



What type of questions should I ask my child when we read stories together?

Name Author/Illustrator & Define Roles:

- Who wrote this story?
- Who drew the pictures?
- Can you point to the name of the author?
- Where can I find the name of the person who wrote this story?
- What does the author do?
- What does the illustrator do?

Text Structure:

- What is this book about?
- Will this book tell us a story or help us learn something new?
- What helps us know that this book is fiction/non-fiction?
- Is this story real or not real?
- Is this a fiction or a non-fiction story?

Relationship between Illustrations & Text:

- After looking at the picture, what do you think will happen next?
- Why do you think the illustrator drew this picture?
- What can you learn about (insert character's name) by looking at the pictures?
- Is there anything in the picture that helps you understand the story better?
- Point to the picture. Say: "Tell me what is happening in the story."

Identify Character, Setting & Major Events

- Who are the characters in this story?
- Who is the story about?
- What happened in the story?
- Where did the story take place?
- What was the problem in the story? How do you know?
- How was the problem solved? How do you know?
- Are the characters alike?
- How are the characters different?
- Can you look at the pictures and tell me about them?
- How do you know how the character feels about _____?
- What does the main character want?

Questioning Key Details:

- Who, what, where, when questions
 - Who was/is in the story?
 - What was this about?
 - What happened next?
- What questions would you like to ask about this story?
- Where did it say that?
- How did you know that?
- What words describe the character?
- What caused _____ to _____?

Retell Familiar Stories:

- Can you tell me what happened in the story?
- What happened first? Next? Last?
- What was the story about?
- What did the character do to solve the problem?
- What happened at the end of the story?
- Can you draw a picture of what happened in the story & then tell me about it?

Ask/Answer Questions About Unknown Words

- Listen to this sentence. "_____." What does the word _____ mean?
- Point to an unknown word on the page.
- What was hard about that word?
- Is there a chunk (section of the word) in that word that you know? (For example: "out" in the word "about.")
- Do you know a word like that?
- Is there something in the picture that can help you figure out the word?

Compare/Contrast Adventures & Experiences:

- Can you tell me what this story is about?
- Can you tell me how this picture is the same as this one?
- We read two books, what was different about them?
- We are going to compare these two books. How were they the same?
- Can you tell me how the two stories we read were different?
- What happened first? What happened next? Was this the same order as what we read in the other book?