



AIO – KS1 Reading Skills

Summarising What We Read & Predicting What Happens Next

1. Introduction (What is this about?)

When we read a story, we need to:

- Understand it
- Remember the important parts
- Think about what might happen next

This helps children become **confident readers and thinkers**.

Why it matters:

- Improves **reading comprehension**
- Builds **speaking and writing skills**
- Encourages **imagination and reasoning**

By the end, children will:

- Retell a story in **their own words**
 - Pick out the **most important parts**
 - Make **good predictions** using clues
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2. Blueprint (How we learn it – KS1 Steps)

Step-by-Step Reading Strategy:

1. **Read or listen** to the story

2. **Spot the important parts**
3. **Say the story shortly** (summary)
4. **Look for clues**
5. **Guess what might happen next**

Core Skills:

-  Understanding
 -  Speaking in sentences
 -  Thinking ahead
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3. Short Sheet (KS1 Quick Memory Help)

Summarising = “Short Story”

Ask:

- Who is in the story?
- Where does it happen?
- What is the problem?
- What happened first / next / last?

 *Keep it short – only the important bits!*

Predicting = “What do I think will happen?”

Use:

- Pictures
- What the characters do
- What has already happened

Say:

“I think _____ will happen because _____.”

4. Glossary (Simple KS1 Words)

- **Summary** – telling the story in a short way
 - **Predict** – guessing what will happen next
 - **Clue** – something that helps us guess
 - **Character** – a person or animal in a story
 - **Beginning / Middle / End** – parts of a story
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5. Quick FAQs (Child-Friendly)

Q: Do I have to remember every detail?

👉 No! Just the important parts.

Q: Can my prediction be wrong?

👉 Yes! That's okay – we are practising thinking.

Q: Can I use pictures to help?

👉 Yes! Pictures give us clues.

6. Step-by-Step Guide (Teacher / Parent Use)

Summarising Together:

1. Read the story aloud
2. Ask: “*What was the story mostly about?*”
3. Use sentence starters:
 - “The story is about...”
 - “First..., then..., finally...”

Predicting Together:

1. Stop before the end
 2. Ask: “*What do you think will happen next?*”
 3. Encourage:
 - “I think... because...”
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7. Visual Map (KS1 Friendly)

Story Map:

Beginning → Middle → End



What might happen next?

(Use pictures, drawings, or emojis)

8. Case Studies / Examples



Example Story:

A bear is looking for honey.

Summary:

"The bear looked for honey. He went to the tree. He found some honey."

Prediction:

"I think the bear will eat the honey because he is hungry."

9. Do's and Don'ts



Do:

- Use your own words
- Look at pictures
- Say why you think something



Don't:

- Copy the whole story
 - Worry about being wrong
 - Forget to explain your thinking
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10. Learning Path (KS1 Progression)



Beginner:

- Retell with pictures
- One-sentence predictions

Developing:

- 2–3 sentence summaries
- Predictions with reasons

Confident:

- Oral and written summaries
 - Multiple predictions
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11. Quiz / Self-Check (KS1)

True or False:

1. A summary is a long story 
 2. A prediction is a guess 
 3. Pictures can help predictions 
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12. Template / Worksheet

My Reading Page:

Title: _____

My Summary:

“The story is about...”

My Prediction:

“I think _____ will happen because _____.”

13. Common Misconceptions

 “I must be right”

 Predictions are about thinking, not guessing right

-  “I must say everything”
 Only the most important parts matter
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14. Teacher Tips / Pro Insights

- Use **talk partners**
 - Model thinking aloud
 - Praise **reasoning**, not just answers
 - Use sentence stems daily
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15. Challenge / Fun Activity

Story Stop Game

- Stop reading before the end
 - Draw what you think will happen next
 - Share and explain your idea
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Conclusion

Children learn best when they:

- Talk about stories
- Retell them simply
- Use clues to think ahead

These skills build **strong readers for life** 

16. Differentiation (Supporting All Learners)

Support / Emerging Readers:

- Use **pictures only** to summarise
- Adult models the sentence first

- Use oral responses instead of writing
- Sentence stems:
 - “The story is about...”
 - “I think ... will happen”

Expected Level:

- 2–3 sentence summaries
- Predictions with **one reason**
- Use story language (characters, setting)

Greater Depth:

- Add **why** and **how** in predictions
 - Compare two predictions
 - Explain which is more likely and why
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17. Assessment (KS1 Friendly Checks)

Teacher Observation:

- Can the child retell the story?
- Do they choose important events?
- Can they explain their prediction?

Simple Success Criteria:

- ✓ I can tell the story in my own words
- ✓ I can say what might happen next
- ✓ I can explain why I think that

Oral Assessment:

- Talk partners
 - Whole-class discussion
 - Story retell circle
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18. Cross-Curricular Links

 **Writing:**

- Turn summaries into **short recounts**
- Write an alternative ending

 **Art:**

- Draw the summary (3 pictures)
- Draw the predicted ending

 **Drama:**

- Freeze-frame the story
- Act out “what happens next”

 **PSHE:**

- Predict how a character might feel
 - Discuss choices and consequences
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 **BONUS: KS1 Daily Sentence Stems (Display-Ready)**

- “This story is about...”
 - “The main character is...”
 - “First... Then... Finally...”
 - “I predict that...”
 - “I think this because...”
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 **Mini Recap for Teachers & Parents**

Children are successful when they can:

- **Retell simply**
- **Focus on key events**
- **Use clues**
- **Explain their thinking**

Prediction is about **thinking**, not guessing correctly.

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