

Decoder

I can break the code and read words carefully, understanding what they mean.

Example Decoding Questions

Does the sentence make sense?

Is it like a word that you already know?

Can you see a word inside the word?

Blend this _____ part of the word.

Can you find..... (a particular word)

Show me how you use () : ;" when you read.

At a quick glance, can you tell me what you think this page is about?

Comprehender

I can find answers in the text.

Example Retrieval Questions

Where and when did the story take place?

What did s/he/it look like/sound like?

Who are the main characters?

What happened after...?

Who spoke to...?

Describe what happened at...

Can you tell me why....

What evidence can you find that tells me that....?

Reading Detective

I can use clues to read between the lines and discover (infer) even more information.

Example Deduction Questions

How do you think.....felt/feels

Why is ...important?

Describe....reaction to....

What does this tell us about how.... is feeling?

Who do you know who is like....

Put yourself in their shoes.

Have you had a similar experience? How did you feel?

What can you tell about the character from the way that they act/speak?

Language Lover

I can talk about how text has been put together and organised.

Example Structural and Organisational Questions

Non-fiction:

What is the quickest way to find out about....?

How do headings help when scanning the text? What is the difference between contents and index?

Are there any statements or questions? How do they support/help the reader?

Fiction:

Why are these words useful to the reader?

Which words indicate that some people think differently about this?

continued.....

What are the main ideas in this paragraph and how are they related?

Does the writer give another point of view in this chapter? How is this signalled?

What can you say about the order that the writer has chosen?

Language Lover 2

I can explain how the writer has used language for effect.

Example Effective Language Questions

As a reader how do you feel about....?

How has the author made you feel this way?

Which words had an effect on you? Describe the effect.

How could the meaning be changed if the punctuation was different?

How does the author show that ...is important?

Why has the author used repetition?

How has the author been humorous?

How could this be made to sound more formal/serious/informal/friendly?

Can you describe the writer's style.

Find a word or phrase that has been particularly well chosen.

Tell me why this was a good choice.

Responder

I can explain the writer's viewpoint and how a text makes a reader feel.

Example viewpoint and purpose Questions

Why do you think the author chose this setting?

What did the writer intend by....?

Why has the author used humour at this point?

What impression do you think the writer wants to give of this character?

What does the author want to persuade you to think/believe?

What was the main reason the author chose to write this book?

What effect do you think this writing has on the people who read it?

The Big Reader

I can compare and contrast stories from different cultures and times.

Example context and cultural Questions

Can you think of another book/story that has a similar theme?

Where is the different cultural setting?

What are the features of this setting? (language/environment/attitudes)

What difference does the culture make to how the characters react?

Which other stories deal with similar issues?

How is the hero/heroine similar to others you have read about?

How do you think the author and illustrator worked together?