

Reading to Learn... Not just learning to read!

Reading at home should be regarded as the most important 'home learning' of all. As well as helping the child improve and progress in their reading ability, the interactive potential enables you to find out so much more!



The question types below enable the adult (or child!) to ask more questions about what they have read. They are used in school and they encourage the children to be able to respond deeply to their reading experiences. Some types of questions you will recognise, but some (I am sure) will be new to you. Do recognise that they can be even used when using pictures- the important part is the resulting conversation!

Feel free to use them at home. I have provided some examples of how the questions could be adapted for 'Cinderella'.

If you would like additional support on how to help your child, please feel confident to ask your child's classteacher.

Question Type	Examples of questions
Recall	When, Why, Where, Who, What, How... What was Cinderella wearing at the start of the chapter? Where did she first meet the Prince?
Comparison	How is the character similar/different? If you could choose a character to be -----'s friend/enemy who would it be? Why? What have Cinderella and the Prince got in common at the beginning of the story? What about at the end?
Speculation (no use of text evidence)	Which football team do the ugly sisters support? What does the Prince like to watch on television?
Prediction (use text evidence)	Where will the characters be in 10 years time? If the fairy godmother had not turned up, what would have happened to Cinderella? Who would the Prince have married instead?
Explanation	How did the author create the impact/ effect of how grand the ball was? How did the ugly sisters make Cinderella's life difficult?
Summarisation	Rewrite Cinderella in 20 words. Write the trailer for 'Cinderella- The Movie' Write a blurb for Cinderella
Empathy	How would you have reacted if you arrived at the ball? What emotions would Cinderella have felt when she danced with the Prince? What would the ugly step sisters have said when the glass slipper fitted Cinderella's foot?
Analysis of Text	Why has the author written the words _____ in italics? What impact has been created by the phrase _____?
Synthesis	If -met-- what would happen? If Cinderella was set in Space, how would the characters be different?
Elaboration	If you were asked to rewrite Cinderella as a science fiction story, what would you change?