

Year 5 – 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? Find evidence in the text. • Find the part of the story that best describes the setting. • What do you think is happening here? Why? • Who is telling this story?	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? • Why do you think the author decided to....? • 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. • Does this story have a moral? • Which character / setting / book is better and why?	

