

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.

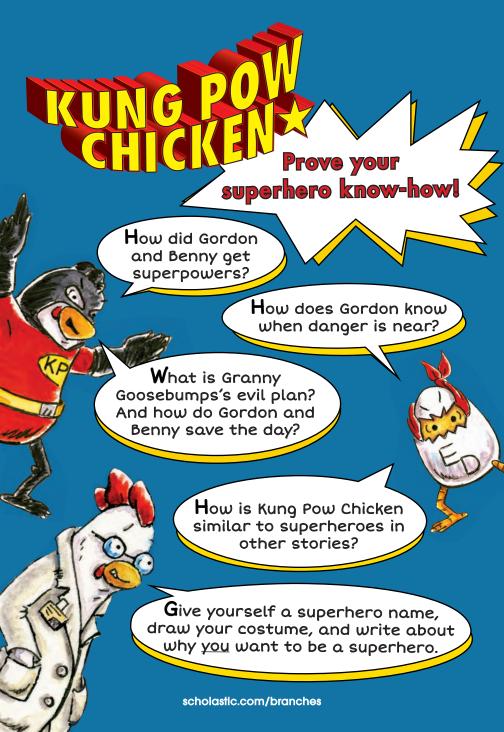
With these questions for each book, you can guide your young reader in:

- 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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Prove your superhero know-how!

What are some of Gordon's superpowers? Name three!

A compound word is made up of two words that come together to make one new word. Break these compound words into two words to figure out their meanings: superpower, newspaper, and rooftops.

Benny tells Gordon that,
"a true hero helps out—no matter
what other chickens say about
him." Is this good advice?
Why or why not?

What is Dr. Screech's evil plan?

Sam Snood does not believe Kung Pow Chicken is a hero.
Pretend you are a reporter who believes he is a hero. Write an article about how he saved Honey Comb.



Prove your superhero know-how!

Look at the picture on page 13. Why is Gordon's walk to school stranger than normal?

Why is Birdbrain turning chickens into zombies?

How does Beak Girl help
Kung Pow Chicken and Egg Drop?
How do Kung Pow Chicken and
Egg Drop feel about her?

What is the difference between the words <u>smart</u> and <u>smartest</u>? What does the suffix <u>-est</u> mean?

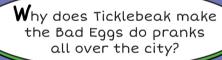
Pretend you are a sidekick like Egg Drop. Design your costume and describe your superpower.

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KUNG POW CHICKEN

Prove your superhero know-how!

Why does Gordon think it is super hard being a superhero?



Draw pictures and write speech bubbles to retell the important events of Heroes on the Side.

How does Uncle Quack's gadget help Egg Drop rescue the sidekicks?

Egg Drop has just won the award for Sidekick of the Year. Write an acceptance speech for him!

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