

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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Can you answer these questions about Picture Day?

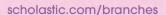
Turn to my journal on page 5.
What do you learn about me
from my lists? Make a list of
things you like and things
you do not like.

Look at Missy's outfit on page
22. How is your idea of a super duper
royal deluxe outfit similar to or different
from Missy's? Draw your super duper
royal deluxe outfit. Add labels to it.

How is the outfit Missy picked out **different** from the outfit her mother picked out for her?

In the end, how
do Missy and Oscar
work together to
make their outfits
better?

What does the word ruined mean on page 26? Use the clues in the story to find its meaning.





Can you answer these questions about Class Pets?

Look at the pictures and words on page 13.
What are the different ways I ask my mother if I can bring home the class pets?

How does Missy finally get her mother to let her bring me home? Reread pages 15-16 for clues.

What was Missy thinking about on pages 34-35 when she **should** have been paying attention in class?

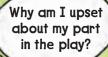
The rats in this story (Eenie-meenie, Miney, and Moe) are named after a popular counting rhyme. Write out the counting rhyme. Then circle all the words that rhyme.

I look up how to take care of
Eenie-Meenie, Miney, and Moe. Choose
a pet you'd like to have. Look up
information about caring
for that pet.

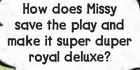
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Can you answer these questions about School Play?



Look at the pictures on pages 4 and 5. What does Missy think will happen when she is a star?



Do you think Missy should have been so upset about being a peanut? Use words and pictures to say why or why not.

What do you learn about
George Washington Carver from
my report? What do you learn from
Missy's report?

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Can you answer these questions about Field Trip?

Oscar and I have different ideas about what the field trip is about. What do we each think?

Look at page 37. What do you think the light bulb means? Why was Missy wiggling and shuffling her feet during the tour?

What is Missy's super duper plan that she shares with the governor?

What question's would you like to ask the governor? Write a letter to your governor using who, what, where, when, and how. Draw pictures, too.

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