

Reading Questions

Inference questions (Reading between the lines)

1. How do you know this character is sad/happy/ annoyed etc.? What do they do, or what do they say, that tells you this? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
2. What has happened earlier in the text that gives you clues to what is happening now? E.g. How do you know the character is lying?
3. From what you have read what do you predict will happen next?

Questions on structure and organisation

1. Why has this text been written in this order?
2. What happened to make the author start a new paragraph?
3. Why did the author write this section at the beginning, middle or end?
4. Why does the author use a numbered list here? Why are certain words in the text written in bold? Why are the subheadings important?
5. If I changed round the text and put at the beginning how would this affect the writing?
6. What does each section/part/paragraph have in common? How are they different?

Questions on the language used in a text

1. Which word(s) create a happy/sad/scary etc. mood?
2. Which word means the opposite of?
3. This text is all about Which words in the text are specific to this topic?
4. Why is a good word to use in this piece of writing?
5. Which adjectives/verbs/adverbs/nouns/conjunction etc. have been used in this piece of writing? Can you find some examples?
6. The author has used the adjective What would be a better adjective to use?
7. Why has the author used a lot of questions/short sentences/ longer sentences etc. in this piece of writing?
8. Find an example of a word you don't know the meaning of. Using the text around it, what do you think it means?

Questions on why a text was written and giving a personal opinion

1. What is the purpose of this piece of writing? (Is it to inform, entertain, persuade etc. or could it be a mixture?)
2. Which side of the argument is shown in this piece of writing? What is the other side of the argument?
3. What are the best parts of this piece of writing? Why? What effect do they have on the reader?
4. What parts do you think could do with improving? Why? How could you make these improvements?
5. What reaction do you think the author was trying to make the reader have? (e.g. laugh, cry, be angry etc)

Questions on the context of the text and making comparisons between two texts

- When was this text set? (Past, present, future.) How do you know? What clues are there in the text?
- What common features are there in this story/poem/report etc. compared to one you have already read?
- This piece of writing is set in the county/town/city etc. What effect does this have? Why do you think the author chose to set it there?