

The Reading VIPERS is a mnemonic covering the key comprehension skills that children develop during daily reading to become competent readers by the end of KS1. To support your child at home, choose one of the VIPERS question stems to stimulate meaningful book talk, deepen their understanding and improve their language skills.

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 What does the word mean in this sentence?
 Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?



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 What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?
 What is happening? What do you think happened before?



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Who is your favourite character? Why?
 Why do you think all the main characters are girls in this book?
 Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?
 Is there anything you would change about this story?
 Do you like this text? What do you like about it?



R

Retrieve

What kind of text is this?
 Who did.....? / Where did.....? /When did.....?
 What happened when.....?
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What was the first thing that happened in the story?
 What happened after?
 Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?



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