

Comprehension Questions to Try at Home

Vocabulary

- What does the word '___' mean in this sentence?
- Can you find a word that means the same as '___'?
- Which word tells us how the character is feeling?
- Can you think of a better word the author could have used instead of '___'?
- What does '___' tell us about the setting or mood?
- Can you spot any tricky or new words? What do you think they mean?

Inference

- Why do you think the character did that?
- How do you think the character is feeling? What clues tell you?
- What might the character be thinking right now?
- Why do you think the author included that detail?
- What can you tell about the setting even though it's not described directly?
- What do you think is really going on in this part of the story?

Prediction

- What do you think will happen next?
- What might the character do if ___ happens?
- How do you think the story will end?
- What clues has the author given about what might happen?
- If you were the character, what would you do next?
- What do you think the title means? Does it give you any hints?

Explain

- Why did the character make that choice?
- Why is this part of the story important?
- Why do you think the author used that word or phrase?
- Why do you think the character said that?
- Why is the setting important to the story?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?

Retrieval

- What is the name of the main character?
- Where does the story take place?
- What happened at the beginning of the story?
- Can you find the sentence that tells us ___?
- What did the character do after ___?
- Who are the other characters in the story?

Summarise

- Can you tell me what's happened so far in your own words?
- What was the most important part of the story?
- Can you retell the story in three sentences?
- What happened at the beginning, middle, and end?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- What did you learn from the story?

