

Ideas of comprehension questions to share with your child at home

Questions to see if your child has understood what s/he has read and to help them look through the text to find answers	Read into the information given. Explain what the reader shows but doesn't tell	Structure and organisation	Understand and explain how writers use words	Recognise and explain the writer's point of view	Discuss similarities and differences between what has been read and own experiences
Which word told you that ...? What happened after ...? What does ... mean? Describe ...? Which paragraph tell you ...? Who did they meet ...? Can you find the page that ...? What happened at the beginning/middle/end? Where does the story take place? When did the story take place? Who are the key characters? What happened in the story? What are the main ideas? What kinds of people were in the story? Where did you find the information about ...? Can you retell the story in your own words? What have you found out by reading this book?	What words tell us ...? Why did ...? How can you tell ...? How did ... react? What does ... think or feel? What were they thinking? How do you feel about ...? Why? What question would you ask this character? What do you think will happen next? Why? Who would you like to meet? Why?	Why has the information been presented in this book in this way? Why is that writing in bold/capitals/italics etc? How does the layout help? Why is it easier to read? Why is the heading important? How do the subheadings make it easier to read?	Explain why ... is used. Why has the title ... been chosen? What other title could we use for this book? What does ... tell you about? What words tell you about how ... was feeling? Choose your own word to describe this character. What does ... tell you? Why does the author use that word? What other words could you use?	This story is happy and sad. Can you explain why? What did you like about the story? Why? How did the story make you feel? Why do you think that ...? What is the main idea in the story? Can you think of another story with a similar theme? Why did the author choose this setting? What was the most exciting part? Why?	Was there any part of the story that reminds you of something in your own life or in another book that you have read? Have you ever been in the same situation as the book character? Do you know another story with similar characters in it? How are they similar?

