

Reading comprehension

If you have the opportunity to read with or to your child, consider using comprehension questions to deepen their understanding and interpret what they have read or heard. Comprehension questions can be asked before, during, or after reading a book. Here are some examples of comprehension questions:

Before reading

Looking at the cover, what do you predict this book might be about?

What can you see in the illustration?

What do you think will happen in this book?

Do you recognise the author, have they written other books?

What do you already know from reading the title?

During reading

Why do you think the author started the story this way?

What do you think will happen next?

What would happen if they ____?

What would you do if you went to this place/setting?

What adjectives did the author use to describe ____?

How do you think the character is feeling? What supports your thinking?

What could happen to make this character feel a different way?

What does the word ____ mean?

Why did the author write ____ in italics?

Did the setting change? Why?

After reading

What happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?

What was the problem they had to solve? What else could they have done to solve it?

Was your prediction correct?

If you could change the ending or a character, what would you change and why?

What is the name of the ____ in the book?

What words did they use to describe ____?

Can you explain in your own words what the moral of the story is?

What surprised you in the book?

