

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME READING

These are the types of questions you may like to ask your child while doing home reading.

1. Start on Level 1 questions. If your child can answer these without difficulty, try level 2 questions the next night. And so on until you find the right level for your child.
2. The questions are arranged in three groups: some to ask before reading, some during the story and some after finishing the story.
3. Do not ask all the questions from your child's level every night. Some questions may not suit the story you are reading.
4. Reading and question time together should not take more than 10 minutes each night. The child may become tired and bored if the session takes longer than this.
5. Try using these questions when you talk to your child about other books they have read, videos or television shows they have seen and outings they have been on.



## LEVEL 1 READING QUESTIONS



Before the story:

1. What is this?
2. What can you see?
3. What is happening?
4. Where do you think the story is happening?
5. When do you think the story happened?
6. What colour is this?
7. Who is this?

During the story:

1. What's happening here?
2. What will happen next?
3. Why did .....?
4. Why are these things different?
5. What has happened so far?
6. What would you say if .....?
7. What is the same about these things?

After the story:

1. Can you retell the story?
2. Did you like the story?
3. What is your favourite part?
4. Who was your favourite character?
5. Was that a real or make believe story?

## LEVEL 2 READING QUESTIONS



Before the story:

Read the title and look at the front cover of the book.

1. What do you think this story is about?
2. What things can you see on the cover?
3. What colour is the .....?
4. What is he/she doing in this picture?

During the story:

1. Where do you think they are going?
2. What will happen next?
3. Find the word that tells us .....  
e.g. a) what colour his jumper is.  
b) what size he/she is.
4. Is this true or false .....  
e.g. a) The cat is pink and black.  
b) It is night.
5. Why do you think ..... (make suggestions)  
e.g. the boy ran to call for help?

After the story:

1. What happened in the story?
2. How do you think he/she felt? Why?
3. Do you think he/she is a happy/good/bad person? Why?
4. Which part of the story did you enjoy the most? Why?
5. Did the title tell us something about the story? How?  
(If no, ask what they think the title should be.)

## LEVEL 3 and 4 READING QUESTIONS

Before the story:



1. What do you think the story is about?  
Who do you think might be in the story?  
Where do you think the story is happening?
2. What words might be in the story?
3. What do you already know about ....?
4. Do you think this is a story book (fiction) or a book that tells us about things (non fiction)?

During the story:

1. Ask the questions about the character's feelings.  
How do you think .... feels?  
e.g. How would you feel if that happened to you?  
Why is ..... angry/sad/worried? etc.
2. Ask questions about why things happened.  
e.g Why did .... do that?  
What would you do if that happened?  
What might happen next?
3. Talk about the pictures on each page before reading.  
e.g. What happened here?  
Who do you think this might be?

After the story:

1. Ask recall questions.  
e.g. Who said .....?  
How many ..... were there?
2. Ask vocabulary questions.  
e.g. Do you know what ..... means?  
Can you think of a word that means the same as .....?  
Can you find a compound word in the story?
3. Ask appreciative and evaluative questions.  
e.g. Did you like the story? Why?  
Did you think ..... did the right thing? Why?  
Which part of the story did you like the best?  
How could you change the story so it would have a different ending?  
Was this story more interesting than last night's story?