

Questions Parents Can Ask After Reading with Their Children

We all know how important it is to read with our children every day. After you have shared a story with your child, you may want to follow-up with a conversation. It is important that your child enjoys this "book talk," and it is not an "interrogation."

The following is a list of questions that your child's teachers are using in their reading groups. Enjoy your child and a special reading time together each day?

Finding the Main Idea - "What is this story mostly about?"

"What is the best title for this passage?"

Recalling Details -

"Can you go back in the story and find: who? what? where? when? why? how?" about a specific detail that *you* choose from the reading.

Sequence -

**"How did ____ happen in the story?"
"Tell me the order in which __ happened."
"What happened first, second, last, before, or after?"**

Cause and Effect -

**"Why or how did it happen?" (When finding the cause)
"What happened?" (When finding the effect)**

Comparing/Contrasting - "Compare and contrast these two things."

**"How are ____ and ____ alike?"
"How are ____ and ____ different?"**

Making Predictions -

**"What do you think will happen next in the story?"
"If ____ happens, what will most likely happen in the future, and how do you know that?"**

Word Meaning - In Context	<p>"What is the best meaning of the word____?"</p> <p>"What words in the sentence helped you figure that out?"</p>
Drawing Conclusions - Making Inferences	<p>"From the story, you can tell that _____."</p> <p>"What do you think they meant when they said said _____?"</p> <p>"Why do you think _____ felt that way?"</p>
Fact & Opinion -	<p>"Which of these statements cannot be proved?"</p> <p>"Which of these statements is fact?"</p> <p>"Which word in this sentence is a 'feeling' word that would make this only someone's opinion?"</p>
Author's Purpose -	<p>"Why did the author write this whole article?"</p> <p>"Why did the author write just this paragraph?"</p>
Understanding - Figurative Language	<p>"What is the meaning of this phrase?"</p> <p>"Which of these is a simile? A metaphor?"</p> <p>"_____ is compared to which of the following?"</p>
Real and Make - Believe	<p>"Which of these could really happen?"</p> <p>"Which of these could not really happen?"</p>
Summarizing -	<p>"What is this passage mostly about?"</p> <p>"Tell me all of the major details that were in this story."</p>