

Talking about books – it's not a test!

Before reading the book:

What do you think this story will be about? (Look at the front cover, the author and the title)
What might happen in the story?
What genre will this story be? E.g. fantasy, comedy, horror.
What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (Blurb) or What does the blurb tell us?

During the reading of the book:

What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?
What might happen next?
How do you think the story might end?
Who is your favourite character? Why? Who is the character you like least? Why?
How would you feel? What would you do?
What have you learned about in your book?
Find 2 sentences, which describe the setting.
Is the plot fast or slow moving?

At the end of the book:

Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?
Would you change any part of the story? How?
Would you change any of the characters? How?
Which part of the story was the funniest, scariest, saddest, and happiest? Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.
Would you like to read another book by this author? Why?
Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him / her?
Find 2 things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable or unlikeable?

Questions

- Do you like this book?
- Do you like this character?
- It's a good story isn't it?
- Do you like reading?
- Are you good at reading?
- Do you like this kind of story?

Change these questions so that the answers cannot be yes or no.

- What do you like about this book?
- What do you think of this character?
- Why do you think this is a good story?
- What's great about reading?
- Why are you a good reader?
- What is it about these stories that you like so much?

Stop on a cliff hanger and predict what will happen next

...About what will happen next
How characters will feel
How it will make the reader feel
What if he/she had made a different choice



After Reading

If you could go into space with one person, who would you pick?

If one character was going to go on the X factor, who would it be and why?

Can you retell the story in 30 words or less?

Can you retell the story backwards?

If you were going to write a sequel, what would happen?

Who would you like to be in the text?

If you were going to give it an alternative title what would it be?

Who would your family or friends be if they were a character in the text?

Name one similarity and one difference between this text and the last text you read.

Match these adjectives with the character they describe:

- Brave - Stubborn
- Admirable - Kind

Who would you recommend this text to and why?