

Reading Comprehension Questions to Ask Your Child

The most important part of reading with your child and listening to your child read to you is to enjoy reading and enjoy the time spent together. You can also help your child increase his reading comprehension by asking a few of the following questions as he reads to you. Just choose 2 or 3 questions per night or per book. The next night, pick a few different questions from the list. You will help your child get the most understanding of what she is reading.

1. What is the setting of the story (where and when it takes place)?
2. What is the main character's MAIN PROBLEM in the story?
3. How is the problem SOLVED in the story?
4. How would you describe the main character? What are some of her characteristics?
5. What is the MAIN IDEA of the story? (Or, what is the article MOSTLY about?) Or, what BEST tells what the story is about?)
6. Retell the story in your own words.
7. Summarize the story in 3 sentences (beginning, middle, and end).
8. Is this a fiction or non-fiction book? How can you tell?
9. What do you think the main character would MOST LIKELY do if ...? (inferring)
10. Why does the main character MOST LIKELY do ... ?
11. What lesson does the main character learn by the end of the story?
12. What is the MOST LIKELY reason that _____ happened?
13. What did the main character do FIRST?
14. What is the BIGGEST difference between [reptiles and amphibians] [Heather and Jonah]?
15. What would be another good title for this story?

