

Developing curiosity	What can you see? What could you hear / smell?
	Show me your favourite page...can you tell me about it? How many things can you tell me about on this page?
Understanding characters	Tell me three things about... What do they like to do? What makes them happy / sad?
	What's the best thing that's happened to ...in the story?
Understanding setting	Tell me about this place / Tell me 5 things about this place. Is it a real place?
	What could you hear/smell if you were in this place?
	What time of day is it? Can you tell me anything about the weather?
	What could you touch that would be soft, furry, rough etc?
Looking closely	What's the smallest / largest thing you can see in this picture?
	What's near us / far away /in front of / behind etc in this picture?
	How many things can you find beginning with A, B etc?
	Is there anything we can only see part of?

Understanding plot	What's happening here?
	Tell me the story on this page.
	I'll tell you the story on this page and then you tell me the story on that page.
	Tell me what's going wrong on this page.
	It's the end of the story - can you tell me the whole story again?
Making predictions	What do you think this book will be about?
	Where do you think they will go in this story? Will it be somewhere you have been?
	What do you think is going to happen when we turn the page?
	How do you think the story will end?
Encouraging empathy	How would you feel if this happened to you?
	If you were in the story what would you do?
	What parts of the story made you sad? happy? angry?
	Who is happy at the end of the story? Why?

