

## What are Reading Vipers?

These are the key reading skills for children to be able read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts.

	<b>Vocabulary</b> Looking at the choice of words that an author uses in a text.
	<b>Infer</b> What is suggested but not said in the text? Read between the lines and find the 'hidden' meaning.
	<b>Predict</b> What might happen next based on what has happened in the text?
	<b>Explain</b> Explain their thoughts and opinions about a text.
	<b>Retrieve</b> Retrieve information from the text to answer questions.
	<b>Sequence</b> Putting the key events in order.

## How can I support my child with their reading comprehension at home?

You could try one or more of these activities at home with your child when you hear them read at home.

	<h3>Vocabulary</h3> <p>Pick out two or three words from the text they have read and use the passage to discuss their meaning. Talk about other words that have the same meaning.</p>
	<h3>Infer</h3> <p>Discuss a character's personality or feelings – ask your child "how do you know this?" See if they can spot something that is suggested but not said e.g. "the boy's hands were trembling" – we can infer that he might be nervous.</p>
	<h3>Predict</h3> <p>At a relevant part, stop and encourage your child to make a prediction about what might happen next, based on what they know.</p>
	<h3>Explain</h3> <p>Ask your child whether they liked the book and why. What was their favourite part, or character and were there any parts they didn't like?</p>
	<h3>Retrieve</h3> <p>See if your child can retrieve key information from the chapter you've read with them e.g. names/details/events.</p>
	<h3>Sequence</h3> <p>Can your child retell the story in order? See if they explain what happened at the beginning or end?</p>