

Year 4 – Questions to ask your child when reading at home.

Retrieval Questions - Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else? - When/where is this story set? How do you know? - Find the part of the story that best describes the setting. - What do you think is happening here? Why? What might this mean?	Summarising Questions - What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else? - Sum up what has happened so far in 15 words/seconds or less. - Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why? - Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?
Inference Questions - What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else? - I think....; do you agree? Why / why not? - How do you think....? - Can you explain why....? - What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?	Predicting Questions - What do you think will happen next in the story? What evidence can you find to support what you think? - Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ? - Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way? - Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?
Vocabulary Questions - What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood? - By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to? - What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why? - How has the author made you feel by writing...? Why	Author's Choice Questions - What does the word... tell you about...? - Find two ways that the author tells you... - What do you think the author meant by...? - Which words do you think are the most important? Why? - Which words do you like the most? Why? - How has the author made you feel happy / sad / angry / frustrated?
Compare, Contrast and Comment Questions - What is similar / different about two of the characters? - Explain why... did that. - Describe the different characters' reactions to the same event. - Is that as good as....? - Which character / setting / book is better and why?	