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Improving key reading skills
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Vocabulary

Find and explain the meaning of words in context

Example questions

• What do the words ...... and ...... suggest about the character, setting and mood?
• Which word tells you that.....?
• Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood?
• Find one word in the text which means......
• Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to.......  
• Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.......
Infer

Make and justify inferences using evidence from the text.

Example questions

• Find and copy a group of words which show that...
• How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this?
• How do the descriptions of ...... show that they are ........
• How can you tell that......
• What impression of ...... do you get from these paragraphs?
• What voice might these characters use?
• What was .... thinking when.....
• Who is telling the story?
Predict

Predict what might happen from the details given and implied.

Example questions

• From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about?
• What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after?
• 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 from the text.
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**Explain**

- Explain how content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole.
- Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language.
- Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text.
- Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.

**Example questions**

- Why is the text arranged in this way?
- What structures has the author used?
- What is the purpose of this text feature?
- Is the use of ..... effective?
- The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this.
- What is the author’s point of view?
- What affect does ..... have on the audience?
- How does the author engage the reader here?
- Which words and phrases did ..... effectively?
- Which section was the most interesting/exciting part?
- How are these sections linked?
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R etrieve

Retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.

Example questions

• How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know?
• How did…?
• How often…?
• Who had…? Who is…? Who did….?
• What happened to…?
• What does.... do?
• How ..... is ........?
• What can you learn from ...... from this section?
• Give one example of......
• The story is told from whose perspective?
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?
• Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?
• In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?