

Reading Challenges

1 Pick 3 descriptive words from the text, write them down and explain why you think the author used them.	2 Complete a picture gallery of some of the characters. Explain the role of each character.	3 Make up 3 questions you would use to check someone has read the book carefully.
4 Write a description of one of the characters from your book. Add a picture if you wish.	5 Find words you don't understand in the story, write down their meanings from a dictionary. Find synonyms and antonyms for each.	6 Look at a non-fiction book. Write a five bullet point summary. Add diagrams if you wish.
7 Design a poster advertising the book. Remember to write on the poster why people should read it.	8 Draw a picture of one of the settings in the book; write words/phrases from the book around the setting to describe it.	9 Write the main events from a story as a story mountain.
10 Write an alternative ending to the story.	11 Write a new blurb for the back of the book.	12 Write a short play based on the story.
13 Write a letter to a character.	14 Write a list of questions you would like to ask the author or a character in the book.	15 Write about your favourite part of the story and explain why you have chosen it.

16 In your reading book which character are you most like and why?	17 Identify and explain the main themes.	18 Who would you recommend this book to and why?
19 What are the similarities and differences between the book and film?	20 Write a diary extract for one of the characters.	21 Choose two books by the same author and compare them. Write a list of similarities and differences.
22 Draw a decision tree/branched diagram to show the characteristics of different personalities.	23 From a non-fiction book write a glossary of technical words used.	24 Make a list of questions that pop into your head as you read (Think Aloud).
25 Write a summary of the story in no more than 200 words.	26 Complete a question quadrant.	27 Read the opening sentence. What does it make you think? Why does the author use it? What themes does it suggest?
28 Make a list of books with a similar theme – explain how they are similar.	29 Finish the sentence 'I like the way the author...' then explain your thinking.	30 Which book do you want to read next and why?