



# 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.

**W**ho is Mr. Nekobi? And how does he help Sam?



**L**ook at the picture on page 54. What is Sam doing?



**H**ow does Antonio's sandwich help Sam save everyone?

**W**ould **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!