

Here are a range of questions that you may find useful to support discussions when reading with your child. Discussions that focus on their understanding of the story and the authors' choices are very important to their reading progression and understanding of the story.

Questions to Develop Understanding:

Where/when does the story take place?

Who are the characters in the story?

What happens in this part of the story?

Tell me one/two things that the main character does in this part of the story?

Can you retell the story using your own words?

Tell me what this character was like?

Tell me the most interesting/ exciting/ funniest/ your favourite part of the story? Why?

What do you think the character feels about...? How can you tell?

What do you think would have happened if...?

What do you think is going to happen next?

Which part of this book did you like best/least? Why?

How has the author used words/phrases to make this character funny/ sad/ clever/ frightening/ excited etc?

Why is ... a good title for this story/book/chapter/play?

Do you know any more stories like this? Tell me how they are alike.

Do you know another story with similar characters in? Tell me how they are similar.

What do you think this story is trying to tell us?

Has anything like this ever happened to you?

Non Fiction

Tell me two things you found out that you didn't know before.

What does this part of the text tell us about?

Which part of the text tells us about ...?

Why are some words in bold?

How does this text/ layout help the reader?

How does (a diagram/picture/caption) help you to understand the information on this page?