

Comprehension Questions



One of the keys to becoming a good reader is to understand what has been read or comprehension. As a parent or teacher, we often ask young readers questions about what they have read to check whether they have understood the text. Here are some types of questions you could ask.

1. Vocabulary questions – What does the word mean? Use the word in a sentence. Are there other meanings for this word?
2. Antecedent or pronoun reference – In the third line the author uses the word them. Who does the author mean? How do you know?
3. Comparison – How are things similar and how are they different? Do you remember any other stories like this? Have you ever...?
4. Predicting – What do you think will happen next?
5. Sequence – In what order did things happen? What would have happened if the order were changed?
6. Cause and effect – What made this happen? What was the result of this happening?
7. Generalizing – Is what the author says in this story true for all situations? Can you apply what the author says to other situations?
8. Point of view- Is the author trying to make an argument for a particular opinion?
9. Summarizing – Tell me in your own words what happened in the story.
10. Character voice – Which character is telling the story? Would the story be different if another character was telling the story?
11. Personalizing – How would you feel if you were the main character in the story? What would you do in a similar situation? How are you like or unlike the main character?
12. Time/Place/Character – When does the story take place? Where? Who are the main characters? Tell me about the time, place, or character.