

Superhero Reading Characters

To support our children with their reading comprehension we have 8 Superhero Reading Characters. Each one looks at a different aspect of the reading curriculum and supports the children in understanding the different types of questions they have to be able to answer. The characters are introduced to the children as they move up through school until they are using all 8 by the time they reach key stage 2.

Dark decoder



Looks at what words mean so that we can understand texts

Example questions:

- *What is a device?
- *What does the word 'abandoned' mean?
- *Who is telling the story now?
- *What relationship between the narrator and the man we can see?
- *What do the words crafted and device mean?
- *What does the word precious mean?

Word Wolf



Can explain how words and phrases add extra meaning

Example questions:

- *What does this... word/phrase/sentence... tell you about... character/setting/mood etc.?
- *The writer uses words like ... to describe What does this tell you about a character or setting? What other words/phrases could the author have used?
- *How has the writer made you and/or character feel ...happy /sad/angry/ frustrated/lonely/bitter etc.?

Rocket Retriever



Can quickly find facts, key details and information from a text

Example questions:

- *Where does the story take place?
- *When did the story take place?
- *Who are the characters in the text?
- *Where in the book would you find...?
- *What happened in the story?
- *Which part of the story best describes the setting?
- *What part of the story do you like best?

Captain Comparison



Can see hidden connections within and between texts

Example questions:

- *Describe different characters' reactions to the same event in a story.
- *How is it similar/different to ...?
- *Is it as good as ...?
- *Compare and contrast different character/settings/themes in the text
- *What do you think about the way information is organised in different parts of the text? Is there a reason for why this has been done?

Phantom Predictor

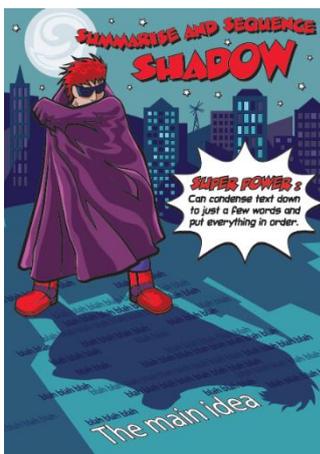


Can see into the future and say what might happen

Example questions:

- *Can you think of another story, which has a similar theme; e.g. good over evil; weak over strong; wise over foolish? Do you think this story will go the same way?
- *Do you know of another story which deals with the same issues; e.g. social; moral; cultural? Could this happen in this story?
- *Which stories have openings like this? Do you think this story will develop in the same way?

Summarise and Sequence Shadow



Can condense text down to just a few words and put everything in order

Example questions:

- *What's the main point in this paragraph?
- *Sort the information in these paragraphs. Do any of them deal with the same information?
- *Make a table/chart to show the information in these paragraphs.
- *Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? How many times is it mentioned?

The Puzzler



Can look at the different parts of a text and say what they do and piece them together

Example questions:

- *Explain why a character did something.
- *What are the clues that a character is liked/disliked/envied/feared/loved/hated etc...?
- *What is similar/different about two characters?
- *Why do you think the author chose to use a... question/bullet/subheading/table etc. to present the information?
- *How does the title/layout encourage you to read on/find information?
- *Why has the writer written/organised the text in this way?
- *In what ways do the illustrations support the instructions?

Crimson Clue Hunter



Can find and use evidence in the text to work out and explain what is happening

Example questions:

- *What makes you think that?
- *Which words give you that impression?
- *How do you feel about...?
- *Can you explain why...?
- *I wonder what the writer intended?
- *I wonder why the writer decided to...?
- *What do these words mean and why do you think the author chose them?