



KS1 Reading VIPERS

VIPERS are a range of reading prompts based on the 2016 reading content domains found in the National Curriculum Test Framework documents.

This booklet contains examples of key questions for each area of comprehension:

Vocabulary

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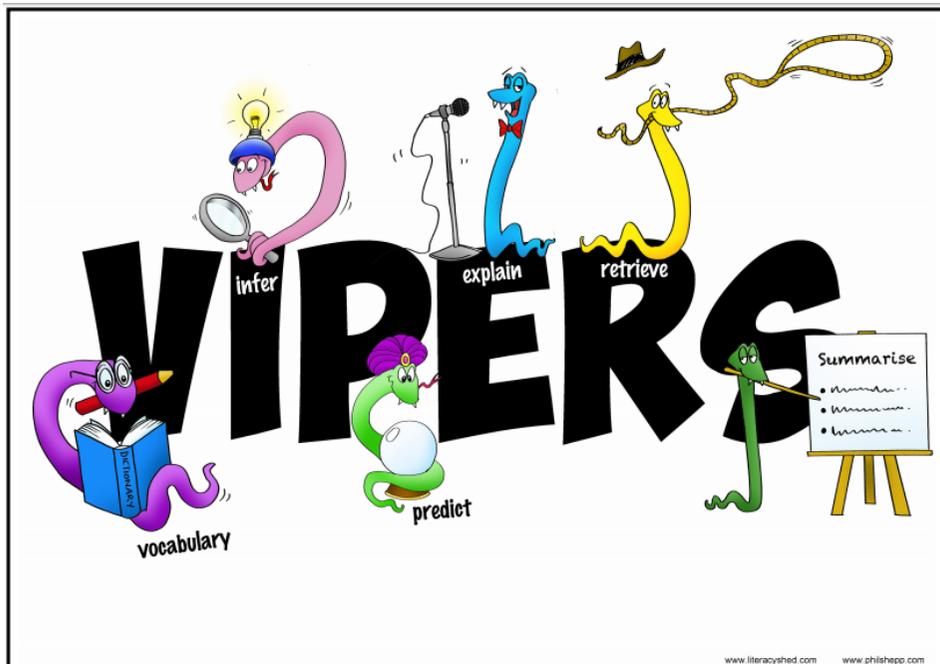
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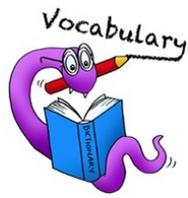
Explain

Retrieve

Sequence

Please use these examples to support your questioning when reading with a child in order to help develop their range of comprehension skills.





What does the word mean in this sentence?

Find and copy a word which means

Are there any words that you don't know the meaning of? Look at the pictures/rest of the sentence— can they help you find out the meaning? What else could we use to find out the meaning?

What does this word or phrase tell you about

How does the word/description make you feel?

Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?

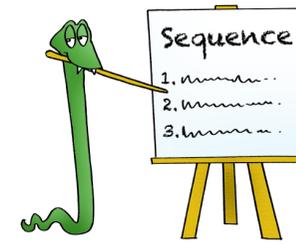
Which of the words best describes the character/setting/ mood etc?

Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?

Why do you think is repeated in this section?

Why is this word written in bold/italic/capital letters?

Can you find any adjectives/verbs/nouns?



Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened?

What happened after

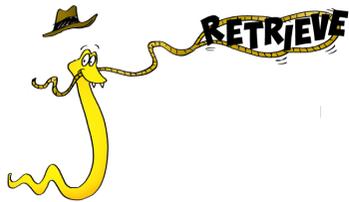
What was the first thing that happened in the story?

Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?

In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?

Can you think of a new blurb for the story?

What were the characters doing before.....happened?



Where is the story set?

Who is the main character?

What do they look like?

What do they do?

Who did.....?

Where did.....?

When did.....?

What happened when.....?

Why did happen?

How did?

How many.....?

What happened to.....?

What has happened/have you found out about so far in the book?

How do you think the character was feeling? What makes you think that?

Why do you think happened?

What did the character say that?

Can you explain why?

What do you think the author meant when they said.....?

What message is the author trying to tell us?

If you were in the story, what would you hear, taste, smell or feel?

What must have happened here that the author didn't tell us?

What can you learn from the illustration?



Look at the front cover/blurb. What do you think this book is all about? What characters do you think might be in this story? Why?

What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?

Is there something about the character or setting that could help you to guess what is going to happen?

How do you think the character will feel about that?

What do you think.....will say about that?

Does the last paragraph/sentence tell you anything that could help you to predict what will happen next?

How do you think the story will end? Why?



Is this fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?

What do you already know about the topic of this book? Does the topic remind you of anything you have seen/done?

Can you put what you've just read into your own words?

Would you like to go to this setting? Why/why not?

What would you have done if you were the character?

Has anything like this ever happened to you?

Does it remind you of something?

How would you have felt if that happened to you?

Do you know someone like this character?

How are you like/different than this character?

Who is your favourite character? Why?

What was your favourite part of the book? Why?

Did you like this text? Why/why not?