

Question Starters to encourage 'deeper' thinking!

How can I support my child with reading skills?

Although your child may be able to sound out and recognise lots of words, sometimes they need help to understand what they're reading, and to use their reading to develop their own ideas!

After reading with your child, try to ask a question from each coloured section to make sure they're developing thinking skills, and not merely 'remembering' the answer! (you can read to them too, so they can access more complicated books and develop their vocabulary!)

Questions for Remembering

What happened before after.....?

How many.....?

Who was it that?

How would you explain describe show.....?

When why how did?

Can you identify select picture?

Who spoke to?

Who or what were?

Questions for Understanding

How would you say tell in your own words?

How would you explain?

What do you think could have happened next?

What do you think?

Can you clarify what it means by.....?

What example(s) could you give of?

what facts or ideas or words show?

How could you explain what is happening and why?

Questions for Applying

How/ why is an example of?

What facts would you choose to show?

How would you explain what is happening and why?

What examples can you find to?

What questions would you ask of?

Do you another another instance where?

Can you group characteristics such as?

Which factors would you change if?

How would you use?

From the information given, can you develop a set of instructions about?

Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)

Questions for Analysing

Which events could not have happened?

If happened what might the ending have been?

What part of the story was the funniest?/ scariest?/ most exciting?

Which things were fact/ opinions?

What was the purpose of?

What is the important information / what is irrelevant?

What evidence can you find to?

Questions for Evaluating

Is there are better solution to?

Judge the value of/ what do you think about.....?

Can you defend your position about.....?

Do you think it is a good or bad thing.....?

How would you have handled?

What changes would yo recommend to?

Why did they (the character) choose?

Were they right to do? Why/ why not?

what are the consequences of?

What would you say is the importance of?

What are the pros and cons of?

Why is of value?

What are the alternatives to?

What would you recommend?

Was the main character in this story good or bad? Why?

Questions for Creating

Suppose you could what would you do?

What would be a possible solution to?

How could you change the plot?

How could you design/ invent a new way to?

How could you adapt to create a different?

What theory can you come up with for?

What new and unusual uses can you think of for?

What proposal can you come up with to?

What outcome could you predict if?