

Vocabulary

Find and explain the meaning of the word in context.

Question Stem	Example Questions
Which word tells you that...	Which word tells you that she was in a
Find one word in the text which means...	Find one word which means happy?
Find a word that shows/suggests...	Find a word that suggests she is scared.
What does... mean?	What does 'parched' mean?
What does... tell you about...	What does 'spat' tell you about how the island was formed?
Why is the word... used?	Why is the word galloped used?
Can... have more than one meaning?	Can 'light' have more than one meaning?
Which key words tell you about the mood/character/setting?	Which key words tells you about how Jenny is feeling?
Find one word that has the closest meaning to...	Find one word that has the closet meaning to laugh?

Infer

Make and justify inference using evidence from the text.

Question Stem	Example Questions
Why is... important?	Why is the fact that Jack cut down the beanstalk important?
How can you tell that...	How can you tell that Ernest is upset?
What does the word... imply?	What does the word 'stomped' imply
Why did...	Why did the miners help?
What does... think?	What does her dad think?
What is the author implying?	What is the author implying in paragraph two?
What evidence proves...	What evidence proves Charlie is happy when he finds the ticket?
What is... feeling...	What is Ron feeling when he sees the beast?
What ideas are given about...	What ideas are given about Jack's mother?

Predict

Predict what might happen from the details given and implied.

Question Stem	Example Questions
From the cover what/where/when...	From the cover when do you think the story is set?
What will happen...	What will happen when they find the magic door?
What does this paragraph suggest...	What does this paragraph suggest will happen to the boys next?
Do you think... will happen? Yes/No/Maybe	Do you think Jack will steal the golden goose?
From the blurb what...	From the blurb what will the story be about?
Do you think the choice of setting/character will influence how the plot develops?	Do you think about the setting of a forest will influence how the plot develops?
What makes you think...	What makes you think they will escape?

Explain

Explain writer's purpose, viewpoint and choice of language. Explain how themes and patterns that develop across a range of texts. Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.

Question Stem	Example Questions
Why is the text...	Why is the text arranged in this way?
What is the purpose of...	What is the purpose of using similes in this paragraph?
How does the author...	How does the author hook the reader?
How are you suppose to feel about...	How are you suppose to feel about the death of his brother?
Why were... included?	Why were quotes from scientists included?
Why does the author..	Why does the author use similes?
Which text is most effective?	Which text is most effective in persuading the reader?
Why does the author compare... to...	Why does the author compare the rain to horses' hooves?
What do phrases like... tell you?	What do phrases like 'some might say' tell you?
What is the author's point of view on...	What is the author's point of view on climate change?
How is... similar to other stories?	How is Harry similar to other school boys in other books?

Which features tell you this is...	Which features tell you this is an information text.
Tell me how this is same/different to...	Tell me how this is same as War Horse.

Retrieve

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

Question Stem	Example Questions
Write down three things you are told about...	Write down three things you are told about the race.
Describe...	Describe the ocean during the storm.
What did... do?	What did Harry do when he found the trap door?
Where are...	Where are the children going when they leave the house?
How did...	How did Victorians wash their clothes?
Which of these drawings best represents...	Which of these drawings best represents Scrooge?
Who had...	Who had lost the keys?
Who is/was...	Who was Queen in 1895?
Find and copy a word/phrase that shows...	Find and copy a phrase that tells you how long the journey was.
Give one example of...	Give one example of what the girls did during the day.
True or false...	True or false, the two miners are brothers?

Summarise

Summarise the main ideas.

Question Stem	Example Questions
Can you order...	Can you order these events from 1-5?
What happened after...	What happened after the earthquake?
What was the first thing...	What was the first thing that happened to the children?
In what order do these...	In what order do these chapter headings go?
Summarise the main idea from...	Summarise the main idea from chapter two.