



The Black Rabbit by Philippa Leathers

These STEM focussed questions are designed to use alongside the questions you would usually ask when reading a story.

Before you start reading, you could ask:

- What do you think the black rabbit might be?
- Why do you think that?

While reading the story, you could ask:

Pages 1

- Is it day time or night time when the rabbit comes out of his burrow?
- How can you tell?
- What is the weather like?

Pages 2 and 3

- Do you have any more ideas about what the black rabbit could be?

Pages 4 and 5

- Why do you think the black rabbit is chasing the rabbit?

Pages 6 and 7

- What do you think will happen when rabbit steps out from behind the tree?

Pages 8 and 9

- Why do you think the black rabbit is in front of the rabbit now and not behind him, chasing him?



Pages 10 and 11

- What do you think/predict will happen when rabbit gets out of the water?
- Why do you think this will happen?

Pages 12 and 13

- Why is the black rabbit on the reeds?

Pages 14 and 15

- Why doesn't the black rabbit reply?
- Do you think it has grown bigger? How?

Pages 16 and 17

- What do you predict/think will happen in the woods?
- Why do you think the black rabbit is on the signpost?

Pages 18 and 19

- Where do you think the black rabbit has gone?

Pages 20 and 21

- What could those eyes be?
- Could they belong to the black rabbit?
- What sort of creatures live in the woods?

Pages 22 and 23

- What do you think the wolf is looking at?

Pages 24 and 25

- Why do you think the Black Rabbit is so big?

Pages 26 and 27

- Are the Rabbit and Black Rabbit really holding hands?

After reading, you could ask:

- Have you ever seen your shadow?
- Where did you see it?
- Was it indoors or outdoors?
- What do you think a shadow is?
- What could it be made from?

