

## **Reading Comprehension Questions for before, during and after reading**

Here are some questions you can use to help your child reflect on what he/she is reading or what you are reading to them. Choose a few each night to engage in conversation with your child about their nightly independent reading.

Avoid a rigid question and answer session of boring questions about the plot of the book. Don't interrupt the flow the story to ask too many questions!

It is important to time book questions properly. Ask questions before and after the book, as well as during natural breaks in the story. It is also a good idea at a moment of suspense to ask students to predict what will occur next in the story. Begin with a few easy plot questions that are concrete and will help comprehension. Then, progress to questions that require deeper thinking or imagination.

### **Before reading**

- Looking at the title, cover and illustrations/ pictures, what do you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in the book?
- Do you think there will be problem in the story? Why?
- What do you already know about the topic of this book?
- What are you curious to find out about in this book?
- What do you want to learn?
- Does the topic or story relate to you or your family? How?
- Do you think it will be like any other book you've read? If so, which one, and how do you think it will be similar?

### **During reading**

- What does the book remind you of?
- What do you wonder about as you read this book?

- What do you think/predict will happen next? What makes you think that?
- What is the problem in the book?
- When you were reading this part, what pictures did you see in your head?
- What has happened so far in the story? Can you tell me using sequence words? (first, then, next, after, finally, etc.)
- Why do you think the character did that?
- What would you do if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character?
- What are you wondering about as you read? What questions do you have?
- Think about the predictions you made before reading; do you still think the story will go that way? Why or why not?
- How do you think it will go now?
- How do you think the story will end?

### **After reading**

- What questions do you have now that you are finished the book?
- What is the most important point that the author is trying to make in the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this?
- Describe the setting of the story.
- Which of the characters did you like best? Why?
- What adventures do you think the character might have next? Why?
- Is there a character in the story that reminds you of someone you know? If so, who are they like, and why do you think that?
- Did any of the characters change through the story? Who changed, and how did they change?
- Which character is the most like you?
- What were some of the problems or situations the characters encountered?

- If there was a problem, did it get solved? How did the character try to solve the problem?
- What happened because of the problem?
- Tell me about a part that you liked or disliked and tell why?
- Why is the title a good title for the book/story? If you had to give it a different title, what would be another good title for it?
- Were your predictions correct? Where did you have to fix your prediction as you read?
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- If you could change one part, what would you change?
- If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask?
- Can you retell the story in sequence order (use your sequence words: first, second, then, next, etc.)
- Did you like the ending of the book? How would you change the ending?
- Does this book remind you of another book you know?
- Does it remind you of something you've experienced in real life?