



Year 1 Questions for Reading

Whilst reading with your child, try to choose one question from each section. You could ask more than one type of question per page. This will help to check that your child understands what they are reading and could lead you into further conversations about the text.



Vocabulary Questions

- Can you find a word/sentence that tells/shows you that...?
- Why do you think that the author used the word... to describe...?
- Can you find a word in the text that means the same as...?
- Find an adjective in the text

Retrieval Questions

- Who is/are the main character(s)?
- When/where is this story set?
- Which is your favourite/worst/ funniest/scariest part of the story? Why?
- Tell me three facts you have learnt from the text.
- Find the part where...

Sequencing Questions

- What happens in the beginning of the story?
- How/where does the story start?
- What happened at the end of the. ?
- Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less?
- What happened before that?

Inference Questions

- **n.b.** Answers should refer to what has been read so far.
- What do you think...means? Why do you think that?
- Why do you think....?
- How do you think...?
- When do you think...?
- Where do you think...?
- How has the author made us think that...?

Prediction Questions

- **n.b.** Answers should refer to what has been read so far.
- Where do you think...will go next?
- What do you think...will say / do next?
- What do you think this book will be about? Why?
- How do you think that this will end?
- Who do you think has done it?
- What might ... say about that?

If They Are Not Sure, Say:

- Have a guess.
- What would you do if you were...?
- If you had done that, what might...have said?
- If we know that.... means..., what might...mean?
- Does the picture help us?
- Where else could we look for a clue?

If They Can't Read a Word, Say:

- Can you break it up?
- Are there any sounds you know?
- Do you know a word that looks like it?
- What could it say?

Remember:

- Enjoy this moment.
- Share your thoughts and opinions about it too.
- Just five minutes every day makes a huge difference.