

Questions to ask when reading with your child

Remember to choose the questions that best fit the type of book you're reading.

1. What is the title?
2. Can you think of a different title this book could have?
3. Why do you think the author chose this title?
4. What is the setting (where and when the story happens)?
5. What adjectives can you use to describe the setting?
6. Does it remind you of any places you've been to?
7. Why do you think the author chose this setting?
8. Who are the characters in the story?
9. Which words can you use to describe the main character/s?
10. What sort of person is the character? How do you know?
11. Do you agree with the choices the character makes in the story? Why or why not? What would you have done?
12. What is the story about?
13. Describe in your own words what has happened so far in the story?
14. Can you retell part of the story (a chapter) from the point of view of another character?
15. Can you predict what the book will be about from the title or the cover illustration?
16. What do you think will happen next?
17. Can you find the index?
18. What does the index help you to do?
19. Find three facts about...
20. How does (character) feel when (something happens)? What words tell you that (character) is feeling that way?
21. Why do you think (character) did that?
22. What choice would you have made?
23. What do you think the author meant when he said...?
24. How do you know (characters) are friends/ enemies?
25. Does this book have a glossary?
26. What does the glossary help you to do?
27. Why do you think the author chose to use this illustration?
28. How do the arrows, captions, labels in the diagram help you to understand better?
29. Is this story fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?

30. Why did the author choose to use a question on this page?
31. Can you find any speech marks?
32. Can you find any punctuation other than commas and full stops?
33. Why do you think the author chose the word...?
34. Can you find any feeling words?
35. Can you find any adverbs?
36. Can you find any time connectives?
37. Find the first word in the paragraph: why do you think the author opened the paragraph with that word?
38. Who is your favorite character? Why?
39. Did you enjoy the story? Why?
40. How does that sentence/ paragraph make you feel?
41. Why did the author use similes?
42. Can you think of a different way to end the story? Which way is better? Why?
43. Does the story have a message or teach a lesson?
44. What other stories texts does this book remind you of?
45. Have you read anything else by this author?
46. What do you know about the author?
47. If you could ask the author 3 questions about the book, what would you ask?
48. If you could be any of the characters, who would you be?
49. Would you recommend this book to your friends?
50. If you had designed the cover for the book, what would you have put on it?