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.

- Is this as good as...? Which is better and why?

- Explain how the author has made you happy/sad /angry /frustrated

Retrieval

- Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?

- When/where is this story set? How do you know?

- Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.

- Find two ways that the author tells you...

Summarising

- What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?

- Sum up what has happened so far in X words/seconds or less.

- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?

- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?

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 feel by writing…? Why?

- What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?

- Find one word in the text which means…

- Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to…

Inference

- What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?

- I think....; do you agree? Why / why not?

- How do you think....?

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?