



Inspire Your Reader: Spark a Conversation!

BRANCHES books, which bridge the gap between leveled readers and early chapter books, now include thought-provoking questions at the end of each book! Subversively educational, these questions check for your reader's understanding alongside illustrations and favorite characters.

Included here are the questions that correspond to each of the **BRANCHES** books – use them to engage your child in a conversation about what they have read and to reinforce their critical thinking skills.

With these questions for each book, you can guide your young reader in:

- Identifying key ideas and details
- Understanding craft and structure
- Building foundational skills through phonics, word recognition, and fluency
- Acquiring new vocabulary

Happy reading with **BRANCHES!**

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

Eerie Elementary

The School is ALIVE?



Quicksand is a **compound word**. A compound word is made up of two words that come together to make one new word. What is quicksand? Use what you know about **quick** and **sand** to figure out the meaning.

Who is Mr. Nekobi? And how does he help Sam?



Look at the picture on page 54. What is Sam doing?



How does Antonio's sandwich help Sam save everyone?

Would **you** want to be the hall monitor? Use examples from the book to write **why** or **why not**.



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

Eerie Elementary

The Locker ATE Lucy?

What do Sam and his friends learn from the book *Eerie: A Town History*?

What is the terrible truth about Orson Eerie and Eerie Elementary?



How does the sun help Sam, Antonio, and Lucy save the day?

Pretend your school comes to life. Use sound-effects words to write an action-packed story.

KLANG!
BOOM!
RUMBLE!



Sam, Lucy, and Antonio visit the library to research their town. Visit your local library to see what interesting **facts** you can uncover about your town!

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

Eerie Elementary

Recess is a JUNGLE?

Why does Sam think it is safe to follow the soccer ball?



What do Sam and his friends discover when they follow the crow?

Antonio drops PB & J crumbs to keep from getting lost. Does it work? Why or why not?



Orson and Sam are enemies. Write part of the story from Orson's point of view instead of Sam's.

Sam carefully explains how to escape the hedge maze. Work with a partner to write out instructions to do something such as playing soccer, walking to school, or escaping a maze!

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

Eerie Elementary

The Science Fair
is FREAKY?

Why does Mr. Nekobi think the school science fair should be cancelled?



Why does Sam choose to do the baking soda volcano experiment?

What is happening in the picture on page 57?



How do Sam, Antonio, and Lucy defeat the volcano?

Which science fair project would **you** choose: the volcano, the invisible ink, or the weather? Write one paragraph explaining your opinion. Then research how to do the project!