

Analytical questions

1. This type of question requires the child to build on existing knowledge
2. They require the children to identify implicit meanings, make inference and deduction and become aware of the author's intentions
3. They ask children to show an understanding of significant themes, ideas, event and characters and refer to the text when explaining views

General examples of analytical questions

- What makes you think that?
 - What words give you that impression?
 - How do you feel about....?
 - Can you explain why.....?
 - Do you agree with’s opinion?
 - I wonder what the written intended?
 - I wonder why the writer has decided to?
 - What was in the author’s mind?
 - What do these words mean and why do they think the author chose them?
 - How has the author used adjectives to make this character funny?
 - Why did the author choose this setting?
 - Can you support your view with evidence?
 - Are there any familiar patterns you notice? (e.g. familiar story structure, images etc)
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- These questions ask children to analyse mood, setting and characters, style, structure and other key aspects
 - They encourage children to express opinions and preferences about major events or ideas in stories or poems
 - They ask children to refer to the text when explaining views