

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, when listening to them read at home.

Vocabulary

- Can you explain the meaning of that word?
- Could you use that word in a different sentence?
- What does that word make you think of?
- Can you draw a picture to show me what you think that word means?
- What synonyms do you know for that word?

Predicting

- Think about the title/genre/author/setting/pictures. What do you think the book will be about? What makes you think that?
- What challenges do you think the characters might face?
- 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

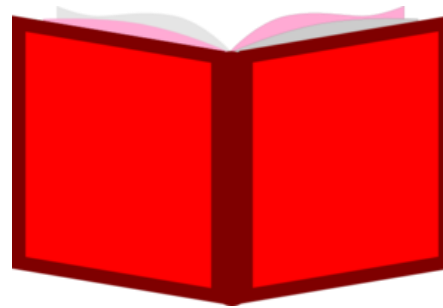
- Based on what you have read, what would you like to know more about?
- If you had a chance to meet the character, what questions would you ask them?
- If you reread the passage again, what would you try to understand/figure out?

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?
- What do you think the author wants you to know after reading this?
- Can you order the main events of the story?

Inference

- What do you think this story will be about, based on the front cover/blurb?
- What is the message of this story?
- Why did the author choose that setting?
- Why do you think the character..?
- What do the character's actions/choices tell you about him/her?
- When the character said .. what did she/he really mean?
- The book states that the character is feeling What actions infer/indicate that he/she feels this way?



Retrieving

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

Making Connections

- What does this paragraph/story/character remind you of?
- What lessons did you learn, that you can use in your own life?
- How does what you know about .. help you understand the story?