



Thinking Outside the Panels:

Questions to ask your child during/after they read their story

One of the most important things you can do to foster your child's love of reading is **ask them questions!** By asking them questions, you not only give your child the opportunity to think critically about what they are reading/just read, but you also show your interest in whatever story that is capturing their attention. Not only that, but asking questions can lead to conversations that give your child more experience with new vocabulary, using their memory to recall story details, and other important skills that will foster their literacy.

Here are some general questions that, regardless of the book material, can spark meaningful discussions between you and your child around reading:

- “When you got to this page of the story, your favorite character was feeling _____”
 - Encouraging your child to **complete** your sentences helps them practice vocabulary
- “Can you tell me what happened to your favorite character during the story?”
 - Questions that prompt your child to **recall** story details can promote memory
- “Tell me what is happening in this picture”
 - **Open-ended prompts** allow your child to go into more detail
- “Who is your favorite character? Why?”
- “What is happening in your story?”
- “When does the story take place? How do you know?”
- “How do you think the story will end?”
- “Why do you like what you are reading?”
- “Is there ever a time where you had to be brave like the characters in the story?”
 - Showing the **connection** between the story and your child's life encourages their love of reading even more!

These are just some examples of where to start. Feel free to come up with your own!