

Tips to Build Your Child's Comprehension

Whether you're reading to / with, or listening to your child read, have your child...

Before Reading:

1. Look at the title & picture.
2. Think about what you already know.
3. Predict what you think will happen.

During Reading:

4. Validate your prediction by documenting text evidence, then re-predict.
5. Use sensory images. How would it look, sound, feel, smell, or maybe even taste if you were in the story?
6. If you come to an unknown word, use reading strategies to figure it out.
7. Monitor your comprehension by asking yourself, "does this make sense?". If it doesn't, then use fix-up strategies.

After Reading:

8. Retell the story using story elements such as, main character(s), setting - when & where, & plot - problem & solution / sequence of events.
9. What is the main idea, author's message or theme of the story, & how can you apply it to your own life?



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