



St Michael's Junior School



At Home Reading Questions

Introduction

I hope this 'At Home Reading Questions' booklet will help you to ask your child questions about what they are reading. These questions and activities should help you to develop your child's understanding of a range of different texts!

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Reading Questions

Here is a sample of questions you could ask depending on the type of book your child is reading. The questions progress in complexity:



Where and when did the story take place?



Who are the main characters in the book?



What did he/she look like?



Through whose eyes is the story told?



What happened after?



What do you predict will happen next?



Give me a quick summary of what has happened so far?



How did that (character) feel?

Reading Questions

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Have you ever had a similar experience?



Put yourself in the character's shoes. What would you do?



What are the motives of that character?



Why did the character react that way?



Give your opinion on the book. Justify if you like or dislike the story.



Why has the author chosen those (particular) words?



Can you think of another story that is similar? e.g. good over evil, weak over strong, wise over foolish.

Mini Reading Activities

On your child's book!



Think of another title for this book. Explain why you have chosen this new title.



Think of 5 interesting words to describe the main character (s) in the story



Re-read your favourite part of the story out loud and explain why you have chosen this part.



Think of a choice that one of the characters made in the book. Would you have made the same choice? Why or why not?



Look at the title of the book. Make a PREDICTION about what you think will happen in the story. Was your prediction right?



What interesting words has the author chosen to describe the setting of the story?



Give 3 interesting facts that you learned by reading this book?



If you could ask the main character a question, what would you ask? What do you think the answer would be?

Mini Reading Activities

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Summarise the whole story using a FIVE FINGER SUMMARY. WHO were the main characters? WHERE did the story take place? WHEN did the story take place? WHAT went wrong? HOW did they solve the problem?



Which character in the story would you most like to be friends with? Why?



Think about your REACTION to this reading. Does it make you feel angry, happy, sad or worried about the characters? Why?



Give your OPINION on the reading so far. What was your favourite part? Why?



How has the author organised the information in this book? How has this helped you to understand it better?



Make a TEXT TO SELF connection to something that happened in the story. Connect the event in the story to something that has happened in your own life.



Pick 3 or 4 words from the reading that were new, challenging or interesting. Find the meanings of the words.

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