
A Guide to Question–Answer Relationships

Question Types

Characteristics

Right There

The answers to these questions can be found right in the book. These are the *who*, *what*, *where*, and *when* types of questions. These questions are at a literal level and **do not** require the reader to make inferences.

Example: Where was the Secret School located?

Think and Search

Think and Search questions are also found in the book, but they require the reader to be more thoughtful. The information may be spread across several paragraphs, pages, or even chapters, but the information is in the book.

Example: What changes took place in Afghanistan after the soldiers took over Herat?

Author and Me

Author and Me questions are found by combining information from the text with the reader’s background knowledge. Here the reader interacts with the author to find the answer.

Example: For much of the story, Nasreen did not want to speak to anyone. Have you ever been so upset that you did not want to talk? What happened? What was it that finally helped you want to speak again?

On My Own

On My Own questions require the reader to move beyond the content of the book and think critically. Readers must be able to think beyond the text and relate it to their own lives.

Example: Why do you think that historically certain groups of people, such as women, slaves, and poorer people, have not had access to schools in various countries across the globe?

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