

Note that we have a list of concepts related to this story. Concepts are generalized ideas which can be challenged and stretched. We can do this by questioning the assumptions we make and thinking about alternative perspectives in order to further shape and define our ideas. The sample questions we have listed will encourage dialogue about the story, but you can also explore any of the concepts listed using the following question stems.

What is

What do you already know about...

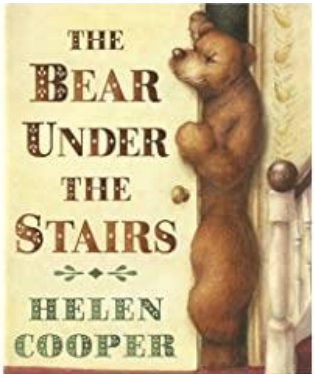
Is it the same as....

What would happen if...

How does... compare to

How did the story change your thinking?



Front cover	Book details	Concepts	Ages	Overview and potential questions
 <p>Amazon link- UK</p> <p>Amazon link- US</p> <p>Alt: YouTube</p>	<p>The Bear Under the Stairs</p> <p>Helen Cooper</p> <p><i>Picture Corgi</i></p>	<p>Dreaming</p> <p>Imagination</p> <p>(Ir)rational</p> <p>Power of belief</p> <p>Real/not real</p> <p>Fear</p>	<p>6 – 11</p>	<p>A little boy believes there is a bear living under his stairs. He feeds the bear but doesn't talk to the bear. He dreams about the bear and imagines what the bear is like. When Mum notices the smell of rotting food, they clean out the cupboard together and discover an old bear-like coat in there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we believe in something enough, can that make it real? • Just because we can't see it, does that mean it doesn't exist? • Are we all scared of something? • Does it give us comfort to have something to be scared of? • Do we need to confront our fears in order to overcome them?