

Questions to ask your child when reading

Before reading the book:

1. Can you point to the title? or What is this? (*pointing to the title*)
2. Who is the author? What do they do?
3. Who is the illustrator? What do they do?
4. Look at the front cover. What do you think this story will be about? What might happen in the story? Why do you think that?
5. What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (*Blurb*)
6. What does the blurb tell us? Why is there a blurb on the back?

During the reading of the book:

7. What is happening in the pictures?
8. What has happened so far?
9. Is it what you expected to happen?
10. How does that character feel? Why does the character feel like that?
11. How would you feel in that situation? Why?
12. What does that word mean? Read the words around to give context.
13. What might happen next? Why do you think that?
14. How can you read an unfamiliar word? Can you sound talk them and blend?
15. How do you think the story might end? Why do you think that?
16. What sort of character is....?
17. Is he/she friendly/ mean/ nice...? Why?

At the end of the book:

18. Did you like this book? Why? (*Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons*)
19. What was your favourite part? Why?
20. What was your favourite character? Why?
21. What was the most interesting/exciting part of the book? Can you find it?
22. What sort of character was....?
23. Who were the main characters?
24. Why did that character do ...? (*give a situation/ event from the story*)
25. What happened in the story?
26. Is there a hidden message in the story? What is it?
27. Can you retell the story in your own words?
28. Do you like how the story ended? Can you think of another way that the book could have ended?

