

Questions to ask your child when sharing a story.



Orientation of the book.

Can you find...

the title?

the author ?

the front cover...?



(very young children may need help turning the book the correct way around)

If your child has previously read the book, show them the front cover and ask them to retell the story in their own words. Support them with questions like:

What happened next? Can you remember why that happened?

Looking at the front cover.

What do you think this book is about?

What do you think might happen?

Make sure to ask children the meaning of a new word in a book.

Can you tell me what that word means?



Encourage your child to make links between the words and pictures.

Can you point to the illustration of the ...

Talk about the feelings of the characters as the story progresses. Encourage more ambitious vocabulary than 'happy' and 'sad'. Suggested words: upset, worried, anxious, excited, sleepy, angry,

How do they feel?

How does that make them feel?

How would you feel if that happened to you?

Ask your child to make predictions before turning a page or at the end of the story.

What do you think is going to happen? Why?

What do you think they do next?



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