

Reading with your child

When we read with children, their comprehension skills are just as important as their ability to decode words.

With that in mind, here are some questions stems that you could use to support your child's reading at home. During our guided reading or whole class reading sessions, we use these symbols for different reading skills.



What happened first in the story?

Where/when does the story take place?

Who are the characters in the book?

What is happening at this point in the text?

What happened in the story?

Through whose eyes is the story told?



What makes you think that?

Which words give you that impression?

How do you feel about...?

Can you explain why...?

The writer uses ...words/phrases...to describe ... How does this make you feel?

Give the meaning of the word..... in this sentence.

What does this phrase mean?

What will happen next? Why do you think this? Are there any clues in the text?



Which is your favourite line/phrase and why?

Who is your favourite character?

How does this book compare to (other books read)?

How is this book similar/different to...?

What is the significance of the title?

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What does the word 'x' tell you about 'y'?

Find two or three ways that the writer tells you 'x'.

What does this... word/phrase/sentence... tell you about...character/setting/mood etc?

In the story, 'x' is mentioned a lot. Why?

The writer uses words like ... to describe What does this tell you about a character or setting?

What other words/phrases could the author have used?