

Year 3

Clarify vocabulary	 •What does mean in this sentence? • Use a dictionary to find out what words mean, maybe during a homework task. • Use a thesaurus to find other words that mean the same as
Retrieve	 What is? Why had? Who else? What event? Why do? Where? Support your child to use the contents page/ index/ glossary to find information. Talk about your favourite part of the book. Explain why you like it.
Summarise	 Retell the main events in the story to someone else in the family. Which three words would you use to describe what the story is about/ about the character to someone else who hasn't read it?
Infer	 Why was (character) sad/happy/nervous? How do you know? How do you feel about (character)? Why? Encourage your child to use words from the book to back up their opinion. Discuss the themes in this story. (e.g. good over evil, weak over strong, friendship, magic).
Predict	 Look at the cover/blurb/inside cover and discuss what might happen in the story/characters who may appear. What is happening now? What happened before this? What might happen next? Discuss your child's reasons using evidence from the text. Is the character similar to any other characters / people you know? How would they behave in this situation?
Structure and organisation	 Find the labels, title, subheadings, diagram, contents page, index, glossary and practise using them. Why is the word in bold print / italics? How does the writer make it interesting / engaging/ exciting in the first paragraph/ ending?
Language choice	 Can you find the repeated words/ patterns/ alliteration/ rhyme in the text? Find the words which move time on in the story. Which are the words which make this sound like a traditional tale, myth, adventure, sci-fi story?