



Opening up thinking

- What is ... beginning to suggest?
- What does the picture suggest?
- What does the diagram tell us?
- What can we infer from these words?/from that?
- What's that reminding you of?
- What can you tell me about ...
- What else can you see?
- What could we say about ...?
- What can we work out from ...? What can we say now?
- What does it suggest to us?
- Who do you think it might be?
- What is the writer/illustrator beginning to suggest?
- Let's think about this.

Encouraging people to build on ideas

- Is there anything else to say?
- Go on.
- So what does that tell us about ...?
- What's it suggesting?
- Can you tie that back into the story in any way?
- I think there is more to say about that.
- How does this link to ...?
- Have a chat in pairs about ...
- Let's build on that. / Can you build on ...

- Let's read back a bit.
- Has anyone else got anything to say?
- Say a bit more about ...
- Someone's noticed ...
- Because?
- What can we add in now? Can anyone add to that idea?
- Say a little more about that?
- That's interesting.
- Keep going.
- Which words tell you that?

Encouraging people to reflect on ideas

- Let's talk about that.
- Where's the evidence?
- Someone's now saying ...
- What is the bit that confirms ...?

Encouraging new thinking

- Look carefully at ... and then look at ...
- We need to look for more clues.
- We could think about the relationship between ...
- Is there another way of looking at that?
- You told me ... but look more closely at ...
- What's going on there?
- What is the writer now doing to the reader

Suggesting a contribution might be significant

- What else can we say?
- Start again and say it louder.
It could be really useful.
- Say that again. It sounded interesting .
- I love the way you said that because ...
- Keep going.

Guiding people away from blind alleys

- Could be but it ...
- How likely is that inference?
- Is there any evidence for that?

Ask open questions that help draw out ideas:

- What's puzzling you about this?
- Tell us a bit more.
- Keep going.
- Interesting.
- Anything else to say about that?
- Is there more to say?
- What's there to say about this?
- What does it remind you of?
- What does it make you think of?
- What do you notice about ...?
- Let's bear that in mind.
- Has anyone got anything to say about ...
- What are you thinking?
- Let's look again bearing that in mind.
- What's that image saying to us?
- Ooh – we're onto something.
Listen to this.
- Tell us a bit more about ... / Say a bit more about ...
- Anything else?

- Explain that further.
- Give us some examples.
- Mmm, that's interesting.
- Keep building on that idea.
- Can you build on that?
- The suggestion is ...
- Somebody explore ... a bit further.
- What's going on there?
- I think there could be more to this.
- Let's explore that notion.
- What does that make you think of?
- Somebody's suggesting that ...
- You might want to say more about that.
- We've now got the suggestion that ...
- What was your idea?
- Someone chip in.
- Lots of questions. Has anyone got any answers?
- Which one shall we start with?
- What do you think happened on the page before?
- Get into your pairs.
- Someone's noticed
- Which shall we explore first: the ... or ...?
- So someone is saying ...
- The suggestion is that ...
- The question now is ...
- Let's have a think about this.
- Let's run through the possibilities.
- Any other possibilities?
- Somebody add to this suggestion.
- Discuss this with your partner.

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