



Comprehension Questions

- Where does the story take place?
 - When did the story take place?
 - What did he/she look like?
 - Where did he/she live?
 - Who are the key characters in the book?
 - What happened in the story?
 - What kinds of people are in the story?
 - What is happening at this point in the story?
 - Read the part that tells me.....
 - Where did you find the information about.....?
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- What makes you think that?
 - What words give you that impression? Why?
 - How do you feel about.....? Why?
 - Can you explain why.....?
 - If you were going to interview this character/author, which questions would you ask?
 - What sort of person do you think would use this book? Describe a time when you think they would use it.
 - Which parts of the book could help you find the information you need?
 - Do you agree with this opinion? Explain your own opinion using the texts to help you?
 - At the end of the story the main character is feeling Does this surprise you? Explain as fully as you can using parts of the story to help you?
 - What does this tell you about whatwas thinking?
 - Through whose eyes is the story told?
 - Who was the storyteller? How do you know?
 - Do you think this is true/untrue? Why do you think this?
 - What do you think the is thinking? If it were you what would you be thinking?
 - Which is your favourite part? Why? Which bit of the text shows this?
 - Predict what you think is going to happen next. Why do you think this?
 - Using all the evidence available, can you tell me what you feel about....?
 - Who would you like to meet most in the story? Why?
 - Can you support your view with evidence?
 - What is your opinion? What evidence do you have to support your view?
 - Is this a place you could visit? Why/why not?
 - How did one of the characters change during the story? Draw a timeline that shows the changes.

- Were you surprised by the ending?
- How did you think it would end/should have ended?
- How are the beginning and ending of the story similar?
- What would happen if the order of events was changed?
- What kind of a text is this? How do you know? What will it be like? What can I expect of a book of this type?
- List the words that tell you what order to follow e.g. first, then.
- What is the main event of the story? Why do you think this?
- What is the purpose of the pictures?
- How does the layout help the reader?
- Some of the text is printed on a dark background. What effect do you think the designer wanted to achieve by doing this?
- How does the way the title is written encourage you to read the?
- In the leaflet, how have the different parts of the been made clear?
- What are the lines in the photograph for?
- How do you know the order to follow the information in the text?
- Why have these words been made to stand out?
- Why are these words smaller but still in bold print?
- Why are some words in the glossary printed in italics *like this*?
- At the end of the story the author leaves you guessing about what will happen next. What do you think will happen next? Why do you think this?
- Why is this paragraph in bold print?
- What are the subheadings for?
- Why has some of the information been presented as a table?
- What is the purpose of the writing in the boxes?
- What do the arrows show you about the structure of the text?

- I wonder what the writer intended by using these words?
- What do these words mean and why do you think the writer chose them?
- How has the author used adjectives to make this character funny?
- What do the physical descriptions of characters tell us about how they are feeling?
- Look at the verbs/adjectives/adverbs, what do these words tell us about.....?
- By writing the line in this way, what effect has the author created?
- What do these words tell you about?
- Which word encourages you to read the?
- What does the word *scrambled* tell you about the way Legs got dressed?
- Why do you think the author has mentioned a lot in the story?
- Explain what you think this phrase adds to the story.
- Why did the author choose this title?
- What is the effect of writing in the past/present tense?
- Why do you think the writer has chosen to use the words?
- Why do you think the author has written this sentence in this way?
- Which author's style did you enjoy the most? Why?

- Do you want to read the rest of the text? How does the writer encourage you to read the rest of the text?
 - How do these phrases help to make the description effective?
 - How does the author make the appear frightening?
 - Which part of the story best describes the setting?
 - Which words and /or phrases do this?
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- Can you think of another story that has a similar theme eg good over evil, weak over strong, wise over foolish?
 - I wonder why the writer has decided to...?
 - What was in the author's mind?
 - Why did the author choose this setting?
 - How would the views put across in these texts affect your views on....?
 - What makes this a successful story? What evidence do you have to justify your opinion?
 - Could it be better? Is it as good as.....?
 - What effect does it have on you as a reader?
 - Why do you think the writer wrote that description?
 - What is the author trying to tell you about.....by writing this section in? (e.g. short lines)
 - What was the most exciting part of the story? Explain your answer as fully as you can?
 - Which illustrations did you find most useful?
 - Do you think that the writer believes that exist? How can you tell that the writer has this opinion?
 - What are the main contrasts the poet makes in the third and first parts of the poem?
 - What impression ofdoes the first paragraph give you? In what ways is the second paragraph different?
 - The texts try to make you care about Which do you think is the most effective? Why?
 - What is opinion about?
 - If was alive today would he be arguing for?
 - What do you think makes this a successful story? Use evidence from the text for your answer?
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- Do you know another story, which deals with the same issues e.g. social, cultural, moral issues?
 - What would this character think about.....? (Possibly a present day issue)
 - Do you know any more stories like this?
 - Have you ever read a book with a similar theme to this one?
 - What does this remind you of?
 - What does it make you think of?
 - Do you know any more stories like this?
 - Does this story remind you of any personal experience/something that has happened to you? Describe it.
 - Have you ever been in that situation? What happened?
 - How would you have felt in the same situation?

- What might you have done instead?
- Can you compare to a person who has frightened you?
- How would you feel if you were treated like? What would you do?
- What do you think would have happened if.....?
- Are there any familiar patterns you notice e.g. familiar story structure, imagery?
- What kind of a text is this? How do you know? What will it be like? What can I expect of a book of this type?
- Many traditional tales have messages. What do you think this story is trying to tell us?
- Which stories have openings like this?
- Do you know any other texts with similar issues or themes?
- Do you know another story with these characters in?
- Can you think of another story where the main character has problems with their family?