

Comprehension Questions Parents Can Ask

Children reading at a Kindergarten and early first grade level could be asked...

1. Why does the title make sense?
2. How many words (or letters) are on the page?
3. Who is the story mostly about?
4. If you could add a page to the book, what would you write? (Here we want to see if the child recognizes the pattern or the sound that all the words start with.)
5. What did you like about the story?
6. Does it remind you of anything in your life? (Text to Self)

Children reading at a late first grade and early second grade level could be asked any of the above, plus...

1. What is the main problem in the story?
2. How is the problem solved?
3. What is the setting of the story (where did it take place)?
4. What is one thing that happens to the main character?
5. Does it remind you of any other books you have read? (Text to Text)
6. Is this a non-fiction (real) or fiction book?

Children reading at a late second or third grade level could be asked any of the above, plus...

1. Does it remind you of anything that has happened in the world? (Text to World)
2. Why do you think the author wrote the book?
3. How does the main character change from the beginning of the story to the end?
4. Name 3 things that you know about the main character.
5. Are there any characters that remind you of yourself or someone that you know?
6. What is the most important thing to remember in the story?