Reading with Your Children

Some questions to ask your child whilst reading together.



Vicram Vocabulary draws upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.

Example questions:

- What does the word mean in this sentence?
- Find and copy a word which means
- What does this word or phrase tell you about?
- Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?
- Which of the words best describes the character/setting/mood etc?
- Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?
- Why do you think is repeated in this section?



Izzy Inference uses clues and evidence from the text to answer questions and give reasons.

Example questions:

- Why was...... feeling......?
- Why did happen?
- Why did?
- Can you explain why.....?
- What do you think the author intended when they said.....?
- How does make you feel?



Predicting Priya thinks about what will happen based on the information that you have been given.

Example questions:

- Look at the book cover/blurb what do you think this book will be about?
- What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?
- How does the choice of character or setting affect what will happen next?
- What is happening? What do you think happened before? What do you think will happen after?
- What do you think the last paragraph suggests will happen next?



Explaining Edgar explains preferences, thoughts and opinions about the text.

Example questions:

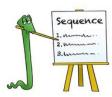
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Why do you think all the main characters are girls in this book?
- Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?
- Is there anything you would change about this story?
- Do you like this text? What do you like about it?



Ruby Retriever identifies and explains the key features of fiction and nonfiction texts such as: characters, events, titles and information.

Example questions

- What kind of text is this?
- Who did....?
- Where did.....?
- When did?
- What happened when....?
- Why did happen?



Sequencing Sally orders the key events in the story.

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?