KS1 Reading Vipers

Improving key reading skills
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Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence
Draw 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?
Infer

Make inferences from the text.

Example questions

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

Predict what you think 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?
Explain

Explain your 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?
**Retrieve**

Identify and explain the key features of fiction and non-fiction 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?
- How did ..........?
- How many.....?
- What happened to......?
Sequence

Sequence 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?