



All Saints' Reading Stems for Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2, our pupils are taught explicit reading skills in their whole class reading lesson. Question stems have been created to provide examples of questions types linked to the 5 different comprehension strands:

1. Retrieval
2. Vocabulary: Meaning of words in context
3. Inference/Predicting
4. Vocabulary: Author's choice of words
5. Summarising Sequencing

Similar to the Key Stage 1 Reading Stems, they are used in class to support a student's understanding of the different strands using a visual representations. Each set of question stems has a differentiated approach of 'Bronze, Silver and Gold questioning' which is carried out across KS2 in reading sessions. Selecting a specific target criteria, teachers will create comprehension sheets for the class text follow the continuum approach to teaching and learning carried out at All Saints. Frome bronze, silver to gold the level of the difficulty of questions will get progressively harder.

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Retrieval Stems

Comprehension:
Retrieve and record
information / identify
key details from fiction
and non-fiction

Who...?
3

When...?
3

Where did...
go?
3

Why is...
important in
the story?
1

What did
you find out
about...?
1

Give a reason
for...and
explain why?
1

What...?
3

What did...
do/ask?
2

What
happened
at...?
2

Describe...
2

Name... and
explain...?
1

Number the
events in
order.
3

True or
false?
2

Why did...?
2


Look at
paragraph
beginning...What
conclusions can
you draw from
this?
1


1
2
3


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Vocabulary: Meaning of words in context Stems


Comprehension:
Give / explain the
meaning of words in
context.


What does... mean? 


What word...? 


Which word tells you...? 


In this sentence... means (give choices) 


Why does the author use...? 


Find and copy a word / phrase which shows...? 


Give one reason... 


What does the word... tell you about...? 




Find and copy a word / phrase which suggests...? 

Why has the information been presented in this way? 

How does the last (paragraph/sentence) relate back to the beginning? 


What does the word / sentence... suggest about...? 


What is this book/story about...? 


  

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Inference/ Predicting Stems


How can you tell? 


How did...? 


Why do you think...? 


Make inferences / predictions from the text / explain and justify them with evidence from the text


Explain where/how/why (use the text to support your answer) 


What does the last sentence/ paragraph suggest might happen next? 


What does... think/feel? How do you know? (use the text to support your answer) 




What impressions do you get of... Give two impressions, supporting your answer with evidence from the text 

Give one piece of evidence which shows... is...? 

What do you think will happen next? 

What in the text makes you think ...? 


Is this a fact or opinion? 


  


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Vocabulary: Author's Choice of Words Stems


Identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.


What word is closest in meaning to...? 


Find and copy a word that shows the character was excited/worried/nervous/frightened 


This sentence contains... (simile/metaphor/alliteration/onomatopoeia) 


Explain the effect of this word... in the sentence? 

On page... it says... how might this affect the reader? 

What does the word / sentence... suggest about..? (figurative language) 

Find 3 words that tell you how...? 

Why did the author use...? (figurative language) 


What do these words... tell us about? 





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Summarising the Main Points or Idea


Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph and make comparisons within the text 6%


What characters were in the story that we find in...? 


What/which feature(s) tell you that this is a ...text? 


According to the text, give one way that..... are similar/different to 

What is the main purpose of the text? 

How does the characters mood change? 

What is the main message/ theme of the text? 

What is the paragraph *mainly* about? 

What is the main idea of the story? 

How is the text similar to...? 