

Step 3 - Question Sentences

It is important to give the children reading material that they can decode for themselves. Often they feel that books are too hard for them. These Question Sentences can help to fill the gap. They are sometimes amusing and provide another source of reading practice.

This first group have only regular words made from the first 42 letter sounds and the tricky words 1-10.

Preparation:

- print the sheets on to light coloured A4 paper (makes a change to white all the time)
- laminate and cut out each sentence separately
- use with an individual child or a small group of children
- check that all the children are able to blend words, even if they are rather slow at it. They should also know the 42 letter sounds fairly well and the first ten tricky words. The aim is to practise blending, remembering the tricky words, working out the sentences, and thinking of the meaning by providing the answer to the question.

Teaching ideas:

- drop the pile of sentences in the middle of the table/floor. Each child picks up a sentence, works it out, and reads it to the teacher. He/she has to answer the question as well. If it is correctly read the child keeps it and chooses another sentence. At the end they count the sentences and you declare who the winner is.
- hold a sentence in front of the children and they all work it out together.
- give a sentence to a pair of children and they work it out between them.
- in pairs the children take it in turns to read a sentence to their partner.
- send a sheet of question sentences home for the child to read to an adult.

*** Note that the question sentences are in the Sassoon Primary Infant font. If you do not have this font on your computer, then the sentences will change to a font that is on your computer. If you think that this is not suitable for the children to read, then highlight and choose a more appropriate font e.g. one that does a rounded letter <a> rather than this complicated printed one.**

***Sassoon Primary Infant font can be purchased on the internet at www.clubtype.co.uk**

Is sand green?

Do we cut with a fork?

Can frogs jump?

Is milk good for us?

Can snails skip?

Is it raining?

Can trees run?

Will a bee sting if it is cross?

Can a fish sing a song?

Do ducks quack?

Can parrots lick stamps?

Do boats float?

Can a frog skip?

Do trees bend in the wind?

Is rock soft?

Do parrots clap?

Is the moon green?

Can a twig snap?

Is a coach bigger than a car?

Can a pig do a handstand?

Is a hammer for hitting nails?

Do moths sting?

Can a helicopter land on a ship?

Is milk red?

Can a box chatter?

Do cats bark?

Can a lamp stand up?

Do bees buzz?

Can a cat do sums?

Is a slug pink?

Do ants buzz?

Is a bee strong?

Do pigs cluck?

Can a ship sink?

Is the sun cold?

Do sharks sleep in a bed?

Can chips jump?

**Is the number six bigger than
three?**

Do chicks grunt?

Has a rabbit a long tail?

