

Reading Questions for Parents

Students are more likely to comprehend what they read when their parents and/or caregiver ask them questions about what he/she may be reading. Below are some questions you can ask your child during or after reading time at home.

Start with the literal questions first, then work your way up to the interpretive and experience-based questions.

Literal Questions

- What is the title of your book?
- Who is the author of your book?
- What is the book about? Are there any conflicts?
- Who are the characters in your book?
- What are the events in your story?

Interpretive Questions

- Do you think the title of your book is an appropriate title for the book?
Why or why not?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book? Why do you think that?
- How has the book made you feel so far? Why?
- How would you describe the character(s)? Why did you describe the character(s) like that?
- If you haven't finished your book yet, what do you think will happen next in your book? Why?

Experience-based Questions

- If you could give your book a new title, what would it be? Why?
- What lessons have you learned from your book so far? What in your book made you think that? Can you show me?
- Can you relate to any of the experiences that the characters are going through? How can you relate?
- Can you imagine what your characters look like? Can you describe to me how they look? What made you describe the character like that?
- What character do you like the best? Why? What character do you like the least? Why?

You may also want to ask your child if there is any vocabulary that they're having difficulty with. Ask them to show you the word, have them tell you what they think the word might mean, have them tell you why they think the word might mean what they think, and have them look up the word if you don't know what it means.