

### Reading Question Stems

Use these question starters to ask questions about the book your child is reading. This will really support the development of a range of different reading skills.

Comprehension				Inference	Language for effect	Themes and Conventions
clarify	monitor & summarise	select & retrieve	respond and explain			
What do these words mean?	What happened: -first	Who was it that . . .?	Based on what you know, what is your view of the character?	How do you know...?	How does the writer describe...?	How is the theme of X presented within the text?
What has happened?	-before -after?	Who spoke to..?		Why did...?	What does the writer want us to think/feel about...?	What are the writer's views on X?
Why is...significant?	What are the key events?	Where is the word that means...?	Based on what you know so far, where/when do you think the book is set?	How did...react? What does this tell us about them?	Can you describe the character in your own words?	What do you see as other possible outcomes?
How did the writer show...?	Describe the relationship between...?	How did...happen?	Why did character x react in that way?	What clues does the writer give to the setting?	Why did the writer choose to...?	Do you agree with the writer's view on?
How has the writer used...?	What do you know about (chosen character)?	What were some of the motives behind . . .?	Is this similar/different to a text you know?  How did X make you feel?  What do you think about..?	What will happen next?		