

Area	Question stem
Meaning of words	<p>Can you find an example of a word that means...? Can you find a 'powerful' word meaning...?</p> <p>Can you find a word that you don't know the meaning of? Can you guess what it might mean? What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about character/setting/mood etc?</p> <p>Highlight a key phrase or line. By writing a line in this way, what effect has the author created? What other words/phrases could the author have used?</p> <p>How has the author made you and/or the character feel happy/sad/angry/frustrated/lonely etc?</p>
Find, Record and Explain	<p>Which words...? Who...? When...? What...? Where...? Why...? (if the answer is given in the text) Give two examples of... Find the paragraph where... Can you create some questions for others to answer based on this text? Can you create true/false statements for your partner? Over what period of time does the story take place? How does the author describe the setting/character/etc.? Through whose eyes is the story told?</p>
Sequence and Summarise	<p>Tell me what happened... Can you summarise this paragraph in one sentence?</p> <p>Which part of the story do you think is the most important?</p> <p>What is this paragraph/chapter about? Can you summarise it? Can you tell me the main things/points you have learnt from this book?</p> <p>Could you briefly tell a younger child about what has happened in this story/book?</p> <p>Can you summarise these paragraphs in x number of words?</p> <p>Can you show this information in a chart/table? Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Can you think of alternative headings for these paragraphs?</p>

<p>Inference</p>	<p>Which word tells you that...? Which words make the reader feel...? How do you know...? How can you tell that...? Explain why... Why is...? Why did...? Explain how ... felt about ... Can you find support for your idea? Is this statement fact or opinion? Can you find examples that show...? How, across this paragraph, does the writer suggest...? Why is ... important? What do you think might have happened before...?</p>
<p>Predict</p>	<p>What might happen next? Why? Choose one character from the book and predict how you think they will behave/react? Can you predict several possible outcomes and explain your answer? What if...? If there was a sequel, can you predict what it might involve? What title would you give to a sequel? Can you think of another story which has a similar theme, e.g. good over evil; weak over strong; wide over foolish? Do you think this story will go the same way? Do you know of another story which deals with the same issues? Could this happen in this story? Which other author handles time in this way, e.g. flashbacks, dreams etc? Which stories have openings like this? Do you think this story will develop in the same way? How is character x like someone you know? Do you think they will react in the same way?</p>
<p>Cohesion</p>	<p>Explain a character's different/changing feelings throughout a story. How do you know? What are the clues that a character is liked/disliked/envied/feared/loved/hated etc? What is the underlying message? What is the theme? What is the big idea? Why did the author write this story? Find a group of words to show that ... has changed. What has the author done to make you want to read on? Give evidence. How do you feel after reading this story? What atmosphere is the author trying to create? What words/phrases help to create that feeling?</p>

	<p>Why do you think the author chose to use a ..question/ bullet-pointed list/subheading/table etc. to present this information? Why has the writer written/organised the text in this way? In what ways do the illustrations support this text? How could these...instructions/information/illustrations..be improved? Who do you think this information is for?</p>
<p>Choice of Words, Phrases and Punctuation</p>	<p>When the author uses this sort of sentence, what is the impact? Why did the author...? What do these words tell you? Find three words that show... Why has the author used this word/phrase/sentence? How does the author create this mood/atmosphere? What is the effect of...? What technique has the writer used? Can you find some vivid imagery? e.g. similes, metaphors, alliteration, expanded noun phrases. Can you give a clear explanation of...? (non-fiction texts) How are these words effective in describing this character/setting the scene? Which character comes alive most? Why? How has the writer made you feel..? Which words do you like the best? Why? Which words do you think are most important? Why?</p>
<p>Comparison</p>	<p>How has the character changed? In what way have characters' feelings changed? How was the problem resolved? How does the opening compare with the ending? How is it similar to..? How is it different to...? Is it as good as...? Which is better and why? Compare two characters from the story and say how they are similar/different. Compare your book to another on the same topic. Which do you prefer and why? Would you like to read more books by this author? Explain your reasons. If you have read other texts by this author, can you see any similarities/differences between them? What do you think about the way information is organised in different parts of the text? Is there a reason for this?</p>

