



Questions to ask your child when reading Year 4

Vocabulary Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What does the word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood? *By writing...what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to? *By writing in this way what effect has the author created? *What other words/phrases could the author have used here? *How has the author made you feel by writing...?
Retrieval Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Find the ... in the text. Is it anywhere else? *When/where is this set? How do you know? *Find the part of the story that best describes the setting *What do you think is happening here? Why? *What might this mean?
Inference Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What do you think...means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else? *I think...Do you agree? Why/why not? *How do you think that...? *Can you explain why...? *What do these words mean and why do you think the author chose them?
Prediction Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ? *Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop in the same way? *Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?
Summarising Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else? *Sum up what has happened so far in ...sentences *Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? *Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?
Compare, contrast and comment Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What is similar/different about these 2 characters? Did the author intend that? *Explain why...did that. *Describe different characters' reactions to the same event *Is this as good as...? *Which...is better and why?
Author Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What does the word...tell you about...? *Find 2 ways in which the author tells you..? *What do you think the author meant by...? *Which words do you think are most important? Why? *Which words do you like the most? Why? *How has the author made you feel sad/happy/scared etc?