



Asking Your Child About Their Reading

Parents can ask open-ended and engaging questions to help their child think critically about the books they are reading. Not only does this help the child with their comprehension, but it also helps them see adults value their reading. Here are some good questions to ask:

Before Reading

1. Why did you choose this book?
2. What do you think this book is about based on the cover and title?
3. Have you read anything similar or by the same author before?
4. What do you hope will happen in the story?

During Reading

1. What has been the most surprising part so far? Why?
2. What do you think will happen next?
3. How do you feel about the main character?
4. What would you do if you were in the character's situation?
5. Are there any words or ideas that you don't understand?
6. What do you think the author is trying to teach us?

After Reading

1. What was your favorite part of the book?
2. Did the book end the way you expected? Why or why not?
3. If you could change something about the story, what would it be?
4. What lesson did you learn from the book?
5. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
6. How did this book make you feel?
7. If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?
8. Would you want to read more books by this author?

These questions not only help kids develop comprehension, critical thinking, and a love for reading, but they also help families connect around books.

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