

- How would you describe this text? What type of writing is it?
- Who did ...?
- Give one example of ...
- When did this happen?
- What happened to ...?
- How many ...?
- From whose perspective is this story told?

### **Summarise**

Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph.

#### Example questions

- Can you number these events 1 – 5 in the order that they happened?
- What happened after ...?
- What was the first thing that happened in the story?
- In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?
- Can you summarise in a sentence or two the opening/middle/end of the story?