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**!
How much do you know about Eva’s Treetop Festival?

Name some cool owl facts.

Eva creates the word **bloomtastic**. This word is made up of two real words: bloom and fantastic. What do you think **bloomtastic** means?

Does Eva think the festival is a success? Why or why not?

How does Eva feel about me at the beginning of the story and at the end? What does Eva learn about teamwork?

Would you want to take part in the fashion show, talent show, art show, or bake-off? Use words and pictures to describe what you would do.

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How much do you know about *Eva Sees a Ghost*?

What are some of my favorite things? What are some of my least favorite things?

How does Eva feel when her classmates don’t believe her? What happens that changes the way her classmates think about the ghost?

What not-so-nice things do I do throughout this story? How do I surprise Eva?

Use examples from the book to describe the ghost that Eva sees. Then write or draw pictures to show the truth!

Create a questionnaire to learn more about your friends! Share it with them. Then talk about your discoveries!

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Planning a wedding is hard. What do my friends and I do to help Miss Featherbottom?

Miss Featherbottom’s necklace is very special. Explain why the necklace is so important to her.

Eva loves reading mystery books – and she learns from them as well! What does Eva learn about how to be a detective? How does Eva use what she learned to solve the mystery of the missing necklace?

Why am I the only owl who is not super excited for the wedding?

Write a diary entry about a party you’ve attended. Explain the reason for the party, describe the decorations, list the guests, and add any other fun details!
Write an article for the Owl Times about why your friends are important to you.

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