It is really important that your child understands what they are reading, when reading to themselves or out loud to others. Have a look at the question openers below. See if your child can answer these questions in relation to the books they are reading.

Vocabulary	**Infer**	**Predict**	**Explain**	**Retrieve**	**Summarise**
Find and explain the meaning of words in context.	Make and justify inferences using evidence from the text.	Predict what will happen based from the details given or implied.	Explain how content is related and contributed to the meaning as a whole. Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language. Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text. Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.	Retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph.
Example questions • What do the words ...... and ...... suggest about the character, setting and mood? • Which word tells you that....? • Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood? • Find one word in the text which means...... • Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to....... • Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.......	**Example questions** • Find and copy a group of words which show that... • How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this? • How do the descriptions of ...... show that they are .... • How can you tell that...... • What impression of ...... do you get from these paragraphs? • What voice might these characters use? • What was .... thinking when..... • Who is telling the story?	**Example questions** • From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about? • What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after? • What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this? • Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops? • Do you think... will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.	**Example questions** • Why is the text arranged in this way? • What structures has the author used? • What is the purpose of this text feature? • Is the use of ..... effective? • The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this. • What is the author's point of view? • What affect does ..... have on the audience? • How does the author engage the reader here? • Which words and phrases did ..... effectively? • Which section was the most interesting/exciting part? • How are these sections linked?	**Example questions** • How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know? • How did...? • How often...? • Who had...? Who is...? Who did....? • What happened to...? • What does.... do? • How ..... is ....? • What can you learn from ...... from this section? • Give one example of...... • The story is told from whose perspective?	**Example questions** • Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened? • What happened after ....? • What was the first thing that happened in the story? • Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/ middle/end of the story? • In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?

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