Story question cards

Grades 3–5 · for any novel or story

1

Who is the main character? Give two words that describe them and a clue for each.

2

Where and when does the story happen? How do you know?

3

What is the problem in the story so far?

4

Predict what will happen next. What makes you think so?

5

Which character would you like to meet, and what would you ask them?

6

Find a sentence that shows how a character feels.

7

Has a character changed since the start? How?

8

Choose a strong word the author used. Why is it a good choice?

9

What would you do if you were the main character?

10

Does this story remind you of anything in your own life?

11

Retell this chapter in three sentences.

12

If you could change the ending, what would happen instead?

Use them in guided reading, book clubs or as a homework question with any book.

Information book question cards

Grades 3–5 · for any non-fiction book

1. What is the most surprising fact you learned today?
2. What was the author trying to teach you?
3. Find a heading. What is that part about?
4. Use the glossary or index to find something. What did you look up?
5. What does one diagram or photo show that the words do not?
6. Write a question this book did not answer.
7. Is there a fact here that you could check in another book?
8. Find a word that is new to you. What do you think it means?
9. Who would find this book useful, and why?
10. Teach a partner one thing you learned in under a minute.
11. Find a fact and an opinion. How can you tell them apart?
12. If you wrote a page for this book, what would it be about?

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