

Question Stems – SKILL 6

FIND

Where/when does the story take place?

What did s/he/it look like?

Where did s/he/it live?

Who are the characters in the book?

Where in the book would you find...?

What is happening at this point in the text?

What happened in the story?

Write down 3 things you are told about ... (character/setting/subject of the text)

Which of these statements is true/false?



UNDERSTAND

The writer uses words like ... to describe What does this suggest about...?

What other words/phrases could the author have used?

Which word most closely matches the meaning of the word X as it is used in the text?

Which of these words..... is a synonym for X?

Find and copy one word meaning.....

Give the meaning of the word..... in this sentence



APPLY

What's the main point in this paragraph?

Can you sum up what happens in these three/four/five... paragraphs?

Which is the most important point in these paragraphs?

What could the sub-headings be for each paragraph?

Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.

Can you think of another story, which has a similar theme? Do you think this story will go the same way? Why?

Why did the author choose this setting?

Compare and contrast different character/settings/themes in the text



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ANALYSE

Which words give you that impression?

How can you tell that...?

Can you explain why...?

What does this... **word/phrase/sentence**... imply about... **character/setting/mood**?

Find two or three ways that the writer tells you

Highlight a key phrase or line. By writing a line in this way, what effect has the author created?

What impression do this word/action/chapter etc give you about...?



CREATE

Rewrite X to create a different mood.

What could an alternative ending have been?

What questions are left unanswered? Create your own questions to show this.

Write what the main character could have been thinking during this scene.

Write a speech which would show the character's thoughts and feelings at this point in the text.



EVALUATE

Explain why a character did a certain action.

Explain a character's different/changing feelings throughout a story.

What are the clues that a character is liked/disliked/envied/feared/loved/hated etc...?

What is similar/different about two characters?

Why is 'x' (character/setting/event) important in the story?

Why do you think the author chose to use a... *question/bullet/subheading/table* etc to present the information?

Why has the writer written/organised the text in this way?

Do you think x will happen? Explain your answer with evidence from the text.



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