

Look at the picture on the front cover and ask your child what they think the book is about.

Read the title, pointing to each word.

Open the front cover of the book.

Can your child turn the pages over themselves?

Look and talk about the pictures on each page.

Go back to the beginning of the book and read the words.

Point to each word as you read.

Stop and ask your child a question about what you have just read.

If your child can read the words then ask them to read the book to you after.

Read any words they cannot use their letter sounds (phonemes) to blend.

When your child begins to recognise letter sounds, ask them to sound out the unknown word and then blend the sounds together, E.g. /c/a/t/ - cat

As your child develops fluency ask them to act out the speech and read with expression.

After reading:

Talk about your child's own experiences linked to the story.

Ask your child: Did you like this story? Why?

Which was their favourite page? Why

Ask questions about what happened on each page.

Reading for More Confident Readers

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Reading Comprehension

Here are some questions to use to develop comprehension.

Title

Can you predict what the text might be about from the title?

What type of text is it? How do you know?

Setting

Where is this story/scene set? How do you know?

Does the setting change? Why?

Which words describe the?

Character

Who are the main characters in the story?

How did the character feel? What evidence do you have for that?

Which words/phrases are used to describe the main character?

What sort of person is.....? How do you know that?

Do you agree or disagree with the actions of.....? What would you have done?

How did the character's feelings/actions change throughout the story?

Who is your favourite character? Why?

Plot

What is this story about?

Can you retell the story in sequence?

Which is your favourite part of the story? Why?

Structure and organisation of text

What is the information on the back of a book called?

What is the title of this text?

Where will you find an index/glossary/contents?

What are a glossary/index/contents for?

What is the difference between fiction and non-fiction?

What are diagrams/arrows/boxes for?

Why has the author set the page out like this?

Author's use of language

Which words rhyme in this poem?

What does this word mean?

Do you think this an effective word choice? Why do you think that?

How does this sentence make you feel? Why?

