Teaching Reading: Question Stems

Vocabulary based questions

- Which word is closest in meaning to…?
- Which of the following (phrases) is closest in meaning to…?
- What does the word… tell you about…?
- What does _____ mean in this sentence?
- Find and copy _ words that show/tells you…
- Find and copy one word that is closest in meaning to _____
- Choose the best words to match to the description

Retrieval questions

- Why had…? What does…?
- What evidence is there of…?
- Give x things that you are told…
- What was revealed at…?
- Explain using evidence from the text/refer to the text
- Find and copy
- In what year… How long?
- Name 2…
- True or false…
- According to the test, how does/many/ much?
- What else in the text tells us that…?
- What was one effect of…?
- Which 2 verses/paragraphs are about…?
- What is happening straight after…? (2 steps - have to find that event then what comes next)
- I what way is ___ better than___?
- Explain why…?

Inference based questions

•Give two impressions… What impression does _____ give you?
•Why does x _____? Why is…?
•What conclusion does ____ draw from this?
•How is the… How can you tell that… How does ____ show/know… How did___ react?
•What was revealed at…?
•According to the text why might…?
•What does the word ___ suggest? What suggests that…?
•What does this paragraph tell you about…?
•This sentence _____ tells us that…
•The experience could be described as…
•Which word (from 4 given) would best complete ___'s question?
•What is ___ thinking after ___ ?(4 options given)
•Give one piece of evidence from the text to support each statement
Explain using evidence from the text/refer to the text to support your answer/give reasons and evidence from the text