Vocabulary

- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?
- By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why?
- How has the author made you/ this character feel by writing...? Why?
- What does the word... tell you about...? How?
- Which words do you think are most important? Why?
- Which words do you like the most? Why?
- Which word tells you that...?

Inference

- What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?
- I think....; do you agree? Why/why not?
- Why do you think the author decided to...?
- Can you explain why....?
- What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?

Prediction

- Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?
- Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?
- Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?
- From the cover what do you think the text is going to be about?
- Do you think...will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Explain

- What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?
- Explain why... did that.
- Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.
- Does this story have a moral?
- Which... is better and why?
- How has the author made you feel happy/sad angry/frustrated?
- Why is the text structured in this way?
- What is the purpose of this text feature?
- What is the author's point of view?
- How does the author engage the reader here?
- Which section was the most interesting/exciting part?
- What do you think the author meant by...?

Retrieval

- Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?
- When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.
- Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.
- What do you think is happening here? Why?
- Who is telling this story?

Summarising

- What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?
- Sum up what has happened so far in... words/seconds or less.
- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?
- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?
- Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happen?