



Useful dialogic questions and prompts

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.*