

Discussion questions for when you are reading with your child

What do you think this word means? Can you use it in a different context?
Who is your favourite character? Why do you think that?
Of the three main characters, if you were stuck in a lift with one of them, who would it be?
Which character would you most like to meet? What would you say to them?
How do you think the story will end?
What do you think will happen next? Why?
What might 'X character' say about that event?
What is the purpose of the words in italic/ bold?
Look at the opening sentence... what impact does it have on the reader to open the book in this way?
How do the characters' actions/ feeling change throughout the story?
If you were the main character, what would you do in this situation?
Does our opinion of a character change throughout the story?
Why has the author used technical vocabulary?
Look at the sentence structures... why has the author chosen to use a really short simple sentence here? What is the impact?
Can you find any adjectives/ adverbs on this page? Can you think of a better one?
How do the characters' actions show their feelings?
How would you explain this story to a younger child?
Can you think of another story that has a similar theme?
In non fiction books, what is the point of subheadings?
Is that fact or opinion?
Can the information be presented in a more effective way?
Can you find a page which has an interesting layout?
Why has the author chosen that title? Can you think of a better one?
Has the author used similes/ metaphors?
Who is telling the story? How do you know?
Find some words or phrases that tell you about the setting?
What is the genre of the story?
How does the author make you want to continue reading?
How does the author engage the reader?
What is the most exciting part of the story?
Does this story have a moral? What is it?
Were you surprised by the ending?
Did you enjoy the book? Why?