

# QUESTION SKILLS INSTRUCTION (QSI) Teacher Manual



Level E

## Book 1: Lessons 1-6

Lesson	Max Part 3	Bonus
Lesson 1	10	<b>Neat writing and full sentences, one bonus mark for each.</b>
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A program for learning how to write answers to questions

## LESSON 1 This program will help you learn about three places you can find the answers to questions.

### SOURCE 1: Right There Questions (Here)



Right There Questions are those where the answer is **right there in one sentence**. There is only **one correct answer** to a Right There Question.

### SOURCE 2: Think & Search Questions (Hidden)



Think & Search Questions are where the answer is in **more than one sentence** or the answer uses **the story & your thinking together** to give a complete answer.

There might be **more than one** complete and correct answer to a Think & Search question.

### SOURCE 3: On My Own Questions (Head)







On My Own Questions are where the answer requires you to think of the answer **on your own** - there are **few** (sometimes no) clues in the story.

You need to **think about what you already know about the topic and the story**, and write an answer that **fits in with both** the story and what you already knew.

There can be **more than one** answer to On My Own questions.

**PART 1 - Finding What To Look For:**

**Using Clue Words From The Question**

CLUE WORD	SAMPLE QUESTION	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	ANSWERS (SAMPLES TO LOOK FOR)
<p><b>What</b></p> 	<p>What <u>is Tim holding</u>?</p>	<p>Name(S)</p>	<p><u>Tim is holding</u> the books. (the cats, mum, a cake, toy, people, a house, the world, the men)</p>
<p><b>Where</b></p> 	<p>Where <u>is mum going</u>? Where <u>is the cat sitting</u>?</p>	<p>Name(S) of a Place (S)</p>	<p><u>Mum is going</u> home. <u>The cat is sitting</u> in the kitchen. (the river, Dubbo, the moon, Japan, floor, on the chair)</p>
<p><b>When</b></p> 	<p>When <u>will we be going</u>?</p>	<p>Time</p>	<p><u>We will be going</u> at ten o'clock. (later, morning, soon, midnight, in a while, evening... till lunch, till one o'clock, till late)</p>
<p><b>Why</b></p> 	<p>Why <u>is mum here</u>? Why <u>is Tim crying</u>?</p>	<p>Reason (S) &amp; <b>because</b></p>	<p><u>Mum is here</u> because she has to pick me up. <u>Tim is crying</u> because he is sad. (because my eyes hurt, because I did the wrong thing.)</p>

## Steps for finding a Right There answer

1	<b>Circle</b>	Circle the Clue Word that tells you what to look for. (Use the Table to help, eg When, Where)
2	<b>Underline (Highlight)</b>	Underline the words you need from the question. These will be part of the answer.
3	<b>Find</b>	Find a sentence in the text that has the words from the question.
4	<b>Underline</b>	Underline the words & that sentence.
5	<b>Read</b>	Read the question and the underlined sentence.
6	<b>Check</b>	Ask: "Does the sentence answer the question?" AND "Is this the whole answer?" If YES, then go on to 7. If NO, look again.
7	<b>Write</b>	Write the sentence.
8	<b>Check</b>	Check: Read the answer and question again.

All the questions you will have in these first lessons will be Right There Questions. These have the answer is **Right There** in the text **in one sentence**. Most of the words in the question can be found in one sentence in the story.

**Part 2:** Do this text with your teacher.



The mother cat is covered with soft, black and white fur.

The mother cat sits in the sun in the morning.

The mother cat is sitting on the mat.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Circle and underline - use a new colour for each question!

Q1. What is the mother cat covered with?

A1. The mother cat is covered with soft, black and white fur.

(Does this answer the question?) **Yes or Y**

(Is this the whole answer?) **Yes**

Q2. When does the mother cat sit in the sun?

A2. The mother cat sits in the sun in the morning.

(Does this answer the question?) **Yes or Y**

(Is this the whole answer?) **Yes**

Q3. Where is the mother cat sitting?

A3. The mother cat is sitting on the mat.

(Does this answer the question?) **Yes or Y**

(Is this the whole answer?) **Yes**

**PART 3 - Do this text on your own.**



Jane was getting out all her winter clothes. Jane was wearing lots of warm clothes in the cold weather. On her feet Jane was wearing warm woollen socks. Jane was wearing a red hat on her head. On top of her clothes Jane was wearing a thick black overcoat. Jane likes to put her hands into the coat pockets because it keeps them warm.

**Questions and Answers**

**Circle and underline and use different colours.**

Q1. What was Jane getting out?

A1. Jane was getting out all her winter clothes.

(Does this answer the question?)**Y**(Is this the whole answer?) **Y**

Q2. What was Jane wearing in the cold weather?

A2. Jane was getting out all her winter clothes.

(Does this answer the question?)**NO**

Q3. What was Jane wearing in the cold weather?

A3. Jane was wearing lots of warm clothes in the cold weather.

(Does this answer the question?)**Y**(Is this the whole answer?) **Y**

Q4. What was Jane wearing on her feet?

A4. Jane was wearing black boots on her feet.

(Does this answer the question?)**NO**

Q5. What was Jane wearing on her feet?

A5. Jane was wearing warm woollen socks on her feet.

(Does this answer the question?)**Y**(Is this the whole answer?) **Y**

### **Extension Questions**

Q6. What was Jane wearing on her head?

A6. Jane was wearing warm woollen socks on her head.

(Does this answer the question?)**NO**

Q7. What was Jane wearing on her head?

A7. Jane was wearing a red hat on her head.

(Does this answer the question?)**Y**(Is this the whole answer?) **Y**

Q8. What was Jane wearing on top of her clothes?

A8. Jane was wearing a thick, black overcoat on top of her clothes.

(Does this answer the question?)**Y**(Is this the whole answer?) **Y**

Q9. Where does Jane like to put her hands?

A9. Jane puts her hands in her pockets.

(Does this answer the question?)**Y**(Is this the whole answer?) **Y**

Q10. Why does Jane like to put her hands in her pockets?

A10. Jane likes to put her hands in her pockets because it keeps them warm.

(Does this answer the question?)**Y**(Is this the whole answer?) **Y**

**Colour Jane's socks if you have time**

