

Reading Comprehension

Can pupils find evidence directly from the story to answer your questions?

Explicit/retrieval of information questions to target those students are less able/ less confident readers.

The answer is right there in the text.

- What did..... do?
- Who did..... do it to
- How many..... were/are there?
- Who are.....?
- Can you tell me what this word/bit means?
- What kind of is that?

Can pupils think and search for the answer? Are they able to infer information that is not explicitly told to them?

The answers are found in different parts of the story and they might have to apply prior knowledge or personal experience to an answer.

- What does the front cover suggest about the plot? The genre? What colours are being used and why do you think that is? E.g red covers might suggest a book about conflict/ danger or love and romance.
- How do you make/do.....?
- What happened when..... did.....?
- What happened to.....?
- What do you think might happen next OR what happened before?
- How many times...
- What examples can you find?
- Where did this happen?
- Where was..... when this was happening?
- What can you infer about the character here? E.g. their emotions, their personality...
- What type of atmosphere is being created at this point? How does it affect the reader?
- What conventions or features of the genre have we noticed so far?
- How has the setting been used to add to the atmosphere?
- What tone of voice is being used and why do you think that is?
- Can you link the plot to any other novels you have read?

- Are there any techniques within the language? Can pupils identify any similes/ metaphors? Etc.
- Are there any words that as a form we could research the definition of? Create a word bank in our books for new words we have learnt through reading this particular novel.

Can pupils answer questions without referring to the story?

The answer is not in the story, it is opinion and thoughts.

- Have you ever...
- If you could...
- If you were going to...
- In your opinion...
- Do you agree with.....? Why?
- Do you know anyone who.....?
- How do you feel about.....?
- Do you think the writer gives an accurate portrayal of how someone would react in that situation?
- What do you think of the friendship between character A and character B?
- Which character can you relate to more and why?