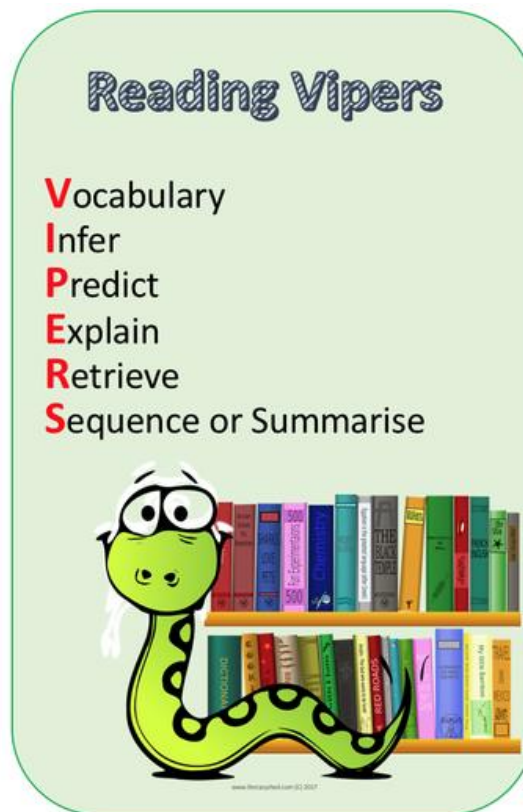


VIPERS

VIPERS is an acronym to aid the recall of the 6 reading domains as part of the reading National Curriculum. They are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts.

At Ravenscroft, we use the term 'Reading VIPERS' to encourage children to actively think about the comprehension skills they are using when they read.

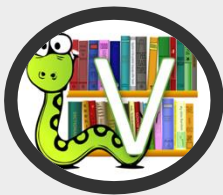
We have daily guided reading comprehension sessions from Year 2 onwards to ensure that children read age-related texts. We use VIPERS as our method to explicitly teach each skill.



The 6 domains focus on the comprehension aspect of reading and not the mechanics: decoding, fluency, prosody etc. As such, VIPERS is not a reading scheme but rather a method of ensuring that teachers ask, and students are familiar with, a range of questions. They allow the teacher to track the type of questions asked and the children's responses to these which allows for targeted questioning afterwards.

Example questions: KS1

Vocabulary



Draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.

- What does the word mean in this sentence?
- Find and copy a word which means
- What does this word or phrase tell you about
- Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?
- Which of the words best describes the character/setting/mood etc?
- Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?
- Why do you think is repeated in this section?

Infer



Make inferences from the text.

- Why was..... feeling.....?
- Why did happen?
- Why did say
- Can you explain why.....?
- What do you think the author intended when they said.....?
- How does make you feel?

Predict



Predict what you think will happen based on the information that you have been given.

- Look at the book cover/blurb – what do you think this book will be about?
- What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?
- How does the choice of character or setting affect what will happen next?
- What is happening? What do you think happened before? What do you think will happen after?
- What do you think the last paragraph suggests will happen next?

Explain



Explain your preferences, thoughts and opinions about the text.

- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Why do you think all the main characters are girls in this book?
- Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?
- Is there anything you would change about this story?
- Do you like this text? What do you like about it?

Retrieve



Identify and explain the key features of fiction and nonfiction texts such as: characters, events, titles and Information.

- What kind of text is this?
- Who did.....?
- Where did.....?
- When did.....?
- What happened when.....?
- Why did happen?
- How did?
- How many.....?
- What happened to.....?







Sequence



Sequence the key events in the story.

- Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened?
- What happened after
- What was the first thing that happened in the story?
- Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?
- In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?

Example questions: KS2

<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Vocabulary</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Find and explain the meaning of words in context</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood? ▪ Which word tells you that....? ▪ Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood? ▪ Find one word in the text which means..... ▪ Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to..... ▪ Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.....
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Infer</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Make and justify inferences using evidence from the text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Find and copy a group of words which show that... ▪ How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this? How do the descriptions of show that they are ▪ How can you tell that..... ▪ What impression of do you get from these paragraphs? ▪ What voice might these characters use? ▪ What was thinking when..... ▪ Who is telling the story?
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Predict</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Predict what might happen from the details given and implied.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about? ▪ What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after? ▪ What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this? ▪ Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops? ▪ Do you think... will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Explain</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ how content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole. ➤ how meaning is enhanced through choice of language. ➤ the themes and patterns that develop across the text. ➤ how information contributes to the overall experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why is the text arranged in this way? ▪ What structures has the author used? ▪ What is the purpose of this text feature? ▪ Is the use of effective? ▪ The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this. ▪ What is the author's point of view? ▪ What affect does have on the audience? ▪ How does the author engage the reader here? ▪ Which words and phrases did effectively? ▪ Which section was the most interesting/exciting part? ▪ How are these sections linked?
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Retrieve</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How would you describe this story/text? ▪ What genre is it? ▪ How do you know? ▪ How did...? ▪ How often...? ▪ Who had...? Who is...? Who did...? ▪ What happened to...? ▪ What does.... do? ▪ How is? ▪ What can you learn from from this section? ▪ Give one example of..... ▪ The story is told from whose perspective?
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Summarise</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened? ▪ What happened after ▪ What was the first thing that happened in the story? ▪ Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story? In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?