Questions you could ask whilst reading to your child

Decoding	Comprehension	Inference	Language Features	Personal Responses	Wider Reading
I can read out loud	I can identify the	I can justify inferences	I can comment on the	I understand what the	I can start to make
fluently and confidently,	features of different	with evidence from the	choice of language to	writer might be thinking.	simple connections
understanding how to use	text types.	text. How do you know the	create moods and build	What does the writer	between books by the
a range of punctuation.	How do we know this is	characters are feeling	tension.	think of eating	same author.
Using commas, question	nonfiction?	happy? Is there a word to	Why does the author use	vegetables?	What are Dick King
marks and exclamation	Is this romantic	tell us this is a serious	short sentences there?	Does the writer want this	Smith books usually
marks to vary expression.	fiction or action	issue?	Why has that word got	to happen? How can you	about?
Respond to punctuation	adventure? To which		its own paragraph? Which	tell?	What does Roald Dahl like
ie. Stopping at a full stop.	genre does this story	I can justify predictions	words does the writer		to write about in his
Emphasising words in	belong? What other	with evidence from the	use to build tension?	I can begin to identify	children's stories? Name
italics.	stories do you know	text. How do you know		and comment on different	and discuss similarities in
	with a similar genre?	he's out to hurt someone?	I can discuss words and	points of view in the text.	authors style.
I can use the context of		How do you know she's	phrases that capture the	What does the narrator	
the sentence to help me	I can use a range of	planning to have a great	reader's interest and	want us to think?	I can start to recognise
to read unfamiliar words.	organisational features to	time?	imagination.	Does the narrator like	some features of the text
Read the rest of the	locate information:		Which adjectives put	this character?	that relate to its
sentence back and see if	labels, diagrams and	I can comment on how	pictures in our minds		historical setting or its
you can work what that	charts, subheadings.	characters relate to one	here? Are there any	I can evaluate specific	social or cultural
word could mean.	Can you use the sub-	another.	words you can spot which	texts with reference to	background.
	headings to find the	What does Ellie think of	you think are effective?	text types.	How can you tell the story
I can use knowledge of	information on	Joe? Have the characters	Can you find a simile?	Is this a good action	is set in the past?
root words, suffixes and	Tutankhamen?	changed throughout the	Which are powerful	story?	What objects tell you
prefixes to read and		book? What did * think	verbs?	Why?	this story is set
understand new words.	I can use alphabetically	about * at the start of		Does this feel like a good	elsewhere?
Misprint	ordered texts to find	the book? How do they		adventure story?	
Dismount	information.	feel by the end of the		Does this story have a	I can retell some of
Important. Discuss what	Dictionary, Thesaurus,	book?		good ending? What other	the stories I am
the suffix or prefix	Contents, Index,			kinds of endings could the	familiar with.
means. What other words	Encyclopaedia. Find words			author of used? What	

do you know that fall into the same family? What is the root word and what is its meaning?	using the above. How do they help? How are they different? I can tell you about what I have read and make prediction for the next chapter.	I can say how I would feel if I was in the character's shoes. How would you feel if someone did this to you?	other stories have a similar ending?	Fairy stories, Myths and Legends.