

Types of questions to ask your child



Recall Questions (literal-revising ideas that have already been covered)

- Where does the story take place?
- When did the story take place?
- What did he/she/it look like?
- Who was she/he/it live?
- Who are the characters in the book?
- Where in the book would you find?

Simple Comprehension Questions (checking understanding)

- What do you think is happening here?
- What happened in the story?
- What might this mean?
- Through whose eyes is the story told?
- Which part of the story best describes the setting?
- What words and/or phrases describe the setting/characters?
- What part of the story do you like best?





Evidence Questions (building on existing knowledge)

- What makes you think that?
- Which words give you that impression?
- How do you feel about.....?
- Can you explain why.....?
- I wonder why the writer decided to.....?
- What do these words mean and why do you think the author chose them?
- Has the author used adjectives to make this character.....?
- Why did the author choose this setting?

Opinion Questions (the children should use examples from their reading book to answer these questions)

- What is your opinion on this book? What evidence do you have to support your view?
- Using all the evidence in the book, can you tell me what you feel about....?
- Given what you know about (a character)... what do you think (they would have done)?
- What could this character think about?



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