

Sample questions Teachers can ask the following sample questions to evaluate and teach each of the elements of comprehension that are suggested in the Lessons.

- Main idea. What is your book about? What is happening on this page? What is the title of your book? Why do you think the author named it that?
- Detail. What is the character doing now? What is she holding? This is the name of this character. Can you find it again?
- Prediction/Inference. Based on the title of your book, what do you think it will be about? Why? Let me read to you what it says on this page. What do you think will happen next?
- Comparison. How are these characters alike? How are they different? How are these two books alike? Different? What changed from this picture to this one?
- Cause and effect. Look at the mess in this picture. What happened to cause it to happen? What is this character doing? What happened when he did it?
- Sequence. What happened at the beginning of the story? Then what happened? How did your book end? How did it begin? Let's talk about what is happening here. What happened before that?
- Description. How would you describe this place? This character? This item? It says here that someone is mean and evil. Who do you think is being described? Who is quiet and shy?
- Real and make believe. Is this character real or make believe? What happened in this story that was magical? Could that happen in real life or only in stories?
- Relate to student's experience. Has anything like this ever happened to you before? Have you ever seen a place like this? Does he remind you of anyone you know? Can you do what she is doing?
- Humor. Why did you laugh? What is funny? Isn't this a silly story? Do you like to be silly? What do you do when you are acting silly? What was funny about how she did that? Is there a special word or group of words that made that funny?
- When. When did that happen? What time of day is it? Is it earlier or later in this picture? What words tell when that happened?
- Where. Where is this story taking place? Show me or tell me about some of the different places in your book. Can you find any of the words that tell where they are?

