# KS1 Reading Vipers

## Improving key reading skills

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## Vocabulary

Draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.

Example questions

- What does the word ……. mean in this sentence?
- Find and copy a word which means …….
- What does this word or phrase tell you about ……?
- 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?

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## Infer

Make inferences from the text.

Example questions

- Why was……. feeling……..?
- Why did …… happen?
- Why did ……. say …….?
- Can you explain why…….?
- What do you think the author intended when they said…….?
- How does ……. make you feel?

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## Predict

Predict what you think will happen based on the information that you have been given.

Example questions

- Look at the book cover/blurb – what do you think this book will be about?
- What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?
- How does the choice of character or setting affect what will happen next?
- What is happening? What do you think happened before? What do you think will happen after?
- What do you think the last paragraph suggests will happen next?

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## Explain

Explain your preferences, thoughts and opinions about the text.

Example questions

- Who is your favourite character?  Why?
- Why do you think all the main characters are girls in this book?
- Would you like to live in this setting?  Why/why not?
- Is there anything you would change about this story?
- Do you like this text?  What do you like about it?

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## Retrieve

Identify and explain the key features of fiction and non-fiction texts such as: characters, events, titles and information.

Example questions

- What kind of text is this?
- Who did…..?
- Where did…..?
- When did…..?
- What happened when…..?
- Why did …….. happen?
- How did …….?
- How many…..?
- What happened to……?

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## Sequence

Sequence the key events in the story.

Example questions

- 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?

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