

A Parent Guide to Developing Comprehension through Questioning

Below are a range of questions that can be used and adapted to help develop your child's comprehensive skills.

Vocabulary

- What do you think that word means?
- What does that word make you think of?
- Can you draw a picture to show me what you think that word means?
- Do you know any other words that mean the same thing?
- How does that word make you feel?

Predicting

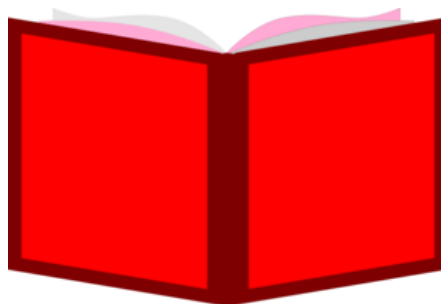
- Look at the front cover? What do you think this book might be about? Why?
- What might happen to the characters in this book?
- How do you think the story will end?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What clues from the text make you think that?

Asking Questions

- Do you have any questions about what you have read?
- If you had a chance to meet the character, what questions would you ask them?
- If you met this character, what might you ask them?

Summarising/ Sequencing

- Can you tell me what has happened in the story?
- What is the main idea of the story?
- What are the most important parts of the story?
- Can you order the main events of the story?
- If you were going to tell a friend about this story, what would you tell them?



Retrieving

- Using the text, what word describes ..
- How many .. were there?
- What was the name of the ..?
- How many people are ..?

Inference

- What is the message of this story?
- Why did the author choose that setting?
- Why do you think the character..?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- When the character said .. What did she/he really mean?

Making Connections

- What does this paragraph/story/character re-mind you of?
- What lessons did you learn, that you can use in your own life?
- Have you ever...? Does this help you understand why this happened in the story?