

Questions to ask your child while reading

FICTION TEXT

Before reading:

Do a picture walk (discuss illustrations without reading any of the text).

What do the illustrations tell you about this story?

Predict the events in the story. What do you think this story will be about?

Who is the author and illustrator? Have you read any other stories by the same author (making connections)?

During reading:

Periodically stop and summarize what events have taken place so far.

Why did that happen?

What do you think will happen next?

How is the character feeling? How do you know?

What would you do if you were a character in this book?

What does this word mean?

How do you think the story will end?

After reading:

Who are the characters?

What is the setting? (Where does the story take place?)

What happened in the story (summarize)?

Sequence the events in the story. What happened first, next and last?

What was the problem? How was the problem solved? How would you have solved the problem?

What was your favorite part? Why?

Was this story fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?

Why did the author write this book? (Author's purpose: to remind, to inform, to describe, to entertain, to explain)

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NON-FICTION TEXT

What do you already know about this topic?

What would you like to learn about this topic?

What is the main idea of the text?

What did you learn from reading the text?

Are there any words that you do not know? How can we figure out what these new words mean?

What are some new words that you have learned?

Do you have any questions after reading this?

Were there any important features (charts, diagrams, pictures) that were important?

Where can you find more information about this topic?

Do you like this text? Why or why not?

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