



Reading Guide for *The Slug and the Snail* by Oein DeBhairduin

Prompt questions for 4-6 years old

The boy in the story was not invited to the party. Why not? (Inferring)

Who are Travellers? (Previous knowledge/Questioning)

Who are settled people? (Previous knowledge/Questioning)

How do you think the child felt when he wasn't invited to his friend's party? (Inferring/Making connections)

Were the slugs happy to roam wild and free? Look at the picture - how do you know? (Inferring)

Can you show me the slug? Did you ever see a slug? (Making connections)

Did you ever see a snail? (Making connections)

What's the difference between slugs and snails? (Questioning)

How are slugs and snails the same? (Questioning)

The two brothers didn't get on well any more after the younger brother got a shell – why? (Inferring)

How did the older brother feel about his younger brother as a snail? (Inferring)

In the end did the older brother have a home? (Inferring)

Do you think the two brothers will be friends? (Inferring/predicting)

Prompt questions 6–8 years old

The boy in the story was not invited to the party. Why not? (Inferring)

Who are Travellers? What does that word mean? (Questioning)

Who are settled people? What does that word mean to you? (Questioning)

What do you know about Travellers? (Previous knowledge/questioning)

How do you know that? (Questioning)

How do you think the child felt when he wasn't invited to his friend's party? (Inferring/Making connections)

Have you ever been left out/were you ever not invited to something? (Making connections)

How did that feel? (Making connections)

Were the slugs happy to roam wild and free? How do you know? (Inferring)

Why were they confused about the crow's question 'Where is your home?' (Inferring)

Why did the crow laugh when the slugs said they had no nest? (Inferring/predicting)

Why was the slug embarrassed? (Inferring)

Did you ever feel embarrassed? How does that feel? (Making connections)

The two brothers didn't get on well any more after the younger brother got a shell. Why? (Inferring)

What's the difference between slugs and snails? (Questioning)

What is similar between slugs and snails? (Questioning)

How did the younger brother feel about having a home? (Inferring)

How did the older brother feel about having a home? (Inferring)

How did he feel about his brother as a snail? (Inferring)

In the end did the older brother have a home? (Inferring)

After they spoke to the crow a second time they felt more comfortable with each other. Why? (Inferring)

Do you think the two brothers will be friends? (Inferring/predicting)

What can we learn from the story of the slug and the snail? (Inferring)

In what ways are Travellers and settled people the same? (Inferring)