

Book Talk



These questions may provide a useful starting point when talking with your child about their book.

Literal retrieval

- Which words tell us that...?
- Describe the...
- Where are the....?
- How is....feeling?
- What happened at the...?
- What does.....mean....?

Deduce, infer and interpret

- What does the word....imply about...?
- What ideas are given about...?
- What does....think?

Structure and organisation

- Why have so many exclamation marks been used in the first paragraph?
- What patterns do you notice as you go through the book?
- Why has the author used italic font for certain parts of the speech?

Writers' use of language

- Why does the writer compare....to....?
- Which words hint that...?

Writers' purposes and viewpoints and the effect on the reader

- Does the author like the character? How do you know?
- Why did the author choose to...?

Social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions

- What does this imply about the time period of the story?
- How is this story similar to the original version of...?
- What links can you make with other stories you have read?