



Questions to ask your child when reading with them

Reading is not just about how well your child can read the words in a book, but is also to do with your child's understanding of the book and their thoughts on it.

Here are some questions you could ask your child when reading with them. Only choose a couple to ask when reading with them:

Before reading the book:

What do you think this book is going to be about and why?

Can you point to the title of the book for me?

Where does it tell us who wrote the book?

Have you read a book like this before, how do you know?

Do you think this is a fiction or non-fiction book? (You could talk about these words with your child and what they mean or you could rephrase as 'made up' and 'real life')

(If you are reading their library book you could ask) Why did you choose this book?

Talk about the different parts of the book-front cover, back cover, title, author and illustrator.

Whilst reading the book:

What is happening in the picture?

What has happened so far?

What might happen next?

How do you think the story might end?

Who are the characters in the story?

What does that word mean?

Why is that word written like that (italics/bold)

What are these, what do they mean? (speech marks, exclamation marks, questions)

Ask questions about particular parts of the story, e.g. how would you feel if you had been that character? Has anything like that happened to you? Would you like it if that happened to you?

If reading a non-fiction book-What information have you found out? Have you learnt anything new? What else would you like to find out? Is there anything you already knew?

Which part of the book would you go to to find out about this?

At the end of the book:

Did you enjoy the book, why?

What was your favourite part?

Who was your favourite character, why?

What happened in the story?

Why did that character do...?(give a situation/event from the book)

Are there any words you liked, which ones and why?

Did you like the pictures, why?

Would you like to read another story by this author, why?

Have you read any other books like this?

What could have made this story better?