



gut reaction



evidence



explaining

How is the character feeling?

Example answer:

He is feeling sad because it says he missed the bus so he'll need to wait for another.

What do you think about the story?

What do you think about what happened?

How is the character feeling ?

How does this make you feel?

What do you feel about the character?

Why do you think the character did that?

Why do you think that happened?

Do you like this book?

Do you agree with what they're doing?

Year 2



proof/evidence/retrieval

See White Hat progression for further support on differentiating White Hat.

What has happened to make the character feel like that?

Can you show me why you think that?

What is in the writing that made you think that?

Can you find proof?

Or a White Hat question can require direct fact retrieval e.g. When was the King born?

Year 2



unknown words

See Black Hat progression for further support on differentiating Black Hat.

What words/phrases don't you know in the text?

How could you find out?

Have you heard a similar word before?

Does the root word give us a clue?

Is there anything you already know that could help you work out what that word means?

Does what you have just read make sense?

Can you use a resource to find that out?

Year 2



predicting/summarising/comparing

Has anything like this happened to you before?

What happened in the story?

What do you think will happen next?

Why do you think the book is called that?

Do you know any books that are similar?

How is it similar/different to *The Stick Man*?

Year 2



language choices

Can you spot any repeating language/alliteration?

Why has the author used similes in his story?

What adjectives in the text really help you to imagine what the character looked like?

How has the author described the Gruffalo?

What's your favourite description in the story?

Would you see this description in a non-fiction text? How might it be different?

Year 2



features, structure

What non-fiction features are in the text?

Can you tell me the story?

Why did it happen in that order?

How does the layout help the reader?

Why do you think it has been presented like this?

Year 2