Reading and Discussion Prompts for Key Stage Two.



Word reading

- Find an example in the text of a prefix. How has it changed the meaning of the word?
- Find an unusual word in the text and compare it with one you know. How does this help you understand the meaning?
- Choose 5 words from the text which have either a prefix or a suffix and extract the root. Is it a real word? Find other words with the same root.
- Find words in the text which end with a suffix. Investigate what happened to the root when the suffix was added.
- Find 3 words in the text where you are not sure of the meaning and read around them. Does the context help you work out the meaning?
- Use a dictionary to find the meaning of 3 words from the text then use them in new sentences.

Setting and Characters

- What has happened in the story so far?
- Find words or phrases that tell you about the setting.
- Choose a character and say how they felt/ what they said/ what they did is response to events. How do you know?
- What does ... tell you about how a character is feeling.
- Drawing on clues about the main character, does his/ her response to an event make sense to you? Explain why.
- How did the main character's actions affect the outcome of the story?
- Did your opinion of any character's changes as the story progressed? Has the author used dialogue to reveal clues about characters? How does this help?
- What did you discover about the main character from how other characters responded to her/ him?

Point of View

- Whose 'voice' is the story written in? How could you show this in the way you read aloud?
- Choose an event from the story and rewrite it from a different character's viewpoint.
- 'Garden Gossip' with a partner about the behaviour of a character.
- Relate the text to something that has happened in your own life. How does this make it easier to empathise with the characters?
- Imagine you are a character in the story and write a diary entry for today's events. Read aloud and see if your audience can identify the character.
- Work with a partner. Role play two characters from the story and have a conversation.
- Think about a character in the story who has done the right/ wrong thing.

Vocabulary

- Use a thesaurus to find synonyms for 3 words from the text then replace them in the text. What effect does this have?
- Identify favourite words and phrases and say why you like them.
- Work in a group. Select effective words from the text and make a word wall to share with the class.
- Use the first three letters of a word to check its meaning in a dictionary.
- Choose 2 words from the text and explain their meanings.

Prediction and Summary

- Choose a main event in the story to discuss.
- Draw a timeline to sequence the events in the story.
- Retell a section of the story in your own words, engaging your listener through eye contact, expression and gesture.
- Discuss the theme of the story, e.g. good over evil, weak and strong characters, mean and generous, rich and poor.
- Predict what will happen next using tentative language, e.g. I wondered whether ... I think it might ... etc. Recommend this story to another reader. What words will you use to persuade them to read it?