

Reading Question Cards

Cut these out. Pull one before, during, and after reading.

Comprehension grows through conversation. Ask two or three questions per book — never all of them.

Before reading

Card	Ask your child
Look at the cover	What do you think this book will be about?
Predict	Where do you think the story takes place?
Connect	Does this remind you of anything that happened to you?
Wonder	What is one thing you hope to find out?

During reading

Card	Ask your child
Check in	What just happened in your own words?
Predict again	What do you think happens next? Why?
Feelings	How is this character feeling right now?
Picture it	What picture do you see in your head?
Tricky word	Does that word make sense here? Let's reread the sentence.

After reading

Card	Ask your child
Retell	Tell me the story: first, next, then, last.
Favorite part	What was your favorite part, and why?
Character	Was the main character kind? How do you know?
Lesson	What did the character learn?

Card	Ask your child
Opinion	Would you tell a friend to read this? Why?

Tip: when your child answers, ask “How do you know?” That one follow-up does more for comprehension than ten extra questions.