

50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR LITTLE READER

Fun conversation starters to make storytime more interactive!

Reading together is about more than the words on the page! Asking questions helps children build vocabulary, develop imagination, practice listening and strengthen their understanding of stories. Try a few of these questions during or after reading. There are no wrong answers—just opportunities to talk, laugh and learn together!

BEFORE YOU READ: LET'S GET CURIOUS!

- What do you think this book is about?
- What do you notice on the cover?
- Who do you think the main character will be?
- Where do you think this story takes place?
- What do you think might happen first?
- Does this book remind you of another story?
- What colors or shapes do you see?
- What made you want to read this book?
- Do you think this story will be funny, exciting or surprising?
- If you could give this book a different title, what would it be?

WHILE YOU READ: LET'S EXPLORE!

- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think the character feels?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- Can you find something blue (or another color) on this page?
- What is your favorite thing in this picture?
- What would you do if you were the character?
- Have you ever felt the way this character feels?
- What sounds do you think we would hear in this picture?
- Can you spot something hiding in the illustration?
- What do you think the character should do next?

AFTER YOU READ: LET'S REMEMBER!

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- Who was your favorite character and why?
- What happened at the beginning?
- What happened at the end?
- What was the biggest surprise?
- Was there a problem in the story? How was it solved?
- What made you laugh or smile?
- Was there anything that made you feel sad or worried?
- What did you learn from this story?
- Would you like to read this book again? Why?

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USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

- What would happen if you were in this story?
- If you could change the ending, what would happen?
- What would you name a new character?
- If the characters came to our house, what would we do together?
- What would happen if the story took place underwater?
- If you could give the main character a superpower, what would it be?
- What do you think happens the day after the story ends?
- If you could jump into one of the pictures, which would you choose?
- What would the story be like if all the animals could talk?
- Can you make up a silly new adventure for the characters?

CONNECT STORIES TO EVERYDAY LIFE!

- Have you ever done something like the character did?
- Does anyone in this story remind you of someone you know?
- What would you do to help a character who was feeling sad?
- Have you ever visited a place like the one in the book?
- What is something kind a character did?
- What would you tell the main character if you met them?
- What is something brave you have done?
- What would you like to try after reading this story?
- What would you tell a friend about this book?
- What story should we read together next?

A LITTLE TIP FOR GROWN-UPS

You don't have to ask all 50 questions—or even finish the book! Follow your child's curiosity, listen to their answers and let the conversation go wherever their imagination takes them. For babies and toddlers, pointing at pictures, making animal sounds and naming familiar objects are wonderful ways to build early literacy skills.

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