Questions about your book

Before you start

- Why did you choose this book?
- What do you think will happen in the story?
- If this is a non-fiction book, what do you hope to find out?

Halfway through

- What had happened so far?
- Who are the main characters?
- How do you think the main characters are feeling now?
- How would you describe the story so far? (For example it could be funny or exciting.)
- What might happen next?
- Questions about non-fiction books:
    - What have you learned so far?
    - What are you hoping to find out next?
    - What is the most interesting thing you have learned?

At the end

- Did you enjoy this book?
- What was the best part of the story?
- How is the ending related to the opening of the story?
- What do you think could happen next?
- What is the problem or conflict of the story? How is it resolved?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend and why?
- List three things you have learnt from reading this.

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Top Tips

If you are struggling to understand what you are reading, try some of these ideas:

- Read the difficult parts again.
- Slow your reading down a bit.
- Ask someone to read with you and talk about anything you don't understand.
- Look at any picture.

When you have finished a book, you can check your understanding by trying some of these activities:

- Tell the story in your own words.
- Draw pictures of scenes or characters from the book.
- Write a letter to a character.
- Describe some of the main characters. Try to include their feelings and thoughts.
- Try to write a different ending to the story.
- Give 3 ways in which the author could improve the story. How would you persuade them to take your advice?
- Are there any words that you don't know the meaning of? Use a dictionary to find their meanings and try using them in your writing.

Can you think of any questions you want to ask your teacher or someone at home? For example:

- Was there anything you didn't understand?
- Is there something you would like to know more about?
- Did you find any words that you didn't understand?