

Year 2 reading question stems

Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts

What does the word mean in this sentence ?

Find and copy/write one word/two words which tells/shows you . . . ?

Which word in the text describes . . . ?

The boat hit the rocks with a great crunch.

This means that it made . . . (a huge squeak, a big splash, a long creak, a loud crash)

my neck hides in a scarf

What does this mean ? (The child's neck is hurting, The child's neck is covered, The child is playing hide and seek, The child's scarf is lost)

Which word means the same as . . . ?

... tried to peep around her legs...

what does this tell you about Bryn ?

(This may be pupils writing the answer or joining boxes)

Retrieve key information about texts

What do/does do ?

What happened when . . . ?

Why was . . . ?

Where did . . . ?

What did . . . ?

Which . . . ?

Who . . . ?

Where . . . ?

When . . . ?

Write one item that cowboys used for working with animals.

(Basic retrieval questions - some may involve joining/ticking boxes/true or false tables/drawing lines).

Number the sentences below from numbers 1-4/1-5 to show the order they happen in the story ?

Draw three lines to show where . . .

Make inferences from texts

How do you know that was excited ? (link to what character says)

Why was feeling worried ?

Why did say/do ?

Why did happen ?

How did feel when ?

True/false questions in a table - finding evidence across a text.

Using vocabulary from the text to infer how a character is feeling/behaving/appearing
When Bella was learning to fly, she . . . (was lazy, did not try hard, did not give up, found it easy)

How is the child in the poem like a parcel?

Why was sad? (answer not necessarily in same sentence)

Find and copy two words that show . . .

Molly didn't understand. This means that Molly was . . . (words with tick boxes)

What did Molly think was magic? (involves careful reading of the text)

What did Mum describe as sparkling fireworks?

Why did cowboys become friends with each other?

Why did horses have to be strong?