The ABC to answering test questions
To build your confidence for reading tests, you need to remember the importance of:

A The quality of your first read
   During your first read, use your expert tips to build meaning. If you think actively in the moment of reading, you will have a good understanding by the end of the text.

B The quality of your second read
   During your second read, you need to:
   • Read the question carefully and identify the type of answer it needs. There are five types of question, which we will explore in this book (see pages 6-7).
   • Notice key words in the question. Use these to search the text whilst reading it for a second time and find the part which will help you answer the question.
   • Start to think about how you will answer the question.

C Composing a written answer
   • Organise your thoughts into a proper answer. Read the question and then flip it to help get your answer started (see page 8 for examples of how to do this).
   • Some of your answers will be short, others will be longer and in proper sentences. The way the question is presented will give you a clue, for example by providing tick boxes, only one line to write on or by including a number of lines for your answer.

A First read
To improve your first read, you are going to practise:

• Using the expert tips

• Sharing the expert tips you use as think-alouds, for example:

   Chapter 2 Room 13
   At first, George was not superstitious. Grandad had just said goodbye to him with a kiss and he set off for school as usual.

At first... So I predict he will be soon!

I visualised... a room where unlucky things happen

My Grandad does that

He? (re-read)
He means George.