

On-the-Surface Questions

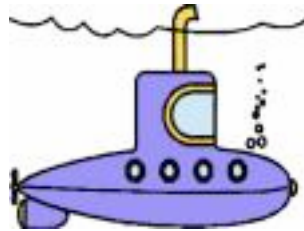


These are the kind of questions we ask to help us understand what we are reading as we “sail” through text. We can find the answers to these questions by looking directly at what the author has written.

Examples:

- *What is the first pig’s house made of?*
- *What does the wolf say as he encounters each pig’s house?*

Below-the Surface Questions

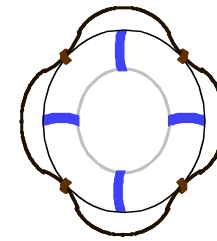


These are the kind of questions we ask to help deepen our understanding of what we read. In order to answer these questions, we use what the author tells us on the surface and add to it some of our own knowledge and/or experiences.

Examples:

- *Why do you think the pigs didn’t believe that the wolf was dangerous?*
- *If you had been the pig in the straw house, what would you have done?*

Life Preserver Questions



These are the kind of questions we ask as we read text and try to understand the world around us. The answers to these questions come from beyond the text. We use our own life experiences to shape the answers to these questions.

Examples:

- *What do you do when you find that obstacles get in your way toward accomplishing a goal?*
- *Explain whether you think working on your own is better than working collaboratively.*