

ACTIVITY: Question Prompts



What Is It?

Question prompts are framed questions that help students learn how to ask questions about text.

Why Use It?

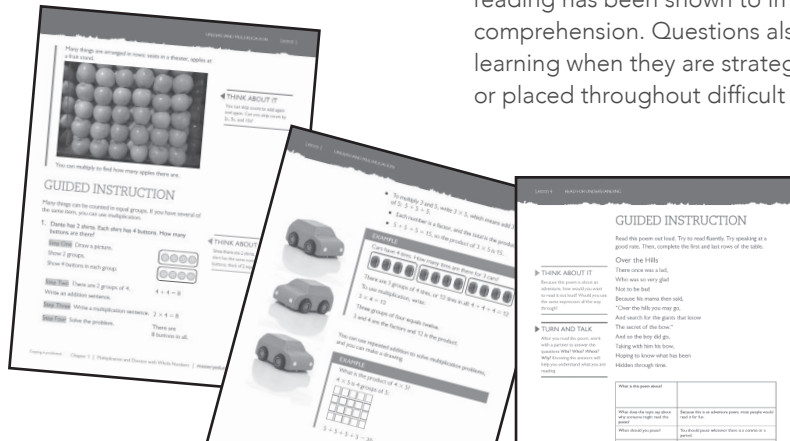
Question prompts are useful for helping students learn to ask themselves questions as they read. Asking questions during reading has been shown to improve comprehension. Questions also support learning when they are strategically asked or placed throughout difficult text.

How to Use It?

Step 1. After reading a selection, show students question cards, each with one of the following words written on it: *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why*, and *how*. Model formulating a question for each card.

Step 2. Distribute a card to each student. Have students use the word card to formulate a question about the text. Have students take turns asking and answering questions.

Step 3. Introduce additional questions prompts as needed. Model formulating a question using the question prompt. Then ask students to formulate a question using the prompt. Have students take turns asking and answer questions.



Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think the story is about? • Where does this story take place? • How does the setting affect the story? • What problem does (character) have? • What are some possible solutions? • How does (character) solve the problem? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does (character) react when _____? • How did the writer tell you about (character)? • Why is _____ a good/not good title for the story? • What may have happened if _____?
Informational Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the main idea of _____? • How are _____ and _____ alike? • How are _____ and _____ different? • What was the cause of _____? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the result of _____? • How would you summarize _____? • What conclusion can you draw from _____? • Explain why you agree or disagree with _____?
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did the writer mean when they wrote _____? • What example can you give? • What are you still wondering about? • What did you figure out on your own? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did you solve _____? • What other solutions can you think of for _____?

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