



Fun Reading Questions



Each time you read with your child or ask them about their independent reading, be sure to try a few of these engaging conversation-starters.

Before your child starts reading, look at the title, cover, and illustrations. Then ask:



- What do you think the story is going to be about? What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in the story?
- Why did you pick this book?
- If you're reading something again, ask: Which part are you most looking forward to?

While your child is reading, stop sometimes and ask:



- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Which words do you think best describe the character?
- Where do you think this is taking place?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How is this story making you feel?
- How do you think the story will end?



After your child has read, ask:



- What was your favorite part of the story? Why do you think that part was your favorite?
- Pretend I didn't read the story! Can you try retelling the story to me in sequence order? Use words like first, then, next, last.
- Who were the main characters of the story?
- If there was a problem in the story, did it get solved? How did the character solve the problem?
- What did this story make you think about?
- Why do you think the author wrote this story? What point was the author trying to make?
- If you could give the story a different title, what would it be?
- Pretend the author is sitting here with us. What would you want to talk about or ask?
- If you could meet one of the characters in real life, which one would you pick and why?