

Questions you could ask children about their reading

- What do these words mean?
- Which word tells you...?
- What has ... happened?
- Why is...significant?
- How did the writer show...?
- How has the writer used...?
- What do you think about...?
- What are the key events?
- Describe the relationship between...?
- What do you know about (chosen character)?
- Who was it that . . . ?
- Who spoke to..?
- Where is the word that means...?
- How did...happen?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Based on what you know, what is your view of the character?
- Based on what you know so far, where/when do you think the book is set?
- Why did character x react in that way?
- Is this similar/different to a text you know?
- How do you know...?
- What does the writer want us to think/feel about...?
- Can you describe the character in your own words?
- Why did the writer choose to...?
- Why did...?



Suggestions for Reading Diary Comments

- Great fluency today – your speed is improving.
- You decoded some tricky words today.
- I loved the way you changed your voice for different characters.
- Great attempt at reading some unfamiliar words.

- If it helps, use your finger to point to each word as you read.
- Slow down when you are reading to ensure your accuracy.
- Don't forget to pause for the punctuation as you read.
- I would like to hear you reading with a little more expression, particularly for speech.
- If you're not sure of a word, read on in the sentence and see if you can figure out what it may be.
- Make sure you are reading what is actually there – try not to add in or miss out words.
- Perhaps you should read this book again to gain a better understanding.
- We came across a new word today: can you tell an adult what is it and what it means?

