

What are Vipers?

VIPERS is an acronym originating from Edshed to aid the recall of the 6 reading domains as part of the UK's reading curriculum. They are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts.

VIPERS stands for:

Vocabulary

Inference

Prediction


Explanation

Retrieval


Sequence or Summarise

Reading Vipers

- V**ocabulary
- I**nfer
- P**redict
- E**xplain
- R**etrieve
- S**equence or Summarise



VIPERS KS2	
Vocabulary	What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood? Which word tells you that....? Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood? Find one word in the text which means..... Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to..... Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.....
Infer	How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this? How do the descriptions of show that they are How can you tell that..... What impression of do you get from these paragraphs? What voice might these characters use? What was thinking when..... Who is telling the story?
Predict	From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about? What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after? What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this? Do you think... will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Can you explain?



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VIPERS KS2	
Explain	Why is the text arranged in this way? What structures has the author used? What is the purpose of this text feature? What is the author's point of view? How does the author engage the reader here? Which section was the most interesting/exciting part? How does ... link to...?
Retrieve	How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know? How did...? How often...? Who had...? Who is...? Who did....? What happened to...? What does.... do? How is? What can you learn from from this section? The story is told from whose perspective?
Summarise	What happened after? What was the first thing that happened in the story?



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Questions you could ask at home to help with your child's reading.