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Understanding Questions Skills

Answering questions in any subject can be very confusing, especially if you do not understand what is being asked of you. Even if your first or second grader knows the answer, if he or she doesn't understand the question, he or she will probably get the answer wrong. There are multiple skills required to be able to successfully answer questions at any grade level, and this workbook is intended to give your first or second grader the opportunity to achieve success.

- **Reading**—Basic sight words are learned using the question format starting from kindergarten.
- **Critical thinking and problem solving**—Visual cues lead to the understanding of how to answer reading comprehension questions.
- **Visual memory**—Visual cues offer tangible support and increase the ability to answer specific questions while improving the ability to remember concepts.
- **Visual motor**—Using visual modality and motor modality at the same time increases the likelihood of absorbing the information and remembering it.
- **Vocabulary**—Frequent practice of basic sight-word vocabulary increases reading fluency and comprehension.
- **Question comprehension**—Understanding questions is the foundation for test taking and everyday conversation.
- **Picture-word relationships**—Pictures and words are interactive and help to develop visual schema for future learning.
- Language and communication—The ability to understand a language means that one can comfortably respond to verbal and written forms of a language.
- **Test taking**—Tests provide practice interpreting questions and identifying what kind of answer to look for in passages.
- Multiple modality learning—Everyone is an individual and has his or her own unique learning style. Most have strengths in at least one modality, but more often than not, a first or second grader is more successful when multiple modalities are used in instruction. The format of this workbook incorporates visual cues with words in order to help a first or second grader become a more independent learner and thinker.







Question Word Chart

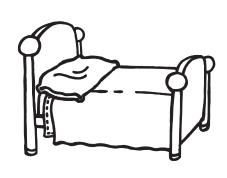
Who—Person

Where—Place

What—Thing







When—Time

Why—Reason

How—Way







How many—Number What kind—Type

Which—Choice









Directions: Use the Question Word Chart on page 5 to help you circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Who went to the beach?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

2. What did they make?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

3. Where did they play?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

4. When did they go to the beach?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

5. Why is winter fun?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

6. Who read the book?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

7. What was the name of the book?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

8. When did you read the book?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

9. Where did you read the book?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

10. Why did you read the book?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

Directions: Use the Question Word Chart on page 5 to help you circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Which picture do you think is the best?

- a. reason
- b. choice
- c. place
- d. type
- e. thing

2. What kind of food do you eat most often?

- person a.
- b. choice
- c. type
- d. thing
- e. reason

3. How many toys do you have at home?

- person
- b. number c. thing
- d. time
- e. choice

4. How did you learn to roller-skate?

- person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. wav

5. What does that key open?

- person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

6. Who wants to play a game with me?

- person a.
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. choice

7. When did the cat run away?

- a. person
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason

8. Where did you find that pretty, green rock?

- person a.
- b. place
- c. time
- d. thing
- e. type

9. Why is the baby over there crying?

- a. number
- b. reason
- c. thing
- d. place
- e. way

10. When can we have our ice-cream party?

- person a.
- b. place
- c. thing
- d. time
- e. reason