

QUESTIONS FOR COMPREHENSION

Some question guidelines to help you when hearing your child read...

Questions while selecting a book:

Why did you want to read this book?

Do you like the book cover? What do you like about it?

Have you read any other books by this author?

Is the author also the illustrator of this book?

What do you think this book might be about?

Questions prior to reading the book:

What is the title of this book?

Who are the author and illustrator?

Does the picture on the cover give us any clues as to what the story might be about?

(Read the blurb on the back of the book together.) What clues does this give us? Does it sound like an exciting/sad/happy story?

Questions while reading the book:

What has happened so far? What do you think might happen next?

What can you see in the pictures? Are they helping to tell the story?

Which character is your favourite? How would you describe them?

How would you feel if that happened to you?

Plot questions after reading the book / section of the book:

What happened in the beginning?

What happened next?

What happened at the end of the story / section?

At what point in the story did we realise....?

Character questions:

What do we learn about X in the beginning of the story?

What do we know about X by the end of the story?

Who are the main characters in the story? Would you like to be any of the characters? If so, why?

How would you feel if you were X at that part of the story?

If you could be friends with any character in the book, who would it be and why?

What would you have done if you were X?

What are some of the words the author has used to describe the character?

How did X feel when... ?

Does X remind you of anyone you know? If so, why?

Appreciation questions:

Did you enjoy this story?

Did the illustrations help you to enjoy and understand the story?

Did it remind you of any other stories we've read together? What were the similarities?

What did you like/dislike the most?

Did any parts of the story make you laugh? Why?

Which was your favourite bit? Why?

Were there any words or sentences in the book that you particularly enjoyed?

Were any of the words written in capital letters/bold/italics? If so, why?

Would you like to read another book by this author?

What was the most exciting part of the book?

Did the story remind you of anything that has happened to you?

What surprised you most about the story? Why was it surprising?

What do you think the saddest part of the story was? Why?

What would you do in a situation similar to that faced by a character in the story?

What part of the story made you think it would end the way it did?

How would you change the book's ending if you could re-write it?

How is this book like one you read in the past? Discuss how they are alike and different.