

Literal Question Starters

Who are the main characters in the story?

What did the character say? What does this tell us about them?

Where is the story set? Can you describe the setting?

Can you find the part of the text/story that tells us that...?

What happens at the beginning/middle/end of the story?

Can you tell me three things to describe what the character is feeling when...?

What are some of the key words in the text that tell us about the setting / characters?

What have you found out about from reading this text? What are the main ideas?

Inference Question starters

From your reading so far, what do you predict will happen next? How will it end?

What is this character like? Why do you think that?

What do you think...is thinking/feeling? What makes you think that?

Why do you think the character did...?

Do you think the character was being honest when they said...?

Look at the speech. What clues do they give us about the character's thoughts/feelings/actions?

What are we told about what the character is thinking? What clues are there?

(Non-fiction) How does this information help you answer the following question?

What do you think the main theme is? Why?

Language for Effect Question starters

Which words/phrases tell the reader that the main idea is...?

Which words do you think are particularly effective?

What does this word tell us about the character/setting etc?