

Questions to ask your child when reading - Key Stage 2

Before reading the book:

- Explain what you think might happen.
- What might happen in the story?
- What genre will this story be? E.g. fantasy, comedy, horror.

During the reading of the book:

- Find a word which means ... or tells you that ...
- Give two reasons why ...
- What evidence is there in the text that makes you think ... ?
- How do you know ... ? How can you tell ... ?
- Explain what you think will be the consequence of ...
- What impression do you get from ... ?
- What is the effect of the word/sentence ... ? Why do you think the author used ... ?
- Why has the author put this part here? How does the way the text is laid out help you as a reader?
- Compare these paragraphs. What are they both about?
- Does it remind you of anything? Is the character familiar?

At the end of the book:

- Which parts were the funniest? Most frightening? Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.
- What did the story teach you?
- Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?
- Would you change any part of the story? How? Would you change any of the characters? How?
- Have you read any books like this before? Is this book similar to any others that you have read?
- Have you read any books by this author before? Have you read the other books in the series?
- Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
- If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him / her?

