



Godalming Junior School

When you listen to your child read at home, these questions may be helpful to gauge their understanding and comprehension.

Level	Question
Must	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you tell me the purpose ofpunctuation mark? • How should that piece of speech be read? • What has just happened in the story? • How did you know he/she/it is like this? • What is this character like? • Have you ever felt how ? is feeling? • What do you think will happen next? • Why does he/she behave like this? • Can you show where in the story proves this? • Is the text/story split into paragraphs? • Why do you think the chapter ends there? • What type of story is this? What are the clues that tell you? • Why has a simple sentence been used here? • Why is that adjective/adverb/simile/metaphor so effective? • Why is the writing laid out this way? • Why has the author used that word here? • What are the features of this authors writing? • What message is the author trying to get across to the reader? • What is the difference between the two articles/reports/views? • Is it written in the past/present tense? • How valuable is this source of information?
Should	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • What does the illustration show you? • What do you deduce from...? • How can you tell he/she feels this way e.g. body language? • Can you put yourself in his/her shoes? • Is this character similar to others in the text or other stories? • How does the character behave? • How does he/she show this without talking? • How informative is this piece of text? How could it be improved? • Are the paragraphs linked? • Which is the better non-chronological report and why? • What language has the author used effectively? • Has the setting/character/mood been described well? How? • What are the underlying themes of stories in this genre? • How would you describe the authors writing style? • What values do the characters in the story have? • Are there elements of bias/fact/opinion in this piece of text/information?
Could	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Where could you find further information? • Which piece of text is the most reliable? Why? • Can you give more detail in your answer/s? • Can you put yourself in his/her shoes? Explain you answer/feelings • Is the character similar to others? How? What are the differences? • How has the author made you feel? How has this been achieved? • Has the author tried to influence your views? If so, how? • What is the purpose of this part of the story? • What do you learn about this culture from the text? • How has the setting/characters informed the plot of the story?

