

# Guided Reading Questions

## Guided Reading Teaching Sequence

- Book introduction
- Walk through the text
- Independent reading
- Returning to the text for a closer look
- Responding to the text and follow up



## The Book Introduction

Relate the story to the children's own experience (fiction)

Tap into the children's prior knowledge of the subject (non-fiction)

Very brief overview of the story without revealing too much

Look at front cover and encourage prediction - Who? Where? What?

Look at back cover and blurb

Look at illustrations



## Recall Questions

Where does the story take place?

When did the story take place?

What did he/she look like?

Who was he/she?

Where did he/she live?

Who are the characters in the book?

Where in the book would you find ...?

## Simple Comprehension Questions

What do you think is happening here?

What happened in the story?

What might this mean?

Through whose eyes is the story told?

Which part of the story best describes the setting?

What words and/or phrases do this?

What part of the story do you like best?

## Comparing Questions

Can you think of another story which has a similar theme; eg. good over evil; weak over strong; wise over foolish?

Do you know of another story which deals with the same issues; eg. social; moral; cultural?

Which stories have openings like this?



## Investigative Questions

What makes you think that?

What 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?

Has the author used adjectives to make this character funny?

Why did the author choose this setting?

## Questions Requiring a Point of View

What is your opinion? What evidence do you have to support your view?

Using all the evidence available, can you tell me what you feel about...?

Given what you know about ... what do you think?

How would the views put across in this text affect your views on...?

What would this character think about...? (Possibly a present day issue)

## Evaluation questions

What makes this a successful story?

What evidence do you have to justify your opinion?

Does it work?

Could it be better? How?

Is it as good as...?

How is it similar to...?

How is it different from...?

Is it as good as...?

Which is better and why?

