

Overview of progression in reading - content domains



Year 4

Content Domain	Question types	Examples
2a Vocabulary	I. Find and Copy one word that means the same as.	I. Find and copy a word that means the same as 'walk angrily' The words should be reasonably challenging, and build on the vocabulary developed in 4 (check back for examples).
	2. Find and Copy a group of words that means.	2. Find and copy a group of words that means 'the people were very angry' You will probably find more opportunity to do this in non-fiction writing, but try to get it in across as text types.
Give/explain the meaning of words in context.	3. Find and Copy an example/examples from a given text.	3. Find and copy the word below that means 'confused' The giants stood around, looking at the BFG. They were completely bemused as to why he was acting like this, and it made the curious.
		Perhaps have near synonyms to confuse readers and ensure there is challenge in the question.
	4. Mix and match tables	4. Draw a line to match each word with its meaning
		old cast-off
		new time-worn
		used fresh
		There is normally one given, with 3/4 examples to choose from.
	5. Tick one word that means the same as/join the words to a choice.	5. Tick one word that means 'scary'
		unusual alarming strange worried
		or

		5. Join the word to its correct meaning.
		Climbed carefully
		James <i>leapt</i> over the fence, with the dogs in hot-pursuit. Jumped high in the air
		Scrambled over quickly
	6. Explain a word.	The synonyms are normally either quite close in meaning to each other, or are unfamiliar words that the children have to find and establish meaning for. 6. What does the word in italics mean in this sentence: The marshal slowly but surely knelt down, cradling the woman in his arms. The words should be either possible to work out from the text or be a reasonably familiar word.
2b Retrieve	I. Give a different reason for	I. Marta was in trouble because she was always late. Give a different reason for why she was always in trouble. Children need to work on not repeating the same reason via rewording.
Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non fiction	2. What thing/two things?	2. The poem says the sea behaves like a dog. Find two words/phrases that show this. 1
	3. Tick the correct option/s.	3. The pirates carried: cutlasses rifles muskets maps
	4. Finish the sentence (by copying)	The answer needs to be retrieved. Answers that children can be led by should be included to ensure they check carefully. 4. Finish the sentences below: 1. Mr Thomas lived in road, in Manchester. 2. He only lived away from the train station. The children should have to work reasonably hard to find the information, but it should be retrievable.

	5. Complete the table	5. Complete the table be	
		Planet Size order	
		Mars .	Has the largest volcano in the solar system.
			Is actually made from gas.
		Mercury The smalle	st planet
			fill in numerous sections on one line, or just fill in one who
	6. How questions (similar to what)	6. How can you grow pot Although it looks similar in str retrieved.	tatoes at home? ructure to an inference question, the answer should be
	7. Find and copy the word/phrase/line		rd that shows that Pluto is no longer a planet be retrieved, with no inference.
2c Summarise	I. Number the events	☐ Billy finds a sn☐ The children go☐ Billy puts the s☐ The sun is shir☐ The children go	is the poem as they happen. nail in his hat o walking through the pond snail into the pond ning in the morning o for a walk by the mill pond. early form of summarising in the tests.
Summarise main ideas	2. True/False statements	2. Tick each statement	t, saying whether it is true or false.
from more than one		Statement	True False
and a second second		Sophie is afraid of all giants	
paragraph.	•	Sophie is always brave and fe	earless
paragrapn.		The BFG is cowardly	
paragrapn.		The children will need to use in:	ference or retrieval to answer these questions, but it v
paragrapn.		probably lean more towards r	retrieval
paragrapn.	3. Write a that matches the	probably lean more towards r	retrieval that matches the second paragraph.
paragrapn.	3. Write a that matches the	<i>probably lean more towards r</i> 3. Write a sub-heading	that matches the second paragraph.
paragraph.	3. Write a that matches the	probably lean more towards r 3. Write a sub-heading Paragraph Sub-t	that matches the second paragraph.
paragraph.	3. Write a that matches the	probably lean more towards r 3. Write a sub-heading Paragraph Sub-t	that matches the second paragraph.
paragrapn.	3. Write a that matches the	probably lean more towards r 3. Write a sub-heading Paragraph Sub-hone What two	that matches the second paragraph.

	4. Tick the option that sums up.	4. Tick the box that matches the main message of the poem. That all dogs love the sea
		That nature is a marvellous thing hat bones are a natural part of the shore
		That the sea is violent and rough The responses can be misleading, and varied. Children should have time to think in this area, as they do find it difficult.
2d Infer	I. Why do you think? questions	I the moon rocks in the stormy cloud Why do you think the moon looked like it was moving?
		The children need to get into the habit of using evidence to back up their opinion. This should be copied from the text.
Make inferences from the	2. How can? Questions - give evidence	2. How can you be sure that you are safe from the monster? Again, the children should be using evidence and looking for clues within the text that suggest or imply something.
text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.	3. Who is? Questions	3. Who is the thief in the night? Use these questions when there is opportunity for children to discuss and debate on uncertain ideas within a narrative/pome. Ultimately, there should be a definitive answer.
	4. Multiple choice questions	4. Choose the word that shows how the soldier felt at the end of the battle
		Relieved Angry Confused
		Afraid To extend pupils learning, they could possibly be forced to justify their choice using evidence from the text. These questions should also be less straight-forward, so that children have to think deeply.
	5. Yes/No - giving evidence	5. Do you think the boy should have shouted at his sister? Yes No Give a reason that makes you think this.
		The reason should not be retrievable, but should have to be inferred from clues within the text.

	6. Tick box questions - choose by inference only .	6. Which word best describes each character?
		Character/ Rat Beetle description
		Angry
		Modest
		Bossy
		Shy
		boastful
		There could be some cross over with domain 2a (word meaning) here, so try to build opportunities for vocabulary building.
	7. What does? Questions	7. What lesson does the lion learn from the crow? The children will have to explain their ideas, and justify them with evidence to receive the mark.
	8. Tick one box in each row	8. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.
		Fact Opinion
		Giant pandas are fascinating animals.
		Giant pandas' main food in the wild is bamboo Giant panda cubs weigh about 150g when born.
20	I. What do you think will happen next?	I. What will happen to the tiger?
2e Predict		Children need to give plausible suggestions based on the text, not guess. This demands quite close reading, and is difficult.
Predict what might happen from the details given and implied.	2. Who will get the prize?	2. Who do you think will win the race? Ben Mark Give a reason why you think this will happen. At this point, predictions will be made based on simple inference, for instance 'Mark has hurt his leg, so Ben will be able to win the race.'

Identify/explain content Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.	I. The word is used - what does this show?	I. In the poem, the word but shows something is going to happen. What is the main change? In this type of question, children need to draw comparisons, comparing different parts of the text BUT won't necessarily have to talk about before/after - perhaps only before or only after.
2g Word choice Identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.	I. Why has the word been used? 2. What does the word show you?	I. Look at the last words in the poem: Stop STOP! What does this suggest is happening at the end of the poem? The children will find this difficult at first, so you will want to choose some fairly obvious examples and build from there. 2. The author says the children were charging around the playground. What does this show you about how the children were moving around? This is a good opportunity to look at techniques such as figurative language, and how the author chooses a word to create a clear image.
2h Compare Make comparisons within the text.	I. How has changed/different?	I. At the end of the story, Martin is feeling quite relieved. How have his emotions changed from the beginning to the end of the story? The children are expected to make clear reference to before and after, giving examples. The change here will be quite a marked one, with little need for inference from the reader.