

## Questions to ask when reading with your child

### Fiction (stories)

- What do you think the writer intended the audience to feel/think about this character/event? Why?
- Could you recommend this book to others using an example from the text?
- What are the main themes/ideas in the text? How do you know this?
- How does this compare to other books you have read?
- What questions could we ask to improve our understanding?
- What predictions could you make, based upon what you know so far?
- How is this similar/different to other text types?
- What key words enable this?
- What do you think will happen to the main character?
- How will they feel about this? How do you know?
- Why does the author keep talking about \*?
- Is the theme of \*hope/love/family/truth, etc\* important? How can we tell this?
- How do the themes compare to \*other\* book?
- Can you think of a story/text/author with similar themes?
- What is the relationship between the characters?
- What motive does the character have for behaving this way? What makes you think this?
- What does \* show you about how he/she feels/thinks?
- This character thinks/feels/behaves like \*. Find something in the text that proves/disproves this.
- If you could ask the author a question what question would you ask?

### Non-Fiction (factual)

- Find me three facts about...
- Where could I find...?
- Using information \*here\*, plan a day at...tell me about...create a list of facts about...
- Which paragraph tells you...
- What is the main idea from this paragraph?
- How does this compare to the previous paragraph?
- How can we work out what \* means?
- Can you summarise the key ideas from the text?