

Questions to discuss with your children when reading with them:

**Setting:**

- Q Which word is used to describe the.....?
- Q Which words are used to describe the .....?
- Q Can you identify any adjective phrases, which have been used to describe this setting?
- Q How has the author created suspense in this description of the setting?
- Q Compare the use of figurative language in the descriptions of the following settings.
- Q Why do you think the author describes the setting as “.....”

**Character:**

- Q What sort of person is ....? What makes you think that?
- Q There are two main characters in this text. Can you explain how they have presented in different ways?
- Q Do you agree with the actions of...what would you have done?
- Q What is revealed about this character through the following lines of speech?
- Q What is your opinion of this character?
- Q How do you know (character) was feeling: happy, sad, scared, excited?
- Q .....was feeling upset. How do you know? Find two pieces of evidence.
- Q Why do you think (character) (state action)?
- Q What choice would you have made?
- Q Why do you think .....is acting in this way?
- Q Why do you think ..... said “.....” ?
- Q What do you think ...meant when he/she said “.....”
- Q What does this tell you about what he/she was thinking/feeling?
- Q Why does the author describe the main character in this way?
- Q What does this description reveal about the main character?
- Q How do you know ..... and .....were enemies? Best friends? Find 2 pieces of evidence.
- Q Which of these characters do you feel closest to? Why?

**General:**

- Q Can you predict what the book will be about from the title? Or from the front cover illustration?
- Q Which words tell you that ...?
- Q What do you think will happen next?
- Q Which person has this text been written in?

