

Question types

This chart shows the range of question types in **First Comprehension 2**, 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
Spider in the bath	2, 4, 5, 6, 7	1	1, 3	1, 3, 6
Stars twinkle	2, 3, 4, 5, 8	1, 6, 7		6
The Iron Man returns	1, 2, 6	3, 4, 5, 7, 8	3	2, 3
One-eyed monster	8	3, 4, 7, 9		1, 2, 5, 6
Swede pulls up carrot	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9, 10		1, 2
Mary and the robin	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1, 7, 8, 9	9	1, 3, 5
Written in March	3	2, 4, 5	6	1
Measuring straight lines	2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 4, 9		
Bird meets chimpanzee	2, 8	1, 4, 5, 6, 7	4, 7	3, 5
Get the picture?	2, 5	1, 3, 4, 6, 7		
Figurative expressions	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	5, 7		6, 8
Tracy Beaker’s nightmare	1, 2, 3, 4	6		5
from Roadways	5	1, 2, 4, 6	7	1, 3
Early bicycles	1, 2, 3a, 4, 5a, 6	3b, 5b		
A strange dream	3, 5, 6	1, 4, 7		2
Riddles of the seashore		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		2b
Fossil hunting	2, 4, 6, 7	5		1, 3
Camping with Toad	1, 2, 8	4, 5, 6		3, 4, 7