

Helpful Tips for Reading: Strategies to Aid Comprehension

Ask your child to:

- Identify the most important event in the story
- Summarize the story
- Identify the character's main problem and how it is solved
- Describe the setting: list words or phrases from the story that describes the setting
- List the characters in order of their importance, explain
- Predict what the story will be about using the title and pictures
- Predict what will happen next
- Define vocabulary using context (the sentence or paragraph that the work is in)
- Identify character traits (ex. Smart, helpful, deceiving, manipulative, clever, sneaky)
- Describe how a character changed from the beginning to the end of the story
- Explain what ____ meant when he/she said " _____ "
- Compare characters within the text
- Compare the setting in the selection with where you live or another story you have read
- Compare the way the character handled the situation with the way you would have handled it
- Describe how the selection made you feel-what caused you to feel this way?
- Compare other characters with other people you know
- Identify the characters feeling and the events that demonstrate these feelings
- Explain how the author shows that the story is a fantasy-give examples
- Explain how the author made the fantasy seem real-give examples
- Decide if the author finished the story the way the characters would have wanted it finished, why or why not-explain
- Explain if you agree or disagree with the way the author solved the problem in the story-support your answer
- Explain how the main character in this book compares to the main character in another book by the same author