

Comprehension Question Suggestions

Questions to ask before reading

- Point to the title. What is the title of the book?
- Point to the author's name. What is the author's job?
- Point to the illustrator's name. What is the illustrator's job?
- What does the cover tell you about the book?
- What do the pictures tell you?
- What do you think the book is about?
- What are you curious to find out about this book?
- What do you already know about this book?
- What do you want to learn?
- Why are you reading this book?

Questions to ask during reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What is the problem in the book?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- Where you were reading this part, what were you picturing in your head?

Questions to ask after reading

Children reading in the **early years** could be asked...

- Why does the title make sense?
- How many words (or letters) are on the page?
- Who is the story mostly about?
- If you could add a page to the book, what would you write? (Here we want to see if the child recognizes the pattern or the sound that all the words start with.)
- What did you like about the story?
- Does it remind you of anything in your life? (Text to Self)
- Which of the characters did you like best? Why?
- Point to your favourite picture in the story. Why do you like it?

Children reading in the **middle years** could be asked any of the above plus.....

- What is the main problem in the story?
- How is the problem solved?
- What is the setting of the story (where did it take place)?
- What is one thing that happens to the main character?
- Does it remind you of any other books you have read? (Text to Text)
- Is this a non-fiction (real) or fiction book?
- Name one person you know who would like this story. Why?
- Who was your favourite character in the story? Why?
- Who was your least favourite character in the story? Why?

Children reading in the **upper years** could be asked any of the above, plus...

- Does it remind you of anything that has happened in the world? (Text to World)
- Why do you think the author wrote the book?
- How does the main character change from the beginning of the story to the end?
- Name 3 things that you know about the main character.
- Are there any characters that remind you of yourself or someone that you know?
- What is the most important thing to remember in the story?
- What is something you learned from this story? (a lesson, fact, idea)