

Overview of progression in reading - content domains



Year 6

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 'relatives from long ago'. The example from this year's test was 'ancestors', which, although in the text, is still a word that requires the children to have read and talked widely on different subjects.
	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.	Explain how a word gives meaning	3. Look at the paragraph that begins 'He was desperate" What does the word <i>spat</i> show you about how he was feeling? Ensure that the meaning is able to be worked out from the context of the sentence.
	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	5. Tick one word that means 'poisonous'
		as/join the words to a choice.	deadly venomous lethal vicious
			or

	5. Join the word to its correct	meaning.
	Marty jumped over	A covered balconv
	the railings on to veranda	A narrow ledge
	vei diidd	A type of table
	The harder the word you choose, the those clues are present.	more they will have to rely on contextual clues, so ensure
6. Explain a word.	6. What does the word in itali	cs mean in this sentence:
	The stranger <i>trudged</i> thro	ough the snowy night.
	The words should be either possible to word.	o work out from the text or be a reasonably familiar
7. Explain a phrase	mean? Restore a painting of a document of the Repair a model of the document of the Review accounts of the document of the Review accounts of the document of the Revel of the Vocabulary was quite	the dodo

2b	I.	Give a different reason for	•	•	ordinary people because of the
Retrieve				e another reason why it is diff work on not repeating the same re	
	2.	What thing/two things?	environm I 2	r says that the new bypass rent. Find two reasons for this	
Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non fiction	3.	Tick the correct option/s.	sur wir	ormy Judy <i>ds to be retrieved. Answers that chi</i>	ildren can be led by should be included to
	4.	Finish the sentence (by copying)	I. The tele 2. The orig	sentences below: phone was invented in ginal inventor,, lived in auld have to work reasonably hard to	
		Complete the table	5 Complete t	the table below using the text	+
	5.	Complete the table	Name	Characteristic	Related to
			Scrooge		11001100110
			Bob Cratchitt		
			Tiny Tim		
				learn this skill. More empty boxes ob	Ins on one line, or just fill in one when they oviously requires more reading time, thus
	6.	How questions (similar to what)	6. How can yo	ou tell that she is feeling unho	appy?
				s similar in structure to an inference t of these questions featured in the	e question, the answer should be retrieved. e sample.
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	7.	Find and copy the word/phrase/line	7. Find and copy the word that shows it is difficult to ca	tch wild ho	rses.
			The answer should be able to be retrieved, with no inference.		
	8.	Sequence a series of events	8. Sequence these events in the order that they happe	en in the st	ory.
			Martin discovers Jamie is missing Jamie goes for a walk alone in the woods Martin tells Jamie to stay in the house Martin finds a clue by the stream The stranger speaks to Jamie The options are not normally in an order that can be worked out with text:	out referring	i to the
	9.	What was one effect of?	9. What was one effect of the poet getting injured in t	he war?	
Summarise main ideas From more than one	l. 2.	What is the main idea behind? True/False statements	I. Read the paragraph that starts He was only gone for What is the main idea of this paragraph? That the boy was afraid That he enjoyed being alone That he was unsure what to do without father that the boy was imagining things There should be maybe two possible alternatives, so that careful read out the correct answer. This should rely on inference and retrieval. 2. Tick each statement, saying whether it is true or fall	er ding is require	
paragraph.			Statement	True	False
			Sophie is afraid of all giants Sophie is always brave and fearless		
			The BFG is cowardly	1	1 11
			The children will need to use inference or retrieval to answer these que probably lean more towards retrieval.	estions, but i	t will

	3. Write a that matches the	3. Write a sub-heading that matches the second paragraph
		Paragraph Sub-heading
		two
		three Where do ant-eaters live? Though it should be quite apparent, the children will still have to work at phrasing it correctly or matching it closely. Could also be a heading, a question someone would ask, a caption that matches a picture, etc
	4. Which statement is the best summary for the whole of page?	4. Which statement is the best summary for the whole of page 5? How the giant panda first got its name. How charities raise money for giant pandas. How people are working to save giant pandas. How giant pandas' territory is changing.
	I. Why do you think? questions	Ithen he whistled quietly, like a whisper.
2d Infer	This do you it mintain questions	Why do you think it was that he whistled so quietly? The children need to get into the habit of using evidence to back up their opinion. This should be copied from the text.
	2. How can? Questions - give evidence	2. How can you tell that he was terrified of the darkness?
Make inferences from the		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	3. Who is? Questions	3. Who is responsible for the whispers in the darkness?
the text.		Use these questions when there is opportunity for children to discuss and debate on uncertain ideas within a narrative/poem. Ultimately, there should be a definitive answer.
	4. Multiple choice questions	4. Choose the option that shows how the sailors felt during the battle Scared Angry Confused Determined What makes you think this?
		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 knight should have left the Baron? 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/ Charles Mansfield description desperate humourless enraged awkward confused There could be some cross over with domain 2a (word meaning) here, so try to build opportunities for vocabulary building.
7. Open ended inference, similar to summarising.	7. What lesson does the boy learn from the lies he tells? The children will have to explain their ideas, and justify them with evidence to receive the mark.
8. Which statements? Questions	8. Which statements show that he had learned his lesson. Read the paragraph that starts "From then on" Many a stranger would smile at him He always kept himself to himself Not a day went by without him checking his wares. The boy was a changed person He was sure that it had been a vision or dream It may be one or several options that work, and some will be red herrings. Limit children to small sections to encourage deep thinking.
9. Look at and explain	9. Look at Anoush's blog. Explain why she wanted her friends to read it. Use evidence from the text. He children should have to look closely, and the text may use quite subtle clues or phrases that suggest the point you want them to find.

10. Complete the table	10. Complete the table below		
	Chatanant	True	False
	Statement The jector was the Circuit in the land	True	raise
	The jester was the finest in the land		
	The King's court was packed with strangers The queen's jewels were extremely valuable		
	The jester was going to end up on the block The children will should have to look across the whole text, skimming	l and scanning t	to find
	sections, then inferring to find the answers.	ana scanning i	OTINA
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II. What impressions do you get?			
	The poet describes his grannie as standing mountainous	s pe i ween n	ne ana my
	<i>Fear</i> . This makes her sound big and powerful.		
	What other impressions do you get of his grannie in the	e same vers	se?
	Give two impressions.		
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	Look at page 10.		
	What impressions do you get of Em Sharp at this point		
	Give two impressions, using evidence from the text to	support you	ur answer.
	Impression E	vidence	
			'
12. Using information from the text, tick one	12. Using information from the text, tick one box in ec	ach row to s	show
box in each rowa fact or opinion	whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.		
	Ι ΄ Γ	Fact	Opinion
	Giant pandas are fascinating animals.		
	Giant pandas' main food in the wild is bamboo		
	Giant panda cubs weigh about 150g when born.		

I. Based on what you have read, what do you think will happen next in the story?	I. Based on the start of the story that you have read, what do you think will happen to the brothers? Use evidence to explain your predictions Children need to give plausible suggestions based on the text, not guess. This demands quite
2. Who will?	close reading, and is difficult. Within the mark scheme, the answers are normally quite narrow and demand suggestions close to what actually happens. 2. Who do you think will win the race? Mark Steven Give a reason why you think this will happen. At this point, predictions will be made based on simple inference, for instance 'Jimmy has the map, but Captain Barnacle has no idea.'
	They, son educating the race is acce.
I. Find and copy a word/group of words that show?	I. In the story, Marty's attitude towards his brother changes. Find and copy the group of words that show this.
	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 - just find the connection between the sections.
I. What does tell you?	Iin a flash
	What does this tell you about how the rocks travelled?
	Children need to reminded that repeating the word is not explaining the choice, i.e 'because it was a snake' or 'to show it was like a snake'
2. Why is a good/bad choice?	2. The title of the paragraph is <i>Terrible Tudorsl</i>
	Why is this title well chosen? Give two reasons. I
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	There may be one reason, or several. Depending on your children, you may need to choose less or more obvious phrasings. It does not always need to be a title. These reason can also be writing techniques, such as alliteration or metaphor as well as direct meaning.
	you think will happen next in the story? 2. Who will? I. Find and copy a word/group of words that show? I. What does tell you?

	3. How does make the reader feel?	3. The text says 'The children scampered about, dashing from hiding place to hiding place' How does this group of words try to make the reader feel? These questions are difficult to get in sometimes, so try to use them when the opportunity presents itself:
	4. Give another way that	H. Read the paragraph beginning 'The man watched on in Fear' Give two other ways that the author suggests that the man is afraid. Refer closely to the text in your answer. I
	5. How is the author writing?	5. Read the sentence below: Cruel Christmas calamity strikes Carollers In this sentence, the way the author is writing is: Descriptive Sensational Calming Informative Here, the children need to look carefully otherwise they should be able to jump to conclusions. Some of the language needs to be stretching.
	6. What do/does the word/s suggest? (similar to question I/3)	6. 'Burning', 'roasting', 'bubbling' and' blistering' What do the words in this poem suggest about the boy's skin? That he was lucky it was not too bad a burn That the skin is very badly damaged That the heat of the fire must have been intense That he had been messing with fire That the boy was going to be alright Or Look at the last line of the poem. What do the words easily slipped suggest about how busy the room was? These questions should be quite demanding, with children having to read very deeply and consider several different meanings to get to a valid point. Where writing is required

2h Compare Make comparisons within the text.	I. How has changed/different? 2. Give one way that	 By the end of the story, Bill has changed how he feels about parties. Explain how 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. Look at page 4. According to the text, give one way that giant pandas are (a) Similar to other bears. (b) Different from other bears
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