



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.

NB. It is not a requirement for Reception learners to use Blue Hat.

How is the character feeling ?

How does this make you feel?

Do you like that character?

Do you like what has happened?

What do you think she wants?

Year R



proof/evidence/retrieval

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

Who is talking in the story?

How do you know she's angry?

Why do you think she's excited?

Where is the character now?

Or a White Hat question can require direct fact retrieval e.g. What's his name?

Year R



unknown words

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

What new words are in the story?
Does what you just read make sense?

Year R



predicting/summarising/comparing

Has anything like this happened to you before?
What do you think will happen next?
If the title is _____, what do you think the book will be about?
Have you been sad like Humpty Dumpty is?

Year R



language choices

We're about to read 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' what do you think we'll all have to say during the story?

What does the character keep saying?

Join in when the wolf says, "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!"

Year R



features, structure

What happened in the story?

What happened after that?

Can you tell me the story?

What normally happens to a bad character?

What normally happens in a fairy story?

What happened in the story?

Year R