

Question types

This chart shows the range of question types in **First Comprehension 1**, and the questions of each type found in each activity.

- **Literal** (or direct) questions ask children to retrieve information directly from the text – the answer is right there on the page.
- **Inferential** questions rely on reading between the lines to work out the answer. This may mean using children’s own experience of the world in order to form expectations about the text, or piecing together clues from the text – or both.
- **Evaluative** questions ask for children’s own response to or opinion on the text, usually backed by reasons and sometimes by direct quotation from the text.
- **Language and structure** questions focus on an aspect of the language or structure of the text, and may relate to children’s vocabulary development as well as to aspects of the author’s style.

	Literal questions	Inferential questions	Evaluative questions	Language and structure questions
Big red boots	1, 5	3, 4, 6, 7, 9		2, 4, 8, 9
British garden birds	1, 3, 4	2, 7		3, 5, 6
The Enormous Crocodile	2, 3, 6, 7	4, 5, 8, 9		1, 8
The wizard’s dog	1, 2, 3, 4	5	7	6
Dipping into the dictionary	1, 2	3, 4, 6	5	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Plop meets a boy scout	2, 5	1, 3, 4, 6, 7		1
I love my darling tractor	3, 4	1, 2, 3		2, 5, 7
Keeping warm in bed	2,3	1, 5	4	
An adventure for Brave Mouse	1, 4, 7	2, 3, 5, 6	8	3
The four friends	2, 3, 5, 6	1, 4		
What makes me move?	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8	3, 4	3	
A very small beetle	1, 4, 5, 6	2, 3, 8	7, 8	2, 6, 7
Birdsong lullaby	1, 3, 4, 7	2	5	2, 3, 6, 7, 8
Beyond the castle walls	3, 4	2, 5, 6, 7	7	1, 2, 7
Stop thief!	3, 4	1, 5, 6, 7		2, 4
The months	1, 2a, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2b	8	2
Jeremy Strong’s world	1, 2, 3a, 4, 5, 9	3b, 7, 8		6, 7
Clever Gretel	4	3, 5, 6, 8	1, 7	1, 2