

# Questions for Guided Reading

## Text Level

<b>Style:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What type of text / genre do you think this might be?</li><li>• Is it similar to another text you have read?</li><li>• What do you think it will be about / What does the title / pictures / cover suggest?</li><li>• Have you read any other books by this author / publisher?</li></ul>
<b>Setting:</b> <i>Where?</i> <i>When?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where do you think the story is set?</li><li>• When was the story set / What time is the story set in?</li><li>• What picture of the setting do you get from the description?</li><li>• Is this setting familiar to you / does it remind you of a place you have been?</li><li>• Does the setting change throughout the story?</li><li>• Could the story 'work' in a different setting or time?</li></ul>
<b>Character:</b> <i>Who?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who are the characters in this story?</li><li>• Who is the most important character in the story?</li><li>• Who is telling the story?</li><li>• Do the characters remind you of anyone you know?</li><li>• Which character interested you most?</li><li>• What do you think the character might say or do?</li><li>• Were there any characters that you didn't like?</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does that character behave in that way?</li> <li>• What would you have done in that situation?</li> <li>• What do you think the character was thinking?</li> <li>• What effect did a particular character have on the story?</li> <li>• Did the characters stay the same throughout the story or did they change?</li> <li>• How would the story change if the characters were different?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Plot:</b> <i>What?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think might happen next?</li> <li>• What are the main events in the story?</li> <li>• What is the problem in the story and how is it resolved?</li> <li>• How long did it take the story to happen?</li> <li>• What was your favourite / most exciting part of the story?</li> <li>• Was there anything that puzzled you?</li> <li>• What would happen if the order of events changed?</li> <li>• How does the ending of the story compare to what you thought might happen at the beginning?</li> <li>• Is there just one story in this book or do the pictures / text tell a different story?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Theme</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main ideas / themes of the story?</li> <li>• Does this text remind you of any others that you have read? Why and how?</li> <li>• What do you think the author is trying to say?</li> <li>• Are there any hidden messages in the story?</li> <li>• What do you think the author feels about particular issues e.g. bullying, families, gender, race?</li> </ul>

## Word / Sentence Level

<b>Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does ... mean?</li><li>• Can you suggest another word / synonym for the words the author uses?</li><li>• Can you find an example of adjective / adverb / connective / compound sentence / complex sentence etc.?</li><li>• What happens when the author uses words in this way?</li><li>• What effect does the author create by using the phrase...?</li><li>• Why do you think the author chose to use those words?</li><li>• Can you find sentences with different structures?</li><li>• What punctuation has the author used and why has he used it?</li><li>• How else could this phrase / sentence have been written?</li></ul>
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## Non-Fiction

<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why would you use this type of text?</li><li>• Use this book to find the answer to this question / find out about...</li><li>• Where else might you found information about this?</li></ul>
<b>Style / layout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why is the text laid out in sections?</li><li>• What is the purpose of the headings / subheading?</li><li>• Why is some of the text in different fonts?</li><li>• Find an example of a caption / sub heading / heading?</li><li>• What is the glossary for?</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why are their diagrams / pictures / tables?</li><li>• What do the diagrams / pictures / tables show us?</li><li>• Use the glossary to find the meaning of...?</li><li>• Where would I look to find out... / what should I do first to find out about...?</li></ul>
<b>Word / sentence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What type of sentence structures can you find?</li><li>• What punctuation is there in this text?</li><li>• Are there words that you don't know the meaning of / how can you find out what they mean?</li></ul>