



Types of Comprehension Questions

There are many types of comprehension questions:

- Direct/Literal questions

- The answers are **facts** that can be retrieved from the given text
- Who question - refers to the person
- Where question - refers to the place
- When question - refers to the time
- What question - refers to situation/issue
- Why question - refers to the reason/cause and effect
- How question - refers to the steps/reasons

1. Read the question carefully

2. Highlight the key **words** or **phrases** in the question

3. Locate the answer in the passage

4. Lift what is **relevant** and answer the question in complete sentences

- Inferential questions (including referential questions)

- These questions require you to look for **clues** and use them to make **deductions** (guesses) or come to a conclusion
- You have to read between the **lines** and also figure out what the author is **implying** or **suggesting**.

- a. read the question carefully and **understand** the requirements of the questions.

- b. Look for **clues** and **evidence** in the passage

- c. Arrive at a conclusion

- d. Answer the question in a complete sentence

- Own words questions

- A direct question that requires you to **use your own words** in your answer (paraphrase)

- Read
- Highlight
- Locate
- Substitute
- Answer the question in a **complete** sentence

- Quotation questions

- **Quote** the relevant phrase or word from the passage that would fit the same meaning as/corresponds with the question

- Read the question carefully
- Highlight the key **words/phrases** or **key idea** in the question.
- Locate the answer in the passage.
- Lift what is **relevant** and answer the question using **quotation marks "**

- Language Use questions (e.g. figurative language)

- How certain words/phrases create an **effect/mental picture**
- How certain the reader understands the **intensity** of the action/sound/feeling

- read the question carefully
- highlight the **key ideas** in the question
- Locate the **corresponding ideas** in the given sentences
- Lift what is **relevant** from the passage

- Vocabulary question (matching words/phrases)
- Quotes and Explanation questions

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