

Quick Guide to Question Types.

1. Factual/Direct Question

A factual (literal) question requires you to **locate** answers/information in the text.

A factual question usually begins with:

What/Who/When/Where/How.

Why (cause & effect)

Factual Questions may ask you to:

a) Make comparisons / find similarities and differences

2. Inferential Question

An inferential question requires you to look for **contextual clues** given in the text. It requires you to give your own reason.

An inferential question may begin with: "Suggest a reason..." / "Why do you think.."

3. Language Use

a) Factual / Vocabulary Question

It requires you to locate the answer (phrase) and paraphrase.

A factual/vocabulary question usually has:

In your own words...

b) Inferential/ Vocabulary Question (Language for Impact)

Looks at the writer's intention when he uses a particular word

Or Evaluates the effectiveness of the word/phrases used in bringing meaning across

You will need to look at the given word/phrase first. Understand its meaning. Then explain the reason for its use.

Language for Impact Questions may look like this:

What does the phrase suggest about the writer's feelings?

How effective is the phrase in suggesting that....