



Read around the target word to see how it is being used in the text.

Find a word you like and tell me why
What does the word ... mean in this sentence?
Find a word which tells you that...
Which word in the text describes ...?
How has the author made you feel sad/happy/angry etc? Can you find those words?

Tell me two things about the character.

What is happening in the story?

When/where does the story take place?

What is the setting like, and how do you know?

What part do you like best?

Where in the book would you find ...?



Touch the answer in the text before you fish it out.

Can you sum up this story in 20 words?
Use 3 sentences to describe the beginning, middle and end of this text.
What happens first in the story?
What happens before/after?



Find the events in the text before you put them in order.



Use clues from the text and your own ideas to work out the answer.

Why might the character feel sad/happy/lonely/worried/angry etc?
Is this true/false? Can you say why?
Why do you think the character feels this?
How do you know that...?
Why do you think the character said that?



Decide what is most likely to happen next in the text.

What do you think will happen next? Why?
Can you predict who might be in the story?
Can you predict when/where the story might take place?
Can you think of another story that has a similar theme? Do you think this story will go the same way?

Use the skills and these question stems to help you when reading!

