

# Comprehension Strategy Lesson Plans and Practice Pages

The following preview shows all of the comprehension strategy resources for Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting

## Asking Questions Lesson Plan

### Asking Questions

**1**

**Get Ready To Read**

- Learn about the book
- Get your brain ready to read
- Understand the meaning of important words found in the book

**2**

**Learn About Comprehension Strategies**

- Think about the text you read
- Know what to do

**Fly Away Home**  
By: Eve Bunting  
Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: M

**Summary**

*Fly Away Home* is the story of a homeless boy named Andrew and his father who live in an airport. They have lived in the airport ever since Andrew's mother died. The boy and his father live in the airport because living in an airport is better than living on the streets. Andrew and his father have to be very careful so they don't get caught. They sleep during the day and try to stay as clean as possible. Andrew hopes that one day he and his father will have enough money to move into a real apartment.

**Link to What You Know**

- What does it mean to be homeless?
- When you see homeless people what do you wonder about them?
- If you had to leave your home, what would you miss most?

**Important Words to Know and Understand**

**Escalator** – A moving set of stairs that carries people up or down from one level of a building to another

**Security** – A job held by people who work to make other people and places safe

**Why Readers Ask Questions While Reading**

Readers ask questions because it makes reading much more interesting. By asking questions readers can turn a text into a treasure hunt, where their job is to find the answers to their questions. When readers ask questions, they think about what they already know and what they want to find out.

When you choose a book, it's important to ask questions before you read. Read the title, the blurb on the back, and look at the cover art. What are you curious about? What do you hope to learn from reading the book?

You should also ask questions while you read. Try asking questions that help you answer who or what the book is about and where or when the story takes place.

It's important to ask questions after you read a book. Asking questions after reading will help you decide whether or not you understood what you read. Ask questions if you are confused or are wondering about something.

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## Guided Reading Level

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**Asking Questions While Reading**

- Try asking questions that begin with "I wonder..." or "Why..."
- Decide whether or not your questions

**4**

**Notice the Work You Did While Reading**

- Think
- Reflect
- Write

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**Time to Reflect**

**Think** – When readers ask questions they think about what they need to know in order to really understand a book. Because no two readers are the same, your questions will usually be different from other people who are reading the same book. What question did you ask that helped you to really understand or enjoy *Fly Away Home*?

**Talk** – Tell your reading partner about the most important question you asked while reading. Explain how you answered your question and why the answer helped you.

**Reflect** – Think about the questioning work you did while reading *Fly Away Home*. Which types of questions helped you the most? Were there anything that you are still wondering about? If so, how can you answer your question?

**Write** – Glue your Strategy Slip into your reader's notebook. Write about the work you did while reading *Fly Away Home*. (Remember to include examples from the book!)

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## Activate Prior Knowledge

## Page by Page Guide and Strategy Questions

## Turn, Talk, and Reflect

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## Making Inferences

### Answer Key for Retelling and Summarizing with Fly Away Home

**Your Turn to Practice Retelling and Summarizing with Fly Away Home**

**Page 9:** The boy and his father know a lot about living in an airport. Name some of the small lives they follow.

**Page 14:** Why do you suppose the author told us about the bird that got caught in the airport? Do you think this is an important part of the story? Why or why not?

**Page 20:** The Medinas have some things in common with the boy and his father. What do they have in common? Why do the boy and his father talk to the Medinas, but not to the other people who live in the airport?

**Pages 23 to 24:** Make an inference about Andrew's father. What is he thinking? How does he feel about living in an airport? Why do you think so?

### Answer Key for Making Predictions with Fly Away Home

**Your Turn to Practice Making Predictions with Fly Away Home**

**Page 4:** What can you infer about the boy and his father? How do you know? Look at the picture. What can you infer from the picture?

**Page 14:** What can you infer about Andrew when he sees the bird? What is he thinking? How is he feeling? How do you know? Look at the picture. What can you infer from the picture?

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## Practice Pages and Answer Keys

# Writing About Reading with Optional CCSS Alignment

**"I Can" Statement**

**Strategy and Text Based Reader's Response Prompt**

**Common Core State Standard**

**Common Core Free Option**

**Reading Response Prompts for Each Comprehension Strategy Lesson Plan**

## 4 Comprehension Strategy Graphic Organizers

**Retelling and Summarizing**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

What is this book about?

Is it fiction or non-fiction?

Draw a picture or write a sentence for each box below.

First	Next	Then
After that	Then	Last

What is the most important thing you read in this book?

Directions:  
1. Answer each of the questions.  
2. Carefully cut on the dotted line.  
3. Glue, tape, or staple into your reader's notebook.

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Retelling and Summarizing

**Making Inferences**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

What the Text Says	What I Know	What I Can Infer
1. How do you feel about the story?	2. How do you feel about the story?	3. How do you feel about the story?

Directions:  
1. Answer each of the questions.  
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**Making Predictions**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Predictions of the Beginning	Predictions while Reading	Check Predictions of the End
1. How do you feel about the story?	2. How do you feel about the story?	3. How do you feel about the story?

Directions:  
1. Answer each of the questions.  
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**Asking Questions**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Question Sentence Starter

I wonder... Why didn't... How does...  
I am confused when... I am curious about... I am not sure why...

Question	Answer

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