

# Reading Comprehension Questions

After reading by yourself or with an adult, you can answer one of the following questions about the text. You can discuss the answer together or write it down in a journal.



Question Type	Definition	Questions
<b>Literal</b>	These are questions/tasks that can be answered directly by the text. The answer is 'right there'.	<p><b>Fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retell the events in the beginning, middle and end of the story</li> <li>• Summarize the story – Be sure to include important beginning, middle and end events</li> <li>• Who are the characters? What is the setting?</li> <li>• What is the problem? What events led to a solution?</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did you learn from reading this book?</li> <li>• Summarize what you read.</li> <li>• Identify 3 text features. What information did you learn from the text features?</li> <li>• What is the main topic of this chapter/book?</li> <li>• Describe what caused _____. What was the effect?</li> </ul>
<b>Synthesis</b>	These are questions/tasks that require you to put together pieces of information to create deeper meaning.	<p><b>Fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What lesson did you learn from the story?</li> <li>• How did the character change from the beginning to the end of the story?</li> <li>• Did the character make decisions that you agreed or disagreed with? Explain.</li> <li>• What is the main idea? Use key details to support your answer.</li> <li>• Describe the character using key details from the story.</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main purpose of this chapter/book?</li> <li>• What is the author's purpose for writing this book?</li> <li>• Why might learning about this topic be important?</li> <li>• Compare/contrast 2 topics in the book. How are they the same or different?</li> <li>• How did this book change the way you think about _____?</li> </ul>
<b>Analysis</b>	These questions/tasks require the reader to examine the text to gain deeper understanding by analyzing the elements, information and author's craft and think about how they fit together.	<p><b>Fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there anything you would change in this story? Why?</li> <li>• What did the author do to get you interested in this story?</li> <li>• What did the author do to create the mood of the story? How did it change?</li> <li>• How did the setting affect the events in the story?</li> <li>• How would the story be different if it was told by another character?</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think the author wanted you to learn from this book?</li> <li>• What would you ask the author?</li> <li>• Find a place in the book where the author used descriptive words. Explain how they helped you understand the topic better.</li> <li>• Pick a text feature. How did help you read the book/understand the information?</li> <li>• What is the author's point of view on this topic?</li> </ul>