

Reading at Home Support Guide: Fiction



Information retrieval

- 1) Where did .. go?
- 2) When did the story take place?
- 3) What did the character do?
- 4) Who are the key characters in the book?
- 5) What is happening in the story?
- 6) Explain a key event in the story?

Inference and deduction

(Reading between the lines)

- 1) If you were going to interview a character or author, what question would you ask?
- 2) Which is your favourite part? Why?
- 3) Who would you like to meet the most in the story? Why?
- 4) What do you think would happen next if the story carried on past the ending of the book?
- 5) Who was the story teller? How do you know?
- 6) Predict what is going to happen next. Why do you think this is?
- 7) How is the main character feeling at the start/middle/end of the story? Why do they feel that way? Does this surprise you?

Structure and organisation of the text

- 1) What is the main event of the story?
- 2) How is the title of the chapter linked to the text?
- 3) How has suspense been created?
- 4) Why has a flashback been used?
- 5) Has the author used a variety of sentence structures?

Use of language

- 1) Can you find examples of words which tell you the order of something?
- 2) Explain why the author used a particular word.
- 3) Why does the author compare a word being like something else?
- 4) How do the words create a feeling?
- 5) What do phrases like... tell you?
- 6) Why did the author use a simile/alliteration?

Purpose and viewpoint of the text

- 1) What is the text trying to tell/teach you?
- 2) How do you know the author likes/dislikes ...?
- 3) Who is the piece of writing aimed at? How do you know?
- 4) Why did the author include ...?
- 5) Why did the author write from a particular character's point of view?

Use of comparisons with social, cultural and historical knowledge

- 1) How do you know this is a traditional tale?
- 2) How does this compare with other books written by the same author?
- 3) How is one character similar to another character in the same book?
- 4) How do you know this is set in World War II?
- 5) Do you know another story which deals with the same issues?