

Reading with your Child

When reading with your child, it would be useful to ask them some questions about the book. Below are some examples of questions to get your child to think more deeply about the text. When writing comments, you could focus on one or two questions and vary the different types each day.



Prediction.

1. What do you think will happen next?
2. Where do you think this story will end?
3. What problems do you think the character could face in this story?

Comprehension.

1. Use your own words to tell me about the start of the story.
2. Did anyone do anything you liked? Tell me why you liked it.
3. Tell me 5 things you know about this story from the front cover and back.

Application.

1. What have you learned from this story?
2. What does this story make you think?
3. What would you say to someone else about this book? Would you recommend it?

Knowledge about the story.

1. Tell me three things you can remember about the story.
2. Where/when did the story take place?
3. Tell me 5 facts about someone in the story.

Character

1. Can you tell me three things about the main character?
2. Would you like to be friends with the character? Why?
3. What do you think makes the main character laugh or smile?

Setting.

1. Can you tell me all about this place?
2. What could you see/ hear/ smell if you were in this place?
3. Is the setting a safe or dangerous place? Why do you think that?

Plot.

1. What do you think will happen in this book?
2. What do you want to happen next?
3. What was the problem in this story and how did they solve it?

Empathy.

1. How would you feel if this happened to you?
2. What would you do if you were the main character?
3. Which parts of the story made you sad/ happy/ excited? Why?