

Comprehension Questions

A guide to comprehension questions your child can answer using their home readers.

Inferential Questions:

Ones where the text does not actually tell us, but we can work out the answer by considering the hints and clues in the text in the light of our own knowledge and experience.

Literal Questions:

Ones where we can find the answer directly in the text. To answer them well we need to read the text very carefully and find the exact words that tell us what the questions asks.

Examples of questions:

- Where is the story set?
- When did the story take place?
- Who are the main characters?
- What does the main character look like?
- Where does the main character live?
- Where in the book would you find...?
- How does the story begin?
- What is happening?
- What happened at the end of the story?
- What might this mean?
- Who is telling the story?
- Which parts of the story do you like best?
- Which parts of the story describe the setting?
- What is the problem faced by the character?
- Can you think of another story with a similar theme?
- Can you think of another story that deals with the same issues?
- Can you think of another story that uses the same techniques?
- Can you think of another story character who acted in this way?
- Have you ever had an experience like this?
- Have you read a story that begins in the same way as this one?
- If you were to write your own opening, what ideas would you borrow from this story?