

## Comprehension Questions Examples

Remember always get the children to evidence this from the text or illustrations. I know this because... follow up with why if not given

This is a few suggested questions and not an exhaustive list

	Knowledge of plot, events and character	Prediction of what might happen. <i>(These questions need to be asked before reading the book, they are often based on the front cover, blurb or the first few pages)</i>
Simple	<p>Tell me something you can remember about the story.</p> <p>Tell me something about a character from this book.</p> <p>Tell me about one place in the story.</p> <p>What happened at the beginning?</p> <p>What happened at the end?</p> <p>Did you like the book? Why?</p> <p>What type of book is this?</p> <p>Tell me some important things ... did?</p> <p>Tell me what happens in the story?</p> <p>Find a word in the book you liked, why?</p>	<p>What do you think this book might be about? Why?</p>
Harder	<p>Tell me three things you can remember about this story.</p> <p>Name a character in this story and tell me something about them</p> <p>Where does the story take place?</p> <p>Tell me about the book cover? Why do you think this illustration was used?</p> <p>Can you tell me why we should buy this book?</p> <p>Tell me about some good/bad things the characters did.</p> <p>Tell me 2 things that happen in the story in the order they happened?</p> <p>Tell me something that went wrong in the story and how it got solved?</p> <p>Can you tell me the whole story in your own words?</p> <p>Tell me some good words in the story and what do they mean?</p>	<p>How do you think the story will start?</p> <p>What do you think will happen next?</p> <p>What kind of words do you think the author will use?</p> <p>What places will there be in the story?</p> <p>How might the story end?</p> <p>Looking at the cover and quickly looking at the pages what type of book/story is this?</p>

Challenging	<p>Tell me an important thing that happens in this story? Why do you think it's important?</p> <p>Name a character in this story and tell me the most important thing about them.</p> <p>Where does the story take place and where does it end?</p> <p>Find 3 words in the story you think are important? Why?</p> <p>Would you recommend the book and what would you say to persuade people to read it?</p> <p>What genre do you think this story is?- Fairy tale, adventure</p> <p>Why did they take the actions they took?</p> <p>Were they good actions or wrong actions?</p> <p>Tell me 3 key things that happen in the story in the order they happen?</p> <p>Order the problems in the story from major to minor?</p> <p>How did the setting make the story more interesting?</p> <p>Tell me a good word or phrase in the story and what it means?</p> <p>Can you retell this story like a story telling in an exciting way?</p>	<p>What do you think the first words of the story will be, why?</p> <p>What do you think will happen next and how will this affect the rest of the story?</p> <p>Where do you think the start and end of this story will take place?</p>
Junior Questions	<p>Can you tell me about the most important location in this story and why you think it is the most important?</p> <p>How long does the story take place in? e.g a day, month</p> <p>Persuade me to buy this book</p> <p>Did you agree with the actions the characters took?</p> <p>Tell me about the start of this story, what was the author setting up?</p> <p>What language did the author use that you thought was effective?</p> <p>Can you retell a key section of this story?</p> <p>Why do you think it is key?</p>	<p>What do you think the plot of this story will be?</p> <p>What range of locations do you think the author has chosen?</p>

	<p><b>Inference and interpretation</b></p> <p><i>Understanding the text when elements have not been directly referred to</i></p>	<p><b>Analysis and Evaluation</b></p>	<p><b>Emphatic Response and speculative thinking</b></p> <p><i>Relating to book to their own lives.</i></p>
Simple		<p>What did ... do in the story?</p> <p>What words are important?</p> <p>Did something go wrong in the story?</p> <p>How did the story end?</p> <p>What was the best part of the book, why?</p>	<p>How could you make this story better?</p> <p>What is your favourite part of the story?</p> <p>Do you know anyone like ..?</p> <p>Has anything like this happened to you?</p>

harder	<p>What would (Character) choose to do if they came to school?</p> <p>How does this story make you feel?</p> <p>Pretend you are ... can you tell me all about yourself?</p>	<p>Why did the story start like that?</p> <p>What did ... do to...?</p> <p>Use 3 words to describe...</p> <p>How is the book the same as last weeks book?</p> <p>Which words were used best?</p> <p>Tell me about a problem in the story?</p> <p>What is the most interesting part of the book?</p> <p>Who is the most important character?</p>	<p>What could ... have done instead?</p> <p>What would you like to change about the story?</p> <p>Find a word you would change, what would you change it to?</p> <p>How could you improve the description of ...</p> <p>If you changed the ending how would it end?</p> <p>If you could change the beginning how would you?</p> <p>What parts of the book made you sad/happy/scared/angry/worry?</p> <p>Tell me how the whole story made you feel?</p>
Challenging	<p>What would (character) chose to not do if they came to school?</p> <p>Which objects in the story are most important?</p> <p>Pretend you are ... tell me 3 of the most important things about yourself.</p>	<p>Why did the author choose to start the story like that?</p> <p>How is ... the same as ...?</p> <p>How is ... different to...?</p> <p>Tell me 2 important things that ... did?</p> <p>Which word is important and why?</p> <p>Give me one word to describe ... and why did you use this word?</p> <p>How is the book the same and different from last weeks books?</p> <p>Why did the story end that way?</p> <p>Which part of the plot is most exciting?</p> <p>Is the title a good reflection of the book?</p> <p>Who would enjoy this book?</p> <p>Who wouldn't enjoy this book?</p>	<p>Could you tell me two different ways the story could end?</p> <p>Could you tell me two different ways the story could start?</p> <p>How could you improve this story?</p> <p>How could you make the story worse?</p> <p>Do you know anyone who is totally different to...?</p> <p>Choose one character you would like as a friend and why?</p> <p>Was there a point in the story when your feelings changed?</p>
Junior Questions	<p>If (character) came to our school what would you say to them and why?</p> <p>How does this story relate to your own life?</p> <p>Pretend you are ... Can you explain your actions in the story and why you did them?</p>	<p>Can you tell me what is the same and what is different between ... and ...?</p> <p>Can you tell me about ... actions and why they did them?</p> <p>Tell me the most important difference between this book and last weeks?</p> <p>Why did the author use this word...?</p> <p>Why did the author choose this particular problem?</p> <p>Tell me 2 reasons why the story ended that way?</p>	<p>How else might the writer have grabbed your attention?</p> <p>If the story was set (different place, time period) what would need to be changed?</p> <p>If you could change just one thing about this story what would you change?</p> <p>Which character would you have helped and how?</p> <p>Were there any characters in this book you did not like?</p> <p>If you were a character in the book when would you have entered the story?</p>

		<p>If you could save only one character from this book who would you save?</p> <p>Can you improve on the books title?</p> <p>Who is the intended audience?</p> <p>Can you find a multi sensory description of something in the book?</p>	
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