

Reading with Your Child

LITERAL RETRIEVAL-RECALLING AND RETRIEVING SIMPLE INFORMATION

What does ... mean?
What does 'smartly' mean?
Can... have more than one meaning?
Can 'light' have more than one meaning?
What happened at...?
What happened at the beginning?
What did the ... do?
What did the bear do?
Which word tells you...?
Which word tells you that she is a girl?
Where did ... go?
Where did the boy go?
Describe...
Describe the giant's house
Where are...?
Where are the horses now?
Why do...
Why do they like chocolate?

DEDUCE, INFER, INTERPRET INFORMATION, EVENTS OR IDEAS-LOOKING FOR CLUES THAT TELL YOU SOMETHING RATHER THAN TELLING YOU DIRECTLY.

How did...
How did jack know that the giant was coming?
What words tell us...?
What words tell us that jack was unhappy?
What does the word ... imply?
What does the word 'stomped' imply?
Why did...?
Why did jack take the golden goose?
What ideas are we given about...?
What ideas are we given about jack's mother?
What does... think?
What does the giant's wife think?
How did ... react or feel?
How did jack react to /feel about being given the magic beans?
How was ... different after ...?
How was jack's life different after he had the harp and the goose?
Why is ... important?
Why is the fact that Jack cut down the beanstalk important?

IDENTIFY AND COMMENT ON STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION

What is the purpose of?
What is the purpose of the pictures on page 7?
How does the layout help...?
How does the layout help you to follow the recipe?

Why is ... in ...?
Why is this paragraph in italics?
Why are ... used?
Why are subheadings used?
Why has...?
Why has the information been presented in this way?
Why is ... different to...
Why is the layout on page 17 different to page 19?
Why is it easier to read...?
Why is it easier to read the facts in fact boxes?
Why did the author choose...?
Why did the author choose to change paragraphs here?
Why does the author use...?
Why does the author use...?
Why does the author use a different font for the postcard?

WRITER'S USE OF LANGUAGE

Explain why ... is used.
Explain why the word 'galloped' is used.
Why does the writer compare ... to...?
Why does the writer compare the rain with horses' hooves?
What does ... tell you about...?
What does 'the thunderous cacophony' tell you about the lion's roar?
Why did the author use...?
Why did the author use this simile?
How does ... help you to understand?
How does the comparison with a skyscraper help you to understand his height?
Why are ... used?
Why are words like 'swept, squished, suck' used?
How do the words create a feeling of...?
How do the words like creaked and cracked create a feeling of spookiness?
What do phrases like... tell you?
Why did the author choose...?
Why did the author choose 'creeping and tiptoeing'?

WRITERS' PURPOSE AND VIEWPOINT

What is this text trying to tell you...?
What is this text trying to tell you about war?
How are you supposed to feel about...?
How are you supposed to feel about the death of Yoda?
How do you know the author likes/dislikes...?
How do you know that the author likes Chelsea?
Why did the author write this...?
Why did the author write this from Michael's point of view?
Who is this book for?
Who is this book for? - Children, adults or teenagers?
How are the purposes of the text different?
How is the purpose of the letter and the story different?
Where would you expect to see this ... text?
Why were... included?
Why were quotes from scientists included?
Which text is most/more effective?
Which text on whales is most effective in persuading the reader?

Which text is ...?

Which text is the writer's own opinion?

SOCIAL, CULTURAL, HISTORICAL CONTEXTS AND LITERARY TRADITIONS.

How do you know this is a...?

How do you know this is a fairy tale?

How does this compare with...?

How does this compare with other Michael Morpurgo books?

How is ... like similar characters from other books?

How is Harry like other schoolboys in other books?

How do you know this is set in...?

How do you know this is set in World War 2?

What does ... tell you about...?

What does the word Simba tell you about the setting?

Which features tell you this is...?

Which features tell you this is a fantasy story?

Tell me how this is the same as or different to...

Tell me how this is different to War Horse.

What do the characters' reactions tell you about...?

What do the characters' reactions tell you about the time that this was set in?

How does ... affect the characters?

How does the war affect the characters?