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

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Olive & Beatrix

Questions and Activities!

Why is only one of the twins a witch?

How does Olive and Eddie's trick on Beatrix turn into a big, hairy, scary problem?

Write words and draw pictures to describe how Olive, Beatrix, and Eddie finally shrink and capture the spiders!

Do you think Olive and Eddie should have played the trick on Beatrix? Why or why not?

Look at the words and pictures on pages 68 and 69. What is the meaning of the words revive and replace? What does the prefix re- mean?

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Look at the pictures on pages 4 and 5. How do Olive and Beatrix take a cookie from the jar in different ways?

How does Beatrix use magic and how does Olive use science to solve the blob problem? Provide examples.

What causes the blob to form?

Why don't Olive, Beatrix, and Eddie want to eat their original desserts?

Reread Eddie's songs on pages 10 and 23. Pick out the rhyming words. Think of two new pairs of words that rhyme. Then write a song!