



How to make the most of reading with your child

Making reading enjoyable:

- ✓ Visit the library
- ✓ Picture books
- ✓ Audio books
- ✓ Shared reading
- ✓ Non-fiction
- ✓ Instructions
- ✓ Recipes
- ✓ Play scripts
- ✓ Songs
- ✓ Comics
- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Letters
- ✓ Movie adaptations
- ✓ Create quizzes

Questions you could ask:

Decoding

Can you sound this word out a letter at a time?

If you read the rest of the sentence, can you work out what the word is?

In what way would the character say this?

Have you seen this word somewhere else on the page?

Finding information use of index, contents, glossary etc

What is your favourite part of this book? Why?

Can you tell me 3 things you learned from this book?

Which word tells me the character is feeling angry?

This word is in **bold**. Where could I find out what it means?

Inferring meaning

How is this character feeling? How do you know?

How would you feel if that happened to you?

What can you tell from the picture, that you can't tell from the text?

Organisation



What sort of text is this? How do you know?

How is it different to a story book?

Why is this writing **bigger**/in **bold**/in *italics*?

What is the point of the first chapter of the book?

How would you find out about _____ in this book?

Where would you look to find _____?

Language

Which words rhyme? Where do the rhyming words come?

What effect does the word '*snapped*' have?

Why doesn't the writer just use '*said*'?

Do you know what this word means? (Use a dictionary to look up new words.)

Can you think of another word for _____?

Author's intent

What do you like / dislike about this story? Why?

Why has the writer written this?

What effect does it have?

How does he / she want you to feel about this character? How can you tell?

What do you think of this character?

What do you expect them to do next?

Making connections

Does this remind you of another book you've read? Why?

How is this different to another book by this author?

Where / when does this story take place? How do you know?

What do you already know about that time / place?

