

# Parent Resource Guide for Reading at Home

Select a few of these questions to ask your child when reading at home. It is important for children to support their answers to these questions. For example, ask your child to go back to the book/article to support his/her response.

Fiction (not real)	Non-fiction (real)
<p>Who are the characters in the story?</p> <p>What character traits would you use to describe the characters? (Examples: brave, shy, happy, curious) Why did you choose those traits?</p> <p>What are the most important events that happened in the story? How do you know? Show me in your book.</p> <p>What lesson is this story teaching you? (Example: In the <i>Tortoise and the Hare</i>, the lesson is "Slow and steady wins the race.")</p> <p>How did the characters solve the problem in this story?</p> <p>What is the main idea? How do you know? Show me in your book.</p> <p>What is happening in the story?</p> <p>When and/or where did the story take place?</p> <p>What is the problem or plot in the story?</p> <p>How do the characters in the story solve their problem?</p> <p>What happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?</p> <p>How are the characters different or alike?</p> <p>What does the word _____ mean? What parts of the story helped you determine the meaning?</p> <p>How do the illustrations/pictures help us understand the story?</p>	<p>What features in the book/article help you find important information about what you are reading? (Examples: headings, subheadings, captions, glossary, bold print) How do they help you?</p> <p>What does the author want you to learn from this book/article?</p> <p>Why did the author write this book/article?</p> <p>How does the diagram/photograph help you understand what you are reading?</p> <p>What is the main idea? How do you know? Show me in your book.</p> <p>What is the most important idea or part of this book/article?</p> <p>Do these illustrations/graphics/pictures give you a hint to what will happen next? How do you know?</p> <p>What does the word _____ mean? Look at the picture, graphic, illustration; is there something there to help you figure out what the word means?</p> <p>Re-read the sentence; do the other words help you understand?</p> <p>If you wanted to find the meaning of a word in this book, where would you look? (glossary)</p> <p>Look in the table of contents and find the page number for _____.</p> <p>What is this book about?</p>