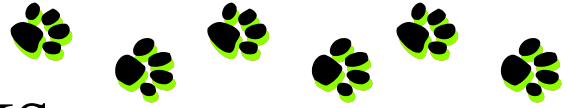


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Reading for Meaning

Who? What? When? Where? Why? Experienced readers ask themselves these questions as they read. Finding the answers helps them understand the story.

To boost your child's comprehension, ask a few simple questions before and after reading.

Question & Answer

Q- My son's teacher told me that in order to learn to read successfully, Michael needs help recognizing the sounds that letters make. Any suggestions?

A - Try playing games with letter sounds. Here are several ideas:

- Put three different objects on a table. Example: an apple, a fork, and a sponge. Ask your youngster, "Can you guess what starts with the sound that the letter "s" makes?"
- Substitute the beginning sounds in words (cap, lap, map, nap, rap, etc.)
- Ask your child to say a word without the first sound. Ex.: Say "bat" without the "b" —at!

See Me Read!

It's a fact of life—children watch what their parents do. To encourage your kids to read, show them how with these tips.

Make it easy. Keep good books, magazines, and newspapers around the house. You'll give your kids plenty of opportunities to read.

Let's hear it. Read interesting things aloud: news stories, funny jokes, a delicious recipes, or words to a song. You'll boost their excitement for the written word.

Do it. Let your children see you read for pleasure every day. You'll set a good example for them to follow.