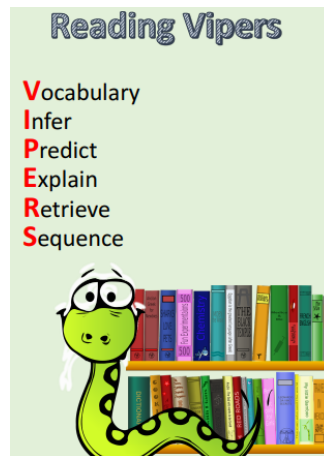


Developing Comprehension in Reception and Key Stage One



Vocabulary
Infer
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Vocabulary

Draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.

Example questions

- What does the word ... mean in this sentence?
- Find and copy a word that describes ...
- What does this word or phrase tell you about ...?
- Why do you think the author has used this word?
- Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe ...?
- Why do you think ... is repeated in this section?

Infer

Take clues from the text, read between the lines.

Example questions

- How was ... feeling? How do you know this?
- Why did that happen?
- Why do you think ... said ...?
- What do you think the author intended when they said ...?
- What clues did you use to answer the question?
- What makes you think that?
- How might the character be feeling about ...?
- What clues can you get from the story so far?

Predict

Predict what you think will happen based on the information that you have been given.

Example questions

- Look at the book cover and read the blurb on the back. What do you think this book is about?
- What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?
- How does the choice of setting affect what will happen next?
- What is happening now? What do you think happened before? What might happen next?
- What do you think will happen after the story has finished?

Explain

Explain your preferences, thoughts and opinions about the text.

Example questions

- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Why do you think all the main characters are ... in this book?
- Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?
- Is there anything you would change about this story?
- Do you like this book/author?
- What do you like/dislike about it?
- What is your favourite part of the book and why?

Retrieve

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

Example questions

- What kind of text is this?
- Who did ...?
- Where did they go?
- When did this happen?
- What happened to ...?
- How many ...?
- How did that happen?

Sequence

Sequence events in the story.

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?