Supporting your reader at home

Questions to target your child's thinking before, during, & after reading

Ask

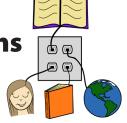
Questions



Before you start to read, what questions do you have?
What do you predict will happen next? Why do you think that?
Did you confirm or adjust your prediction after reading further?
Do you have any questions about parts/words that are confusing?
Do you have any new questions now that you have finished reading?

Make

Connections



What did you already know about this topic before you read?

Does this remind you of something else that you've read?

Has something like this ever happened to you?

How does your background knowledge help you predict what will happen?

Create

Visualizations



What can you picture in your imagination while you read?
What can you smell, hear, feel, or taste?
Can you draw a picture of what's happening in the reading?
Is your mental picture changing, like a movie playing, while you read?

Retell &

Summarize



Can you list the details in the text in order? What happened? What are the 5 W's and H (who, what, where, when, why, how) of the text?

What are the story elements (*character, setting, plot,* etc.) of the text? Can you list the 5 most important details? How would you sum up the story?

Determine the

Main Idea



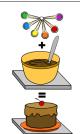
What is this about?

Can you explain the main idea in one sentence?
What was the main idea? Do you think the author was for or against this idea?

What do you think the author wanted you to learn/understand?

Synthesize

Ideas



How do you feel about this subject now? What do you wish would happen because of this? How did the reading challenge your ideas? Where in the text did your thinking start to change? What new ideas do you have about this topic?