

Ideas for question when reading with your child.

Prior to reading:

- Have you read any other books by the author? Tell us about them.
- Do the cover and the title give you any clues about the type of story this might be?

Good questions to get discussion moving:

- What made you want to keep reading this book?
- Was there anything that put you off reading this book?
- Did this book remind you of any other books you have read or films that you have seen?
- Did it remind you of something that has happened to you or someone else?
- Was there anything that puzzled you about this book?
- Did anything surprise you in this book?

Questions to delve a bit deeper:

- Would you like to have been a character in this story?
- Do any of the characters change during the story? Do any of the characters learn a lesson?
- What was your favourite part of the book?
- How do you know how the characters feel in this story? Does the author tell you or do you have to work it out?
- Were there any characters who didn't appear in the story that you would like to know more about?
- Who tells this story? Is the narrator one of the characters?
 - What might happen to the characters after the book has finished?
- Does the setting matter or could this story have taken place somewhere else?
- When did this story take place? What clues can you find in the illustrations or text?
- How long do you think it took this story to happen?
- How well do the illustrations and text work together in this book? What would happen if you took one away?
- Did you like the way the story ended? Why/why not?
- Do you think there are any important messages in this book?

Good questions to round off the discussion:

- Are there parts of this story that stick in your memory? What do you think made them stick?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why/why not?
- Have you heard anyone say anything about this book today that has made you change your mind about your first thoughts?
- What were the most important things we said about the book in our discussion today?
- Would you like to read any other books by this author now?
- Did you learn anything new from reading and discussing this book?