

Week 2 Core text reading comprehension tasks: Year 5

A Thief in the Village and other stories

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Day	Pages	Stem	Questions
Monday	Read pages 12-16	Predicting. I wonder... I think... The next part will be about... ...because....	What do you think the story will be about? What clues do you have to make you think this? What kind of person is the narrator? How do you know? What are some of the activities the narrator enjoyed when they travelled home to Jamaica as a child?
Tuesday	Read pages 17-21	Asking Questions Who is... Where are... How does he.... What might happen if...?	Write 5 questions of your own. Who, What, When, Where How? True or false?
Wednesday	Read pages 22-25	Inferring The word * tells me... The part * suggests... This makes me think that... I think the character is.. I think the setting/mood is... because....	Find a phrase on page 22 that lets you know the police did not want to be discovered. Mr Big Walk is not treated fairly by other characters in the story. Why do you think this is? What kind of person is he? What does Cousin Dago's dialect tell you about his family background?
Thursday	Read pages 26-30	Making Connections I know about this because... I have seen this... This reminds me of.....because This character is similar too	This short story is about a thief and his attempts to fool a whole village. Is this similar to any other books you have read or films you have watched? Can you explain how? How are Nnena and Man-Man's lives different to the life of the narrator? Do you agree with how Man-Man treated the thief? What would you have done differently?
Friday	Read pages 12-34	Evaluating The word _____ works well... I like the way the author uses... This sentence has high impact... It is clever how the author... because....	Summarise the main events of this short story. What do you think are the main 3 things the author wanted you to know about children's lives in Jamaica? What do you predict will happen in the third story Tukku-Tukku and Samson?