

## Instructional Questions to Support Reading Comprehension

### Finding the Main Idea

- What is the main idea of the story?
- What is this story mainly about?
- What would be another good title for this story?
- What would be a good summary for this story?
- What does the author probably want you to learn from the story?

### Establishing Setting

- Where does this story take place?
- What details support your answer?
- Where and when do the events take place?
- Where does most of the action in the story take place?

### Recalling Facts and Details

- Which of these are details/facts from the story?
- Which of these is not a fact?
- According to the story.....Who? What? When? Where? How?
- Which sentence is a fact mentioned in the story?

### Distinguishing Between Fact and Non-fact

- Which of these is not a fact from the story?
- Which of these did not happen in the story?
- Which of these are facts from the story?
- Which of these sentences tells an opinion?

### Recognizing Cause and Effect

- What happened when \_\_\_\_\_?
- According to the story, \_\_\_\_\_ did not \_\_\_\_\_ because...
- What caused \_\_\_\_\_?
- Why did \_\_\_\_\_?

### Understanding Sequence

- What event happened at the beginning of the story?
- What event happened at the middle of the story?
- What event happened at the end of the story?
- Which of these happened first?
- What happened after \_\_\_\_\_?
- Which of these did not happen in the story?
- Which of these sentences would you most likely find at the beginning of the story?
- Which of these sentences would most likely be at the end of the story?
- Which sentence would most likely come next?

### **Summarizing**

- What would be a good summary for this story?
- Which of these best describes the meaning of the story?
- Which of these would be the best summary of the story?

### **Finding Word Meaning in Context**

- In the story, the word \_\_\_\_\_ means...
- The word \_\_\_\_\_ as used in the phrase \_\_\_\_\_ means...
- The best meaning for the word \_\_\_\_\_ as used in the story is...
- From the story, you can tell \_\_\_\_\_ describes...

### **Drawing Conclusions/Making Inferences**

- What would probably \_\_\_\_\_?
- What might have \_\_\_\_\_?
- You can probably determine from \_\_\_\_\_ that...
- Which of these probably not \_\_\_\_\_?
- What will \_\_\_\_\_ probably do?
- What is the problem (conflict) in the story?
- Why might it be surprising that \_\_\_\_\_?
- Why did the main character say, " \_\_\_\_\_?"
- From the passage, you can tell that....

### **Making Predictions**

- What will \_\_\_\_\_ probably do next?
- What do you think will probably happen next?
- What would have happened if?

### **Understanding Character Traits (Feelings and Emotions)**

- Which pair of words best describes \_\_\_\_\_?
- How does \_\_\_\_\_ feel about \_\_\_\_\_?
- How did \_\_\_\_\_ feel when \_\_\_\_\_?
- How did \_\_\_\_\_ feel at the beginning of the story?
- Which of these best describes \_\_\_\_\_?
- What words would you use to describe \_\_\_\_\_?
- According to the story, how did \_\_\_\_\_ feel when \_\_\_\_\_?
- You can tell that \_\_\_\_\_ is...

### **Analyzing Literary Forms**

- What makes this story a fable? Folktale?
- Which of these sentences probably comes from a fiction book?
- Which of these sentences probably comes from a non-fiction book?
- Which of these would best fit in the fable?
- Which of these would most likely be the title of a fiction book?

### **Interpreting Figurative Language**

- In the story, the phrase \_\_\_\_\_ means...
- The phrase \_\_\_\_\_ describes...
- What words in the passage mean \_\_\_\_\_?

### **Vocabulary**

- In the story, the word \_\_\_\_\_ means...
- The best meaning for the word \_\_\_\_\_ is...
- Which word in the story is most closely related to \_\_\_\_\_?

### **Analogies**

- The suffix *-ful* means...
- The prefix *re-* means...