

Reading - questions to ask

(modified from Herts Grid for Learning)

Selected suggested question stems taken from real SATS papers.

These question starters ('stems') are useful from Y3 up to Y6 but they will of course become more difficult with the increasing difficulty of the text. A handful of questions from the SATS paper do not lend themselves to question stems as they are very specific to the text.

Choose three or four questions, from across this selection, to talk about and answer together as you're reading together.

Reading objective: give / explain the meaning of words in context

- Find and copy one word meaning _____
- Find and copy one word that suggests/shows that _____
- Which word most closely matches the meaning of the word _____ ?
- Circle the correct option to complete the sentence below [*provide synonyms/phrases/clauses with similar meaning to replace the end of each sentence*]
- What does the word _____ suggest about _____ ?
- Give the meaning of the word _____ in this sentence.
- What does _____ mean?

Reading objective: retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction

- What three things you are told about _____ ?
- What was revealed at _____ place in the story?
- Set up a true/false quiz
- Give two reasons why _____ [*include an abstract noun e.g. Mauritius was a paradise*]

Reading objective: make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

- How can you tell that _____ ?
- What impressions of _____ do you get from these two paragraphs?
- Why did _____ happen?
- What did _____ have to do? Look at the _____ *place in the text (paragraph)*. How do you know that?
- What evidence is there of/that _____. Give two points.
- Explain what _____ [*a phrase/clause with challenging vocabulary*] suggests about _____ .
- In what ways might _____ [*character*] be perceived? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.
- According to the text, how did _____ happen?

Reading objective: predict what might happen from details stated and implied

- Do you think that _____ happen? YES, NO or MAYBE. Explain your choice fully, using evidence from the text.