

## Is my child understanding what he or she reads?

Ask these questions before they read the book....

- Look at title and ask, "What do you think this book will be about?"
- Spend about 30 seconds and look only at the pictures in the book, then ask "Now, can you tell me anymore?"

As your child reads the story...

- Does the reading sound like "regular talking" or does it sound short, choppy and mechanical?
- Does your child "catch" mistakes by themselves? If not, ask your child to stop reading a few sentences later and think about what they just read and ask, "Does that make sense?"
- Does your child "take a breath" and "slow down" at the end of the sentence and commas?
- Cover pictures in the story (possibly with sticky notes) and ask them to read that page of the book. Ask your child to "Tell me what you think this part of the book looks like in your head."

Ask these questions after they have read the whole book...

- "What was this story about?"
- "Tell one interesting thing that you learned from this book."
- "Where did this happen?"
- "Who are the characters/people in the story?"
- "How do you think \_\_\_\_\_ felt when that happened?"
- "What was the problem that happened in this story?"
- "How was the problem solved?"
- "Can you remember a time when something like that happened to you? Tell me about it!"

Thank you for your help!

