

VIPERS READING SKILLS PROGRESSION

INFERENCE

| | Skills... | Suggested question stems ... |
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| Year 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> children make basic inferences about characters' feelings by using what they say as evidence. infer basic points with direct reference to the pictures and words in the text discuss the significance of the title and events demonstrate simple inference from the text based on what is said and done | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you think.....means? Why do you think that? How do you think. ...? When do you think. ...? Where do you think. ? How does make you feel? Why did happen? |
| Year 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make inferences about characters' feelings using what they say and do. infer basic points and begin, with support, to pick up on subtler references. answering and asking questions and modifying answers as the story progresses use pictures or words to make inferences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Why do you think....? How do you think....? When do you think....? Where do you think....? How has the author made us think that...? |
| Year 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> children can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their stated actions. justify inferences by referencing a specific point in the text. ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives. make inferences about actions or events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Why do you think....? How do you think....? Can you explain why....? What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them? Find and copy a group of words which show...? How does the description of ... show that they are...? Who is telling the story? Why has the character done this at this time? |

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| Year 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. • discuss how characters change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues. • make inferences about events, feelings, states backing these up with evidence. • infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives, giving more than one piece of evidence to support each point made. • They can draw evidence from different places across the text | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else? • I think....; do you agree? Why/why not? • Why do you think the author decided to...? • Can you explain why...? • What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them? • How do other people's descriptions of ...show that...? • Where else in the text can we find the answer to this question? |
| Year 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. • make inferences about actions, feelings, events or states • use figurative language to infer meaning • give one or two pieces of evidence to support the point they are making. • begin to draw evidence from more than one place across a text. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else? • I think....; do you agree? Why/why not? • Why do you think the author? decided to...? • Can you explain why...? Can you give me evidence from somewhere else in the text? • What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them? • How does the author make you feel? • What impression do you get from these paragraphs? |
| Year 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. • discuss how characters change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues. • make inferences about events, feelings, states backing these up with evidence. • infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives, giving more than one piece of evidence to support each point made. They can draw evidence from different places across the text | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else? • I think....; do you agree? Why/why not? • • Why do you think the author decided to...? • Can you explain why...? • What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them? • How do other people's descriptions of ...show that...? • Where else in the text can we find the answer to this question? |