

General Comprehension Questions for Parents to Ask Their Children

When reading with your children each night, help them understand the information they are reading. Here are some questions to help facilitate comprehension and learning. The more time spent discussing a story, the more your child owns it. Pick one or two questions to focus on with each story. Also, have your child retell the story for you.

1. Could this story be true? Why or why not?
2. Where does this story happen? (city, country, field, Peru, etc.)
3. Who is this story about? Tell about him or her.
4. What words would you use to describe the characters?
5. Do you like them? Why or why not?
6. Does the main character have a problem?
7. If so, what causes the problem?
8. How is the problem in the story solved?
9. What was the scariest, funniest, saddest, most exciting part of the story? Read it aloud.
10. Did you like the story? Why or why not?
11. Do you know any real people who are like the characters in the story?
Who are they? How are they the same? How are they different?
12. Did anything happen in the story which has ever happened to you?
Tell about it.
13. Who is telling the story?
14. How does the title go with the story?
15. Would you like to be anyone in the story? Who? Why?